

Play Random Album v3.0

AppleScript for iTunes
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This script selects a single album at random from your iTunes library, assembles its tracks in a new playlist, and plays it.

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Installation:

To manually install: Put AppleScripts in your iTunes "Scripts" folder. This is located in *[user name]* > Library > iTunes.

As of OS X 10.7 (Lion), the user Library directory is hidden by default. Option-click the Finder's "Go" menu and select "Library" to make it visible.

If there is no folder named "Scripts" there, create one and put the script(s) in it. AppleScripts will then appear in iTunes' Script menu, and can be activated by selecting by name and clicking. Be sure to also save this Read Me document in a safe and convenient place.

How to use:

Launch the script—it works great when launched via a keyboard shortcut. In a moment, an album will be selected at random from your Music library, its tracks copied in order* to a new "[Some Random Album]" playlist, and the playlist played.

- Albums with fewer than five tracks will be ignored.
- Successive uses of the script will continue to use the same "[Some Random Album]" playlist, replacing the tracks of any previously inhabiting album.
- *For best results, album tracks should be properly track numbered. Un-track numbered album tracks will be included in the playlist but *after* numbered tracks and then in no particular order.
- If a multi-disc album is selected then only one of its discs will be selected as the album. In such cases, tracks should be properly disc numbered.
- The created playlist's name, "<Some Random Playlist>" and minimum tracks required can easily be changed by editing the script. Both are set as a **property** at the start of the script.

Notes:

This script was originally written by Paul Withey back in 2002.

Helpful Links:

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- Doug's AppleScripts for iTunes
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Information and download link for this script is located at:

<http://dougscripts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=randomalbumplayer>

Version History:

v3.0 jan 20, 2012

- maintenance update
- addresses previous version's bias towards larger albums
- prevents re-copying of un-track numbered tracks to playlist
- speed improvement

v2.0 apr 14, 2010

- maintenance release
- universal binary
- handles un-track numbered tracks
- selects only a single disc from multi-disc albums

v1.5 aug 11 2002

- initial release

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If you have any trouble with this script, please email me.

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