

Remove From Other Playlists

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For iTunes 11+/macOS 10.10+
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This script will remove all replications of the selected tracks (or all tracks of the selected playlist) from every **other** user-created playlist (Smart, Genius and Library playlists are ignored). The original tracks will not be removed from the selected playlist.

iTunes 11 and later/macOS 10.10 and later only.

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Installation:

Put AppleScripts in your iTunes "Scripts" folder. This is located at *[user name] / Library / iTunes / Scripts /*.

*The user Library directory is hidden by default. To make it visible, hold down the Option key on your keyboard and select **Go > Library** from the Finder.*

If the *[user name] / Library /* folder does not contain the "iTunes" **or** "Scripts" folders then then create them and put the script(s) in the "Scripts" folder. 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.

See the online Download FAQ for more info and video on downloading and installing AppleScripts.

How to use:

Select one or more tracks in a playlist or just select a single (reasonably-sized*) playlist.

- Media Library playlists (Music, TV Shows, et al) **cannot be selected for all tracks**; only a selection of tracks can be used from a Media Library playlist.
- **A Playlist Folder playlist cannot be selected.** Technically, this is a playlist, too, and the tracks you select could be removed from the playlist(s) it contains.

Launch the script and confirm that you wish to remove replications of the (selected) tracks in the selected playlist from every other user-created playlist.

- The script will then iterate through each selected track and remove any occurrences of it in every other user playlist--ignoring the selected playlist as well as Smart, Genius and Media Library playlists. **The original track entries will not be removed from the selected playlist.**

Here, a "replicated" track is a reference to the same library track entry. For example, you could have dragged the same track entry from the library to two or more different playlists. In AppleScript parlance, such tracks have the same **database ID**. Additionally, the script *does not* recognize **duplicate** track entries which refer to **different** files.

- **When finished**, an alert will report how many of the selected tracks were removed from other playlists. This script **does not display progress** so be aware that it may be a few seconds before the script completes processing.

Reasonable Precautions:

- Before using the script to remove any tracks, you may want to see which playlists a particular track appears in by selecting the track in iTunes and right-clicking on it. In the menu that appears, click "Show In Playlist".

- Do not select "dead" tracks. If you have dead tracks, either resolve their files or remove the tracks from iTunes library.
- *Do not select hundreds of tracks at a time. Processing so many tracks may cause iTunes to become busy enough to eventually ignore the script and the operation may not complete.

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:

<https://dougscripsts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=removefromotherplaylists>

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