# Restore Artist 'Last, First...'

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AppleScript for iTunes

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This script will juxtapose the text on either side of ", " in the selected tracks' Artist tags to restore formats, e.g:

"Ellington, Duke" becomes "Duke Ellington"
"Russell, Pee Wee" becomes "Pee Wee Russell"
"Johnson, James P." becomes "James P. Johnson"
"King, B.B." becomes "B.B. King"

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## How to use:

Put this script in your iTunes Scripts folder. This is located in _user name_ > Library > iTunes. If there is no folder named "Scripts" there, create one and put the script in it. It will then appear in iTunes' Script menu, where you can activate it by clicking on its name.

Select some tracks whose Artist tags you wish to restore. Or select a playlist containing such tracks.

Because of the way the script works--which is explained just below--I **highly recommend** selecting a group of tracks by Artist at a time.

## How it works:

The script looks at each Artist tag of the selected tracks. If the tag contains _at least one_ separator in the form of ", " [comma and space] then it segments the tag into two strings: the text _before the first_ ", " and all the text _after the first_ ", ".

Thus "Ellington, Duke" would produce two strings, "Ellington" and "Duke".

These two strings are then juxtaposed with a space between them to render as "Duke Ellington" and is written to the track's Artist tag.

The script has no idea what the First Name and the Last Name are. For example, something like "Louis, Armstrong" would be rendered as "Armstrong Louis". Therefore, it would be in your best interest then to manually select tracks whose Artists tags **you know** can be correctly juxtaposed.

The best error-checking the script can do: If the second string *also* contains a separator string, then it is skipped. Such that Artist tags like "Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young"–which would produce the two strings "Crosby" and "Stills, Nash & Young"–are skipped.

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