Rip AAC Old School v0.9

AppleScript for iTunes

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This is an AppleScript wrapper for the command line tool **afconvert**. It will rip CD tracks as AAC using Constant Bit Rate (CBR) so that ripped tracks will all have the same bit rate.

Mac OS 10.5 or better required.

This script is Donationware. If you use it and like it *please* consider making a donation to support my AppleScripting efforts. Click here for more info.

As an added feature, this download contains **ProgBar** (v0.2), a small AppleScript application that, when installed, provides visual feedback on the importing process. ProgBar is written by T.J. Mahaffey of Spork Software. Many thanks!

Installation:

If you installed the files from the downloaded disk image by dragging them to the "Installer", then the AppleScript and this Read Me document have already been installed in your *[user name] > Library > iTunes > Scripts* folder. The script will appear in iTunes' Script menu, where you can activate it by clicking on its name.

To manually install, if necessary: Put AppleScripts 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(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:

Insert a CD and let it load in iTunes. Either check the CD tracks you want to import or select the track you want to import and run the script "Rip AAC Old School" by selecting it from iTunes' Script menu.

A dialog will ask what bit rate you wish to use. Select a bit rate by clicking it from the list, and then click the "OK" button.

In a few moments, the ProgBar window will open and display the progress. When importing has finished, ProgBar will quit.

Files will be saved in appropriate Artist/Album folders in your designated iTunes Music folder (set in *Preferences > Advanced > General*).

Notes:

- I tested this with several CDs and tested each bit rate setting and got very good results. Please let me know if you run into trouble.

- As far as I know, the command line tool afconvert is available on Mac OS 10.5 or better without having to install it, which was the case in beta versions of Mac OS 10.5--it was available in Developer Tools.

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