

Selected Tags to Lyrics v1.1

AppleScript for iTunes

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Primarily for **iPhone** and **iPod Touch** users, this script will copy selected tags, **Name, Artist, Album, Grouping, Composer, BPM, Comment, (Long) Description, Year** and/or **Bit Rate**, to the Lyrics tag of the selected tracks, such that this info will be available with a tap when the track is playing. Can append to or replace current Lyrics info.

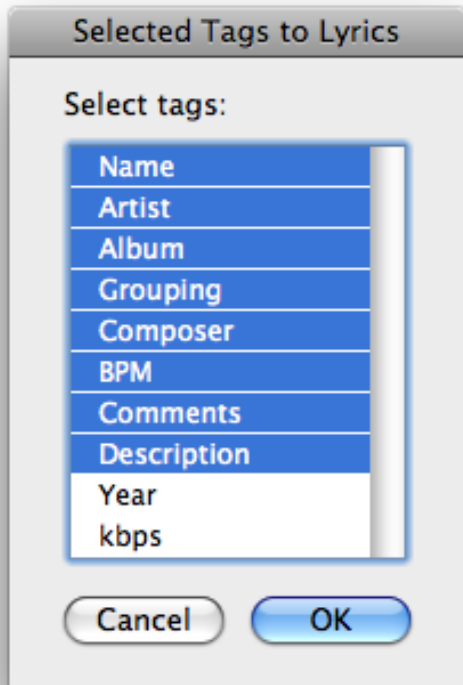
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Installation:

To manually install: 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.

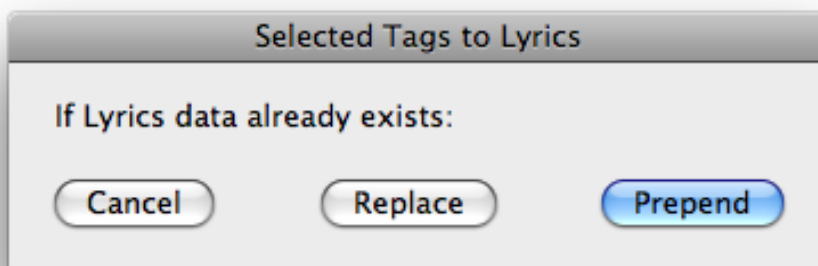
How to use:

Select some tracks and run the script. This choose box will display:



Select the tags you want copied to each of the selected track's Lyrics tag. You can make multiple selections by holding the Command key while you mouse-click on a tag name.

Next, choose to **Replace** the track's current Lyrics tag, or to **Prepend** it to the beginning of any text that may already be there:



After a few moments, the tag data will be applied.

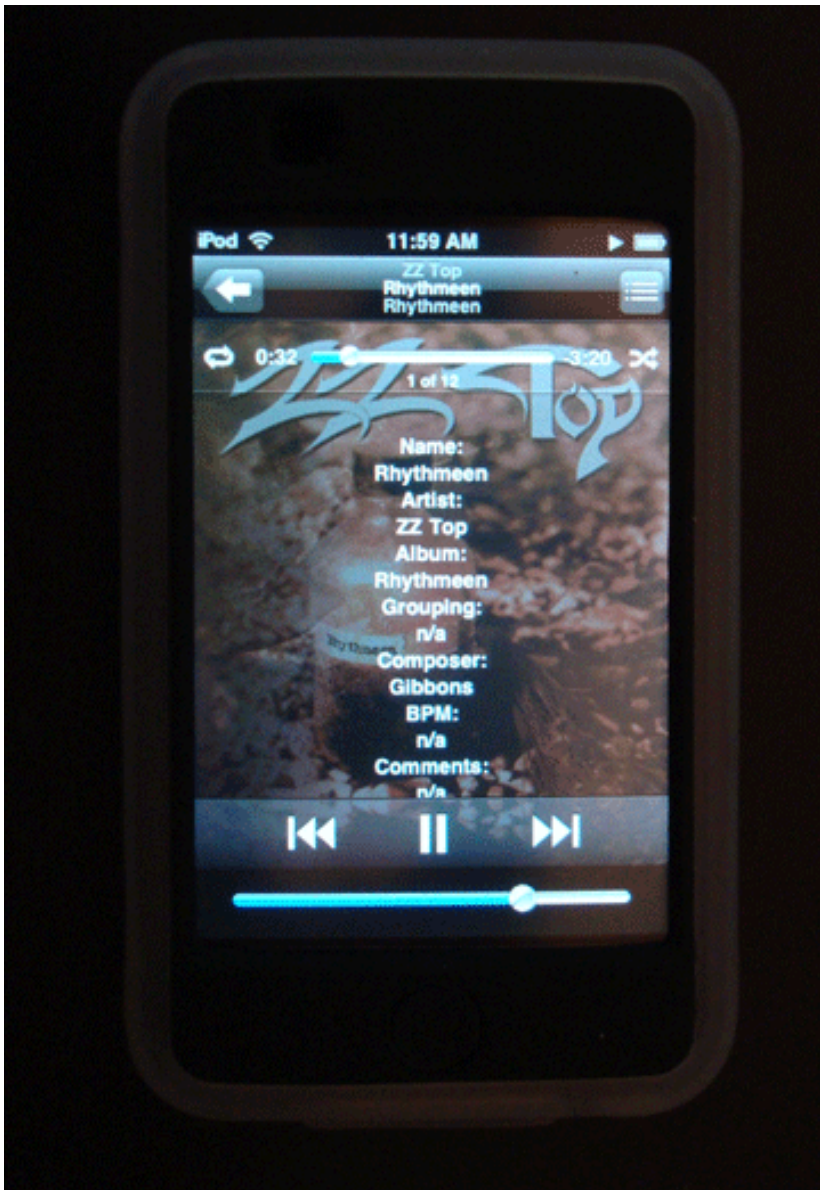
Format:

The selected tag data will be assembled in this order (in this example I have selected all the tags):

Name:
Rhythmeen

Artist:
ZZ Top
Album:
Rhythmeen
Grouping:
n/a
Composer:
Gibbons
BPM:
n/a
Comments:
n/a
Description:
n/a

Information for selected tags which is not available will be displayed as "n/a". On an iPhone or iPod Touch held in "portrait" stance, this text will be centered. Lyrics text does not display when held in "landscape" stance.



Notes:

- It may be best to use this script on tracks in iTunes **before** copying/syncing them to an iPod/iPhone/Touch. I had mixed results when using on selected iPhone Touch tracks, especially with podcast tracks.
- The tags you select will be remembered as the default selection the next time you run the script.
- Although video tracks have a Lyrics tag, its contents is not visible when playing on iPhone/iPod Touch.
- Prepend vs. Append: By prepending the tag data to extant Lyrics, it will be unnecessary to scroll through the entire Lyrics to view it. On the other hand, if you want to view the Lyrics, you'd probably be obliged to scroll anyway.

• I included the tags I thought would be most beneficial to view. If you think additional tags should be included let me know.

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Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

Version History:

v1.1 aug 20 2008

- accounts for description and long description, preferring the latter
- adds "year" and "bit rate" as options

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- initial release

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

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