Song Title Articles to the Rear v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script will append initial "The" and "A" to the end of Song Titles of the selected tracks. Thus, for example, "The Wall Street Shuffle" becomes "Wall Street Shuffle, The".

While iTunes ignores "The" when sorting by Artist, Song Titles are sorted literally.

You can edit the script to remove or add "acceptable" initial words. Currently the default "acceptables" are "the" and "a".

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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 names you wish to edit (including iPod tracks). Run the script. Any tracks selected whose names start with "The" or "A" will be edited.

Note: If you have "Keep iTunes Music Folder organized" checked in Advanced Preferences, the filename of the track will also be changed.

Hacking The Script:

Currently, only the words "the" and "a" (case is insignificant) are targeted for editing. I call these "acceptable" words. You can add new words, or, remove words you prefer not to target. (I suspect "A" may be a dubious acceptable word.)

A "word" in this case, by the way, is the first bit of text *before the first space* in the Song

Title.

To edit the script, double-click on it in the Finder. It should open in Script Editor.

Near the beginning of the script you will see this:

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-- add/remove acceptable words if you like. Separate by commas and in quotation marks:
property acceptables : {"the", "a"}
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To add new words to the "acceptable" property, just type them in, separating them by commas and enclosed in quotes. Remember that case is not important; AppleScript will ignore the case of the words.

For example, you may want to add "der", the German article. Your script would look like this:

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-- add/remove acceptable words if you like. Separate by commas and in quotation marks:
property acceptables : {"the", "a", "der"}
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To remove a word, merely delete it, making sure to remove the comma that may separate it from the other words.

Once your changes are made in Script Editor, press Command-S to Save the script and then Quit Script Editor. You're Done!

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