

Startup iTunes-Some *Playlist* v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script can be set in your Login Items to start iTunes on Startup and play a particular playlist. Instructions follow...

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How to install:

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.

Set up the script:

You will eventually add this script to your Login Items. When your Mac starts-up, the script will activate iTunes and play a particular iTunes playlist.

The way you designate the particular playlist is to *rename the script file* in the Finder, replacing the words "Some Playlist" with the exact name of the playlist you want played at startup.

For example, if you want a playlist named "Morning Favorites" to begin playing at startup, change the name of the script to "Startup iTunes-Morning Favorites".

To change the name of the script, select it in the Finder and press the "enter" key. Cursor to the end of the highlighted name and backspace over the words "Some Playlist". Type in the name of your playlist. Click outside the filename to save your changes.

- Make sure you keep the hyphen in the script name and make sure that whatever text follows the hyphen is the *exact* name of a playlist. Be sure that there are no spaces before or after your playlist name.

- The script's extension is ".app" but I have saved it so that the extension is hidden. However, if by some quirk of chance you decide to show the extension, the script will ignore it.

Set up Login Items:

Select the "Accounts" Preference in System Preferences. If necessary, click the gold lock icon to allow making changes. You will probably have to enter an administrator's password.

Click on the "Login iItems" tab. Press the "+" button at the bottom of the Login Items window and navigate to the "Startup iTunes-*Some Playlist*" file (of course, you will have changed its name using your playlist name by this time). Select it and click the "Add" button. Close out of System Preferences.

The next time your Mac starts up, the script will activate iTunes and play your playlist.

- Depending on the other items you have in your "Login Items" list and where you have positioned the script in the list, it can take several moments for iTunes to activate and begin playing.

Editing the Script:

I have included a routine in the script to shuffle up the selected playlist before it plays. If you want to activate this feature, you must un-comment the routine in the script.

Open the script in Script Editor (from Script Editor, select Open from the File menu). Look for this bit of code:

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-- remove the comment tags below (* *) to shuffle-up the playlist before playing

(*
repeat 5 times
    set shuffle of the _playlist to false
    set shuffle of the _playlist to true
end repeat
*)
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Remove the (* and *) and Save the script (Save in Script Editor's File menu). You're done!

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