Track Name Edit with sed v1.1

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AppleScript for iTunes
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This script will assist with editing track names using the Unix command-line sed.

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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:

The author writes:

I wrote a very simple script to modify track names using the Unix command-line sed. While it might have a bit of a learning curve for some folks, with sed's regular expressions, it can be quite powerful. I'm not an Applescript expert, so I'm certain this could be improved by yourself or other readers, but it has done the trick for me for more quickly fixing track names.

For example, I recently put an archive of MP3 files into iTunes, only to find out that the publisher/ producer of the material did a very inconsistent job of tagging and naming files. The example I show here isn't the worst example, but it is one I hadn't fixed yet until now. In this case, there was a mix of files that included the album name in the track name and those that didn't. I wanted to remove the album name from all the track names...

The before:

☑ Does Capitalism Still Exist?
☑ Guilt
☑ Happiness Is a Rainbow
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☑ Life Is Worth Living – Altruism– The Evolution of L...
☑ Life Is Worth Living – Angels
☑ Life Is Worth Living – Children–Burdens or Joy
☑ Life Is Worth Living – Communism and Russia
☑ Life Is Worth Living – Content with Sawdust Brains

Running the script:

Your sed command:

s/^Life Is Worth Living – //

Cancel   OK

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☑ Angels
☑ Character Building
☑ Children–Burdens or Joy
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☑ Content with Sawdust Brains
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☑ Fears and Anxieties
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Information and download link for this script is located at:
http://dougscripts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=tracknameeditwithsed

Version History:

v1.1 aug 30 2010
- fixes issue with only half of selected tracks being operated on

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- initial release

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If you have any trouble with this script, please email me--however, please not that I am not the author.
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