

# Remove n Characters From Front or Back v4.2

## AppleScript for iTunes

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This script lets you delete a specified number of characters from either the beginning *or* the ending of the **Song Name, Artist, Album Artist, Album, Composer, Comments or Show** tag of each selected track.

**For OS 10.6 and better only.**

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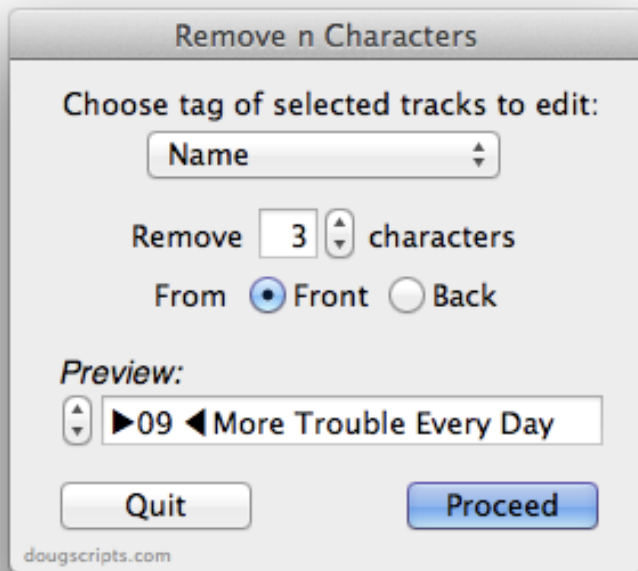
### Installation:

**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.

**Note:** This script is a **Cocoa-AppleScript Applet** and can be run by double-clicking its icon in the Finder. However, it is probably best accessed from the iTunes Script menu.

### How to use:

Select one or more tracks whose tags you wish to edit and then launch the script by clicking its name in the iTunes Script menu. This window will be displayed:



Choose which tag of the selected tracks you want to edit.

Then use the stepper to set the number of characters you want removed (1-20) and click either the "Front" or "Back" button.

The *Preview* field will display two arrows inserted in a chosen tag from your selected tracks. The text between the two arrows is what will be removed. As you change tags, number of characters, or "Front"/"Back" settings, the arrows will be updated in the Example field.

You can also rotate through each track in the *Preview* text box using the adjacent arrow keys.

When the settings are satisfactory, click the "Proceed" button. When the tags have been changed, the script will quit.

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**Information and download link for this script is located at:**

<http://dougscripsts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=removenchars>

Version History:

**v4.2** August 14 '11

- provides preview for each selected track
- displays progress during processing

v4.1 July 27 '11

- accounts for iTunes full screen mode in Lion

v4.0 July 24 '11

- written as a Cocoa-AppleScript Applet for Snow Leopard or better only
- consolidates all settings into a single window
- adds corresponding Sort tags
- displays "Example" field

v3.1 April 24 '10

- maintenance release
- adds "Show" to options
- runs until quit from its main choose box

v3.0 May 13 '08

- runs as universal binary
- adds "Comments" to options
- performance fixes and finessings

v2.0 March 30 '06

- added ability to remove text from the end of selected tags.

v1.4 October 17 '04

- added ability to edit the album and artist tags.

v1.3 June 5 '04

- fixed problem with selection object

v1.2 Oct 8 '03

- maintenance

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