

Search-Replace Tag Text v3.1

AppleScript for iTunes

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This applet performs a search-and-replace on a chosen tag (**Song Name, Show, Artist, Album Artist, Album, Composer, Comments, Genre, or Grouping**) of the selected tracks or all the tracks of the selected Playlist.

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Installation:

To manually install: Put AppleScripts in your iTunes "Scripts" folder. This is located in *[user name]* > *Library* > *iTunes*.

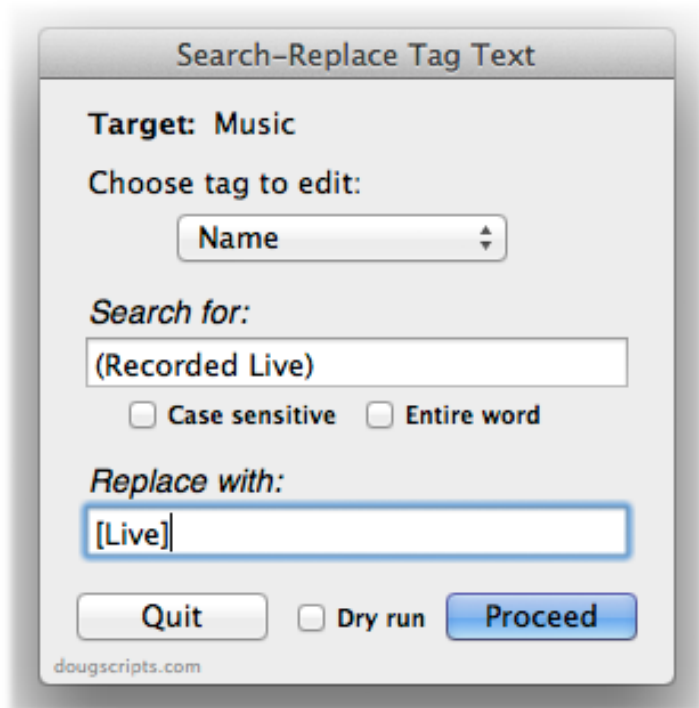
As of OS X 10.7 (Lion), the user Library directory is hidden by default. Option-click the Finder's "Go" menu and select "Library" to make it visible.

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:

The applet can be launched and will stay active until it is quit. While it is active, you can select tracks or a playlist in iTunes on which to perform searches.



While iTunes is the frontmost application, the applet's window will float above it. (It should not be used while iTunes is in full screen mode.)

The **Target** will display either the name of the selected playlist in iTunes or "Selected tracks" if individual tracks are selected. If, for whatever reason, tracks are inaccessible the **Target** will display "Can't access tracks".

While the applet is running, you can change selections before performing the search-and-replace and the **Target** will stay updated with your tracks or playlist selection.

Choose a tag to edit from the popup.

Enter text to search for and check whether the search is to be case sensitive and/or should search for whole word matches. (Word match is for *single* word.)

Enter the text that is to replace the search text. This text can be blank if you want to delete the search text.

Click on the **Proceed** button to perform the search and replace. **This operation cannot be undone.** You will have to make any corrections yourself.

Dry Run

Checking the **Dry run** checkbox will perform a search and then display a list of what text would be found and how it would be changed. *No tag text will be changed in Dry run mode.* **Highly recommended** to ensure that you do not alter your tracks' tags incorrectly.

If the search string could not be found, you will be alerted.

Helpful Links:

Click on the underlined URL text:

- Doug's AppleScripts for iTunes
- Assign Shortcut Keys to AppleScripts
- Download FAQ - **Info on downloading and installing AppleScripts**
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Information and download link for this script is located at:

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

Version History:

v3.1 feb 2 2012

- fixes text escaping problem
- fixes issue with non-results included in dry run display
- fixes error when Grouping tag selected for search
- adds close and minimize buttons
- other minor finesses

v3.0 nov 30 2011

- written as Cocoa-AppleScript applet for OS 10.6 or 10.7 only
- consolidates options to single window
- adds additional tags
- adds case sensitivity and whole word matching
- adds "dry run" preview
- adds progress indicator

v2.0 apr 20 2010

- maintenance release
- universal binary

v1.0 mar 6 2005

- initial release

this doc last updated February 2 12

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

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