

Make Video PDF Booklet v1.0

AppleScript for iTunes

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This script will create a PDF booklet containing **video-oriented** tag info from the selected tracks (or every track from the selected playlist) and then add the PDF to iTunes.

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Installation:

If you installed the files from the downloaded disk image by dragging them to the "Installer", then the AppleScript and this Read Me document have already been installed in your *[user name] > Library > iTunes > Scripts* folder. The script will appear in iTunes' Script menu, where you can activate it by clicking on its name.

To manually install, if necessary: 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.

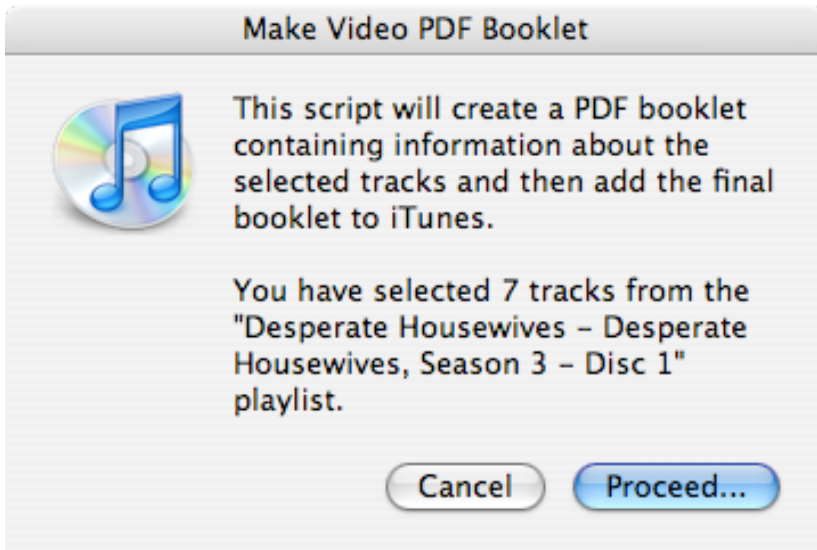
Preparation:

Because a PDF file will be created from the tag data of the tracks you select, and because a PDF is virtually un-editable, for best results be sure the tags you wish to include are complete and tidy. Of course, you can always delete a PDF booklet if it's not to your liking and create another one later after fixing up your tags.

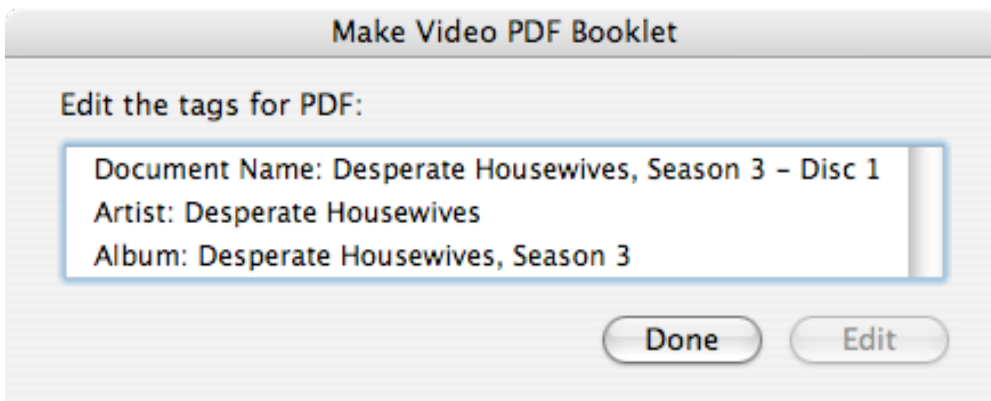
Using the script:

Select some tracks, or a complete playlist, whose information you wish to include in the PDF booklet. You can choose any kind of track except radio streams, although these will be ignored anyway; you can choose CD and iPod tracks, too. (Note, however, that in the case of CD and iPod tracks the final PDF booklet will remain in the iTunes main library. Otherwise, the PDF booklet will also be added to the playlist where the selected tracks reside.)

With the tracks or playlist selected, run the script. The first screen lets you double-check what you have selected:



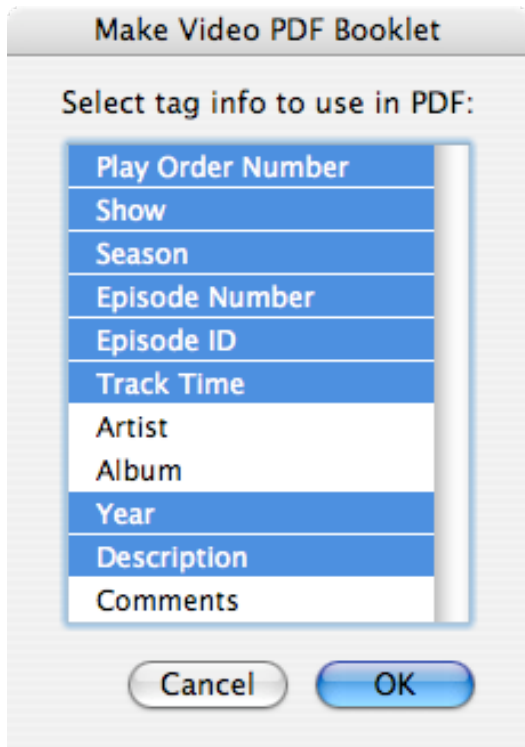
Next, you can edit the tags for the PDF booklet. PDF files, when added to iTunes, can use tags just like audio and video tracks:



The Document Name is used in the header of the PDF booklet as well as for its track name and file name—the file name will, of course, have a ".pdf" extension.

To edit a tag, select it and click on Edit. Another dialog will allow you to input new text for that tag. When you are finished editing the tags, click the Done button.

Next, select the tags you wish to use from each track:



Command-click to highlight your selections and then click the OK button. The **Track Name** is always automatically used.

The Play Order Number is not necessarily the track number. The Play Order Number is the number of the track in its sorted sequential order. **Make sure** your selected tracks are in the correct order and that the playlist is not shuffled.

After clicking the OK button, in a few moments the PDF booklet will be created and added to iTunes.

- If you have unchecked the "Copy files to iTunes Music folder when adding to library" preference, you will be asked where you would like to save the PDF file. Otherwise, iTunes will automatically copy it to the iTunes Music folder, organizing it into the Artist/Album folders you designated earlier.
- If you have selected tracks in a library playlist, the PDF booklet will be copied to that playlist. Otherwise, if you have selected tracks from a CD or the iPod, the PDF booklet will remain in the "Music" playlist library.
- When the script has finished you will have the option of opening the PDF booklet right away in Preview. Later, you can open the PDF booklet in Preview just by double-clicking it in iTunes.

Notes:

- It is **not possible** to include album artwork. The routines used are for text-layout only.
- The formatting of the PDF booklet was subjectively designed by me. I attempted to make it eminently readable, presentable, and printable. I hope it meets with your approval. If not, feel free to learn about **mom** and **groff** and change the formatting as you like. But please do not ask me to

create a customized version of the script for you. Suggestions for future development, however, are always welcome. I would like to provide more formatting options, it's just a *bear* to code in AppleScript!

You can find info on mom on your computer. Copy the link below...

`file:///usr/share/doc/groff/1.19.1/html/momdoc/toc.html`

and paste it to your browser. For info on using **groff** and **pstopdf** (PostScript to PDF) see their man pages.

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

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