

# Delete Empty Playlists

## v5.5

Universal, for macOS 12+/Music v1.2+  
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This script will list all empty user-created playlists and can delete all or just a selection of them.

Universal, for macOS 12 and later only.

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## Installation:

This script, "Delete Empty Playlists", is an **AppleScript applet** and can be run by double-clicking its icon in the Finder. Thus, it can be installed anywhere you find it convenient to access. However, it is probably best accessed from the Script menu of the **Music** app, from where it can be launched by clicking its name.

To make an AppleScript available in your **Music app's** Script menu, install it in the Music "Scripts" folder. This is located at `[user name] / Library / Music / Scripts /`. **Music app** will look for AppleScripts in this folder.

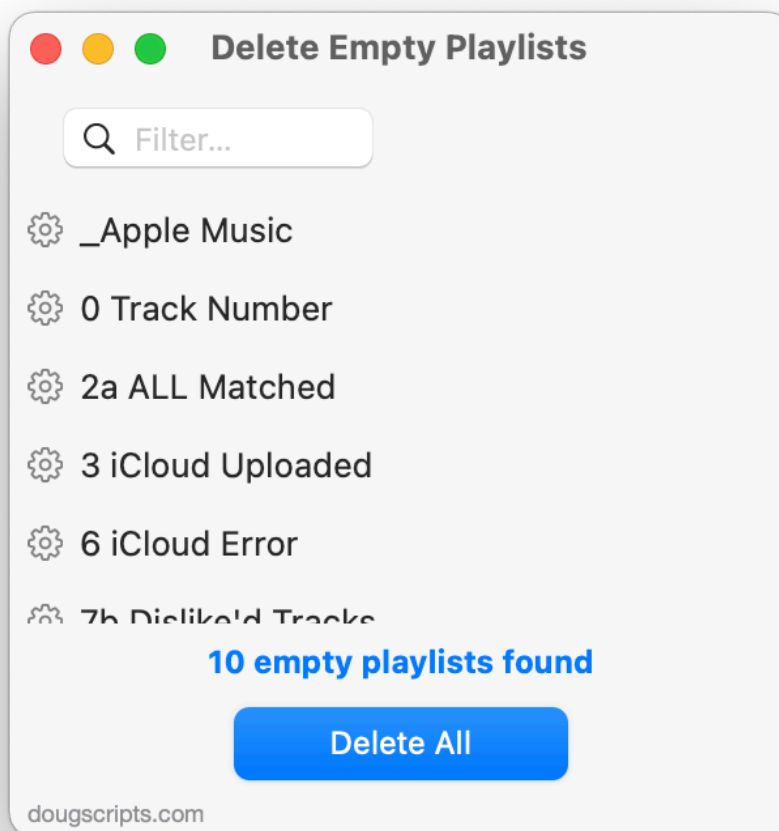
*The user Library directory may be hidden by default. To make it visible, hold down the Option key on your keyboard and select **Go > Library** from the Finder.*

If the `[user name] / Library /` folder does not contain the "Music" folder or "Scripts" folder, then create them and put the script in the "Scripts" folder. AppleScripts will then appear in the **Music** app's 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.

See the online [Download FAQ](#) for more info and video on downloading and installing AppleScripts.

## How to use:

Launch the script. It will display all empty user-created playlists (Playlist Folders, Smart playlists and "plain" playlists).



- To simply delete all of the displayed playlists, click the **Delete All** button.
- When one or more playlists are **selected** in the list, the name of the button changes to **Delete Selected**. Under these circumstances, clicking the button will delete only the selected playlists.

- The **Filter** field can be used to isolate specific playlists based on the text in their names.
- **Reveal** the playlist in Music by double-clicking its name in the list.

## Notes:

**Perhaps obvious:** The delete function cannot be un-done.

The app does not monitor Music for changes in playlists while it is running so it may be necessary to update the list manually. Use the **File > Refresh** tool (or press **Command-R**) to refresh the playlist list.

Bear in mind that it may take as long as 30 seconds for the Music app to completely update its database after *large* changes are made.

## Helpful Links:

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

<https://dougscripsts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=mxdeleteemptyplaylists>

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

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### Recent Version History:

**v5.5** October 21, 2025  
- Accommodations for macOS 26/Tahoe

**v5.4** November 9, 2023  
- Maintenance and minor performance fixes  
- Tested for macOS Sonoma 14

v5.3 December 28, 2022

- Maintenance and minor performance and UI fixes
- Accommodations for macOS 13 Ventura

v5.2 December 21, 2021

- Officially compiled as Universal
- Commensurate improvements for M1 Macs

v5.1 August 27, 2021

- Additional accommodation for macOS 12 Monterey

v5.0 July 1, 2021

- Initial accommodation for macOS 12 Monterey
- UI, performance and security enhancements

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