

Search Wikipedia

v3.2

For macOS 10.15+/Music v1.0+
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Performs a "Go" search of Wikipedia (like Google's "I'm Feeling Lucky") in your default browser using the Song Title, Album, Artist, or Composer tag of the single selected or currently playing Music track. OR if a radio stream is currently playing and the provider has formatted the stream title correctly, such that Artist - Song Title is displayed, the script will do a Wikipedia search for the Artist name.

For macOS 10.15 and later only.

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Installation:

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

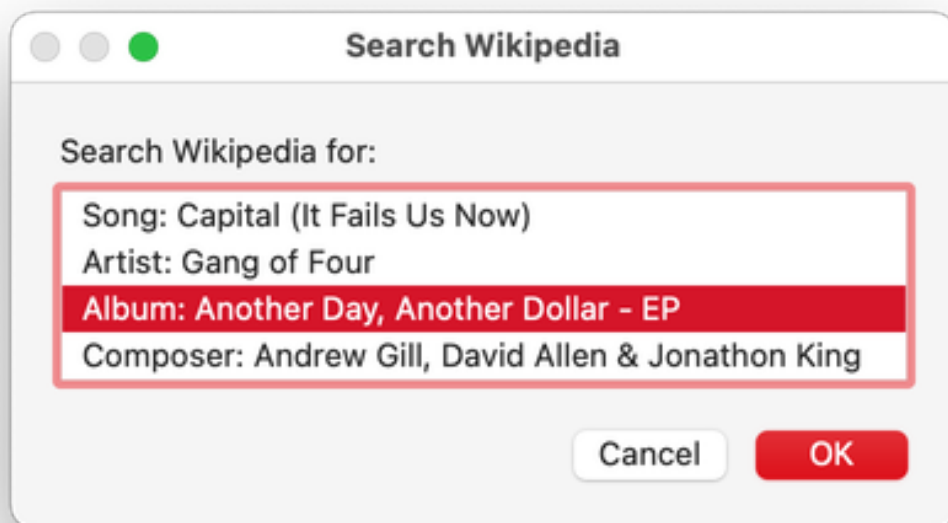
folder, then create them and put the script in the "Scripts" folder. AppleScripts will then appear in the Music app's Script menu and can be activated by selecting by name and clicking.

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:

While a track is playing or selected in Music, run the script. A choose box will appear, for example:



Click on the tag with which you wish to search Wikipedia and click the "OK" button. In a few moments, your default browser will open a page at Wikipedia that (hopefully!) displays a fruitful result.

- **Radio streams** - if a radio stream is playing and the provider has formatted the stream title correctly, such that "Artist - Song Title" is available, the script will do a Wikipedia search for the current Artist name.

The Wikipedia search is actually a Wikipedia "Go" search, which attempts to locate the unique page whose title contains your selected search string.

If Wikipedia cannot locate such a page with your search string, it will display a page from which you can modify your search or select other options.

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:

<https://dougscripts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=mxsearchwikipedia>

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Version History:

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- Maintenance update
- Accommodations for macOS 12 Monterey

v3.1 December 17, 2020

- Accounts for Music app bug/error getting tag info from streaming tracks

v3.0 October 29, 2019

- Accommodations for macOS 10.15 Catalina
- Performance and security enhancements

v2.4 dec 29 2018

- Fixed a problem recognizing some streamed tracks
- Minor logistics fixes

v2.3 oct 2 2018

- Initial accommodations for macOS 10.14 Mojave
- Minor performance and security enhancements

v2.2 sep 8 2010

- searches Wikipedia for Artist in the currently playing stream title (if formatted correctly)

v2.1 apr 19 2010

- adds song name to list of tag choices

v2.0 apr 15 2010

- maintenance release

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