About the Synergy Sample Track Change Items

Quickstart

To try out one of the sample Track Change Item in this folder, copy it into the following location (you may need to create the appropriate folder first) and restart Synergy (if it is running):

> ~/Library/Application Support/Synergy/Track Change Items/

(note the spaces in this path)

What are Track Change Items?

Synergy has the ability to run scripts or auto-launch items whenever iTunes changes status or tracks (requires iTunes 4.7 or above). For example, you could use a script that updates your iChat status or upload the details of the currently playing track to a website whenever the current track changes. Synergy looks for track change items in "~/Library/Application Support/Synergy/Track Change Items". Synergy scans the Track Change Items folder only once at startup, so after making changes to the contents of the folder you must stop and restart Synergy for the changes to take effect.

Disclaimer

The sample Track Change Items are provided for informational purposes only. They were voluntarily submitted by third-parties, are free of charge, and do not come with any guarantees or warranties. If you choose to use them you do so at your own risk.

AutoResume

Description provided by script author, Glenn McDonald:

> This script persuades iTunes to check, whenever it stops on its own, to see if the last track it played was from the middle of an album. If so, it tries to automatically resume play with the next track on that album. This is an attempt to compensate for iTunes' tendency to forget what it was playing if you are poking around elsewhere in iTunes at the same time.

> Obviously this behavior will only be ideal to you if you tend to rip and listen to whole albums in order. Feel free to modify it to suit any variant need.

> The script relies on the existence of a "Recently Played" Smart Playlist. It also creates a "(last started)" playlist for its own reference.

AutoRate

Description provided by script author, Glenn McDonald:

> This script adds some very simple automatic-rating behavior to iTunes. If you play a song all the way through, its rating will be increased one star. If you skip to something else before the current song finishes, its rating will be decreased one star. No stars means "unrated", so the first time a song's rating is increased it will go from no stars to two stars, and this script will never decrease its rating below one star.

> The script relies on the existence of a "Recently Played" Smart Playlist. It also creates a "(pending rating)" playlist for its own use.

How do I create my own Track Change Items?

Creating Track Change Items requires technical programming expertise beyond the scope of this document. You may be able to gain some insight into possible approaches by looking at the AppleScript source code of the included samples in the Script Editor.

For further discussion of Track Change Items please see the Wincent forums:

http://forums.wincent.com/

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