

Beets

<https://github.com/beetbox/beets/>

Note: Updating python requests will cause conflicts with the distro installed pip version. Best to uninstall it completely and get the latest using easy_install:

```
#mint21
sudo apt-get install libchromaprint1
sudo apt-get install mp3val
sudo apt-get install python3-acoustid
sudo apt-get remove python-pip
sudo apt-get install python3-setuptools

sudo easy_install pip
pip install beets
pip install requests
pip install beets[fetchart,lyrics,lastgenre]
pip install beets-yearfixer
pip install https://github.com/ocelma/python-itunes/archive/master.zip
pip install discogs-client
pip install beets-web-import
pip install beets-copyartifacts
2to3-2.7 -w ~/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/beetsplug/copyartifacts.py

#adjust as following:
#line 104:
                file_ext = os.path.splitext(filename)[1].decode('utf8')
#line 143:
                print('    ', str(os.path.basename(f.decode('utf8'))))
#line 147:
        print('Copying artifact:
{0}'.format(os.path.basename(dest_file.decode('utf8'))))
#line 156:
        print('Moving artifact:
{0}'.format(os.path.basename(dest_file.decode('utf8'))))

#add line 127
                dest_file = beets.util.bytestring_path(dest_file)

vi ~/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/beets/autotag/__init__.py
change line 75 from
def unicode_punc_only(text):
to
def unicode_punc_only(text):
```

```
#Buggy as of 19/Sept/2020:  
pip install beets-copyartifacts3  
pip install beets-extrafiles
```

to upgrade beets going forward, use:

```
pip install -U beets
```

As beets 1.6.0 is slightly buggy and 3 years old, use latest source snapshot tarball installation:

```
pip uninstall beets  
pip install https://github.com/beetbox/beets/tarball/master
```

Unicode in Tag replace

<https://github.com/edgars-supe/beets-importreplace>

```
pip install git+https://github.com/edgars-supe/beets-importreplace.git
```

add config and add importreplace to plugins config string:

```
#replace unicode apostrophes from mb with ascii version in tags  
importreplace:  
  replacements:  
    - item_fields: title artist artist_sort artist_credit  
      album_fields: album artist artist_sort artist_credit  
      replace:  
        ' [\u2018-\u201B] ': ''  
        ' [\u201C-\u201F] ': ''  
        ' [\u2010-\u2015] ': '-'
```

Unicode in Tag Patch

MusicBrainz uses unicode characters for apostrophes, dashes etc rather than ascii versions. A beets plugin for filenames (asciify) solves some issues with this, but tags are unaffected. This patch for v1.5.0/v1.6.0 on python 3.8 solves this for imports:

```
pip install unicode
```

```
#beets version 1.6.0  
cat > beets-unidecode.patch << EOF  
20a21  
> from unicode import unicode  
73a75,85  
> def unidecode_punc_only(text):
```

```
> """Change unicode punctuation to ascii equivalent.
> """
> result = u""
> for character in text:
>     if character.isalpha():
>         result += character
>     else:
>         result += unicode(character)
> return result
>
77,80c89,92
< item.artist = track_info.artist
< item.artist_sort = track_info.artist_sort
< item.artist_credit = track_info.artist_credit
< item.title = track_info.title
---
> item.artist = unicode_punc_only(track_info.artist)
> item.artist_sort = unicode_punc_only(track_info.artist_sort)
> item.artist_credit = unicode_punc_only(track_info.artist_credit)
> item.title = unicode_punc_only(track_info.title)
105,110c117,122
< item.artist = (track_info.artist_credit or
<                 track_info.artist or
<                 album_info.artist_credit or
<                 album_info.artist)
< item.albumartist = (album_info.artist_credit or
<                     album_info.artist)
---
> item.artist = (unicode_punc_only(track_info.artist_credit) or
>                 unicode_punc_only(track_info.artist) or
>                 unicode_punc_only(album_info.artist_credit) or
>                 unicode_punc_only(album_info.artist))
> item.albumartist =
(unicode_punc_only(album_info.artist_credit) or
>                 unicode_punc_only(album_info.artist))
112,113c124,125
< item.artist = (track_info.artist or album_info.artist)
< item.albumartist = album_info.artist
---
> item.artist = (unicode_punc_only(track_info.artist) or
unicode_punc_only(album_info.artist))
> item.albumartist = unicode_punc_only(album_info.artist)
116c128
< item.album = album_info.album
---
> item.album = unicode_punc_only(album_info.album)
119,123c131,135
< item.artist_sort = track_info.artist_sort or
album_info.artist_sort
< item.artist_credit = (track_info.artist_credit or
<                       album_info.artist_credit)
```

```

<         item.albumartist_sort = album_info.artist_sort
<         item.albumartist_credit = album_info.artist_credit
---
>         item.artist_sort = unicode_punc_only(track_info.artist_sort) or
unicode_punc_only(album_info.artist_sort)
>         item.artist_credit = (unicode_punc_only(track_info.artist_credit)
or
>                               unicode_punc_only(album_info.artist_credit))
>         item.albumartist_sort = unicode_punc_only(album_info.artist_sort)
>         item.albumartist_credit =
unicode_punc_only(album_info.artist_credit)
149c161
<         item.title = track_info.title
---
>         item.title = unicode_punc_only(track_info.title)
EOF

sudo patch -b ~/.local/lib/python3.10/site-
packages/beets/autotag/__init__.py beets-unidecode.patch

```

Show path in duplicate import warning

```

vi ~/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/beets/ui/commands.py
#add as line 476 in beets 1.6.0, around line 740 in beets 1.6.1:
        summary_parts.append(displayable_path(item.path))

```

Beets tips

<http://ngokeyvin.com/blog/beets/>

<https://beets.readthedocs.io/en/v1.4.9/guides/advanced.html#fetch-album-art-genres-and-lyrics>

<https://beets.readthedocs.io/en/v1.4.9/guides/tagger.html>

<https://beets.readthedocs.io/en/v1.4.9/plugins/chroma.html>

<https://beets.readthedocs.io/en/v1.4.9/plugins/fromfilename.html>

Using beets as an autotagger, without importing the files: i.e. just point beets to a directory, have it tag with data from MusicBrainz, but don't save anything to the database, don't rename or move the files, etc.

There's no option to avoid writing to the database - but it can be configured to not move or copy the files:

```

import:
    copy: no
    move: no

```

Then you can just ignore that the database exists at all. Or just `alias beet='beet ; rm`

~/.config/beets/library.db or something to delete it every time.

If you want a temporary configuration for any reason, you can always use `beet -c /path/to/file.yaml` instead of copying around files.

Config File

Default config file of beets:

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/beetbox/beets/master/beets/config_default.yaml

Personal adjustment:

[~/.config/beets/config.yaml](#)

```
#
# Beets configuration file
#
# Tip: Import works best by first importing albums, ideally one album
# at a time, then singles to address duplicates properly
#

library: /home/wuff/.config/beets/beetslibrary.db
directory: /media/music/beets2

import:
  # write metadata to music files
  write: yes
  # copy imported files from source to the music directory
  copy: yes
  # move imported files from source to the music directory - takes
  precedence over copy!
  move: yes
  link: no
  hardlink: no
  #deprecated by move function
  #delete: no
  resume: ask
  incremental: no
  incremental_skip_later: no
  from_scratch: no
  quiet_fallback: skip
  none_rec_action: ask
  timid: no
  #log:
  log: /home/wuff/.config/beets/beetslog.txt
  # use auto-tagging where possible do not require confirmation on
  strong matches
  autotag: yes
```

```

# no output, use quiet_fallback - skip - as default action
quiet: no
#default to full album import, singleton mode via command line -s
switch
  singletons: no
  # default selected action on command line for return for a match
query
  default_action: apply
  languages: []
  detail: no
  #multi disk albums split in multiple directories can be seen as
flat using cmd option --flat
  flat: no
  group_albums: no
  pretend: false
  search_ids: []
  duplicate_action: ask
  #duplicate verbose uses format_item settings
  duplicate_verbose_prompt: yes
  bell: no
  set_fields: {}
  art: yes

# files matching these patterns are deleted from source after import
clutter: ["Thumbs.DB", ".DS_Store", "desktop.ini", "*.m3u", "*.nfo",
 "*.pls", "*.torrent"]
# files/directories matching one of these patterns are ignored during
import
ignore: [".*", "*~", "System Volume Information", "lost+found",
"cover.jpg"]
ignore_hidden: yes
# replace special characters in generated filenames
replace:
  '[\\/]': '-'
  '^\\.': _
  '[\\x00-\\x1f]': _
  '[<>\\?\\*\\|]': _
  '[:]': ' - '
  # dot at end of directories causes problems with some clients on
samba shares
  '\\.$': _
  '\\s+$': ''
  '^\\s+': ''
  '^_': _
  # no special quotes thank you
  '[\\u2018\\u2019]': ''''
  '[\\u201c\\u201d]': '"'
  '[\\x91\\x92]': '"'
  # double quotes to single quote
  '"': ''

```

```
#replacement character for path separator (forward/backslash),
precedence over replace function
path_sep_replace: '-'
#replacement character for drive separator (colon?), NO precedence over
replace function
drive_sep_replace: '-'

#default false, set to yes, all special characters or accents are
converted to ascii equivalent.
#avoids having to wrap all paths with asciify function
asciify_paths: true
art_filename: folder # results in "folder.jpg", default "cover.jpg"
max_filename_length: 0 # 0 unlimited

#add more details for duplicate album names
aunique:
    keys: albumartist album
    disambiguators: albumtype year label catalognum albumdisambig
releasegroupdisambig
    bracket: '[]'

overwrite_null:
    album: []
    track: []

plugins:
[fetchart,lyrics,lastgenre,embedart,bucket,the,chroma,ftintitle,discogs
,scrub,inline,fromfilename,edit,importadded,duplicates,replaygain,web,b
pd,webimport,yearfixer,zero,badfiles,importreplace]
#copyartifacts broken
pluginpath: []
threaded: yes
timeout: 5.0
# per disc numbering no = 2nd disk starts with N+1 track number
# if set to yes, second disk track starts at 1 again.
# If "per disk", make sure tracknames do not collide ("paths" setting)
and include disks in path (and/or inline plugin).
per_disc_numbering: yes
verbose: 0 #for debug info. equivalent to -v. can be used twice for
even more details -vv
terminal_encoding: utf8
# use the release-date of the original (first) release of an album?
original_date: yes
artist_credit: no
id3v23: no
va_name: "Various Artists"

ui:
    terminal_width: 80
    length_diff_thresh: 10.0 #undocumented
    color: yes
```

```
colors:
    text_success: green
    text_warning: yellow
    text_error: red
    text_highlight: red
    text_highlight_minor: lightgray
    action_default: turquoise
    action: blue

#Define how to show items using the list command (formerly
list_format_item/list_format_album)
format_item: %upper{$artist} - $album - $track. $title ($length)
format_album: %upper{$albumartist} - $album [$year] ($totaltracks)
#format_item: $artist - $album - $title
time_format: '%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S'

#Track length is displayed as "M:SS" rather than a raw number of
seconds. Queries on track length also accept this format. To use raw
seconds, set format_raw_length to yes
format_raw_length: no

#Default sort order when fetching items from database
sort_album: albumartist+ album+
sort_item: artist+ album+ disc+ track+
sort_case_insensitive: yes

#used by inline plugin to define specific template variables for paths
item_fields:
    disc_and_track: f'{disc:02}-{track:02}' if disctotal > 1 else
f'{track:02}'
    artist_and_title: f'{artist} - {title}' if artist != albumartist
else title
    original_date: "'-'.join(filter(None, (original_year and
f'{original_year:04}', original_month and f'{original_month:02}',
original_day and f'{original_day:02}'))))"
    album_year: f'{year:04}'
album_fields:
    totaltracks: str(items[0].tracktotal) + ' tracks'
    album_ends_with_ep: 1 if str({album})[-2:] == "EP" else 0

# Paths and filenames for music files relative to music directory
# setting asciify to true in general settings avoids having to wrap
individual paths with %asciify{} function.
# In addition to default, comp, and singleton, you can condition path
queries based on beets queries (eg albumtype:soundtrack). The queries
are tested in the order they appear in the configuration file.
paths:
    default:
Album/%bucket{%the{$albumartist},alpha}/%the{$albumartist}/$albumartist
- $album%aunique{} [$year]/$albumartist - $disc_and_track - $title
    singleton: Non-Album/%bucket{%the{$artist}}/$artist - $title
```

```
    albumtype:ep:
Album/%bucket{%the{$albumartist},alpha}/%the{$albumartist}/$albumartist
- $album%aunique{%if{$album_ends_with_ep,, EP} [$year]/$albumartist -
$disc_and_track - $title
    albumtype:soundtrack: Soundtracks/$album%aunique{
[$year]/$disc_and_track - $artist - $title
    comp:
Compilations/%bucket{$year}/%the{$album%aunique{}}/$disc_and_track -
$artist - $title

statefile: state.pickle

musicbrainz:
    host: musicbrainz.org
    ratelimit: 1
    ratelimit_interval: 1.0
    searchlimit: 20
    extra_tags: []

match:
    strong_rec_thresh: 0.1 # match 90% or better for auto import
(default is 0.04 = 96%)
    medium_rec_thresh: 0.25
    rec_gap_thresh: 0.25
    max_rec:
        missing_tracks: medium
        unmatched_tracks: medium
    #
https://discourse.beets.io/t/can-beets-fix-tracks-which-are-wrongly-named/671/4
    distance_weights:
        source: 2.0
        artist: 3.0
        album: 3.0
        media: 1.0
        mediums: 1.0
        year: 1.0
        country: 0.5
        label: 0.5
        catalognum: 0.5
        albumdisambig: 0.5
        album_id: 5.0
        tracks: 4.0 #default 2
        missing_tracks: 0.9
        unmatched_tracks: 0.4 #default 0.6
        track_title: 3.0
        track_artist: 2.0
        track_index: 1.0
        track_length: 2.0
        track_id: 5.0
    preferred:
```

```
    countries: ['XW', 'US', 'GB|UK', 'JP', 'DE']
    media: ['Digital Media', 'CD', 'File']
    original_year: yes
    ignored: []
    required: []
    #ignore matches from video sources instead of audio
    ignored_media: ['Data CD', 'DVD', 'DVD-Video', 'Blu-ray', 'HD-DVD',
                    'VCD', 'SVCD', 'UMD', 'VHS']
    ignore_data_tracks: yes
    ignore_video_tracks: yes
    track_length_grace: 10
    track_length_max: 30

embedart:
    auto: yes
    compare_threshold: 20
    ifempty: no #only embed if empty: default no
    maxwidth: 800
    remove_art_file: no

fetchart:
    auto: yes
    cover_names: front folder cover album
    enforce_ratio: 2%

bucket:
    bucket_alpha: ['0-9', 'A-C', 'D-F', 'G-J', 'K-N', 'O-R', 'S', 'T-Z']
    bucket_year: ['1960s', '1970s', '1980s', '1990s', '2000s',
                  '2010s', '2020s']
    bucket_alpha_regex:
        '0-9': ^[a-zA-Z]

lyrics:
    auto: yes
    on_import: true
    processes: 10
    force: no
    fallback: ''

#moves featured artists from artists to the title field
ftintitle:
    auto: yes
    format: feat. {0}

#Scrub plugin removes all non-beet tags
scrub:
    auto: no

#copies additional files from source folder (except ignored files)
copyartifacts:
```

```
extensions: .cue .jpg .gif .png .pdf
print_ignored: yes

edit:
    itemfields: track title artist album year albumartist artist_sort
    artist_credit
    albumfields: album albumartist year

importadded:
    preserve_mtime: yes #after import reset mtime to original value
    preserve_write_mtime: yes #after writing to files reset mtime

duplicates:
    # creating checksums is expensive
    #checksum: no
    #By default, the tie-breaking procedure favors the most complete
    metadata attribute set. If you would like to consider the lower
    bitrates as duplicates, for example, set
    tiebreak: { items: [bitrate] }

chroma:
    auto: yes

#Plugin needs gstreamer and python-gi installed, or mp3gain or aacgain
replaygain:
    auto: yes #no=disable during import
    backend: gstreamer
    overwrite: yes #re-analyze files with replaygain tag default no
    targetlevel: 89 #decibel target level default 89
    #manual analysis  beet replaygain -wf /my/music/directory
    #Note this takes about 10 seconds for 7 files which is about 6h for
    15k songs.
web:
    host: 0.0.0.0
    port: 8337

webimport:
    host: 0.0.0.0
    port: 8338

bpd:
    host: 127.0.0.1
    port: 6600
    password: seekrit
    volume: 30

acoustid:
    apikey: 9NQqkUUg6p

# null/remove specific tag fields on import (not when importing as-is)
# regex condition on comments field, this removes useless comments:
```

```
zero:
  fields: comments
  comments: [EAC, LAME, from.+collection, 'ripped by']
  update_database: true

# check integrity of files on import, note that mp3val
# required for mp3s: apt-get install mp3val
# mp3val is quite verbose, multiple stream errors indicate issues
badfiles:
  check_on_import: yes
  commands:
    mp3: mp3val -f -si -nb -t

#replace unicode apostrophes from mb with ascii version in tags
importreplace:
  replacements:
    - item_fields: title artist artist_sort artist_credit
      album_fields: album artist artist_sort artist_credit
      replace:
        '[\u2018-\u201B]': ''
        '[\u201C-\u201F]': ''
        '[\u2010-\u2015]': '-'
```

Path template information

<https://beets.readthedocs.io/en/v1.4.7/reference/pathformat.html#template-functions>

usage:

```
beet import /media/downloads/Thirty\ Seconds\ to\ Mars\ -\ AMERICA\ \ (2018\)
```

To rename files/folders after change in path/filename config, use:

```
beet move
```

To use a separate config file use:

```
beet -c beets-wulf-config.yaml import xxx
```

Dry run/Pretend:

```
beet move -p
```

Update db after deleting files

```
beet update
```

Update db after changing ID3 tags (singleton example)

```
beet import -A -C -W -I -s /media/music/beets2/Non-Album/
```

Addons

<https://github.com/martinkirch/drop2beets>

https://amp.reddit.com/r/airsonic/comments/f1yb86/beets_plugin_for_trigger_library_update/

Web Import:

```
pip install beets-webimport
```

~/local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/beetsplug/webimport

Submit album to MusicBrainz

<https://thesynack.com/posts/managing-music/>

Although it is possible to manually add albums (MusicBrainz calls them releases) to MusicBrainz, there is a much easier method: MusicBrainz's GUI music tagger, [Picard](#). This tagger is also quite capable, and some may prefer its GUI interface if the CLI scares you.

Picard offers a fast way to contribute releases to MusicBrainz. To use it, go to the plugins settings inside of Picard and install Add Cluster As Release.

installing the plugin

General
Metadata
Tags
Cover Art
File Naming
Fingerprinting
CD Lookup
Plugins
User Interface
Scripting
Advanced
About

Plugins

Name	Version	Actions
Abbreviate artist-sort	0.4	
AcousticBrainz Mood-Genre	1.2.1	
AcousticBrainz Tonal-Rhythm	1.1.3	
Add Album Column	1.0	
Add Cluster As Release	0.7.3	
Additional Artists Variables	0.5	
Album Artist Website	1.0.2	
AlbumArtist Extension	0.6	
Amazon cover art	1.0	
Apiseeds Lyrics	1.0.5	
BPM Analyzer	1.4	
Classic Disc Numbers	0.2	

Install plugin...
Open plugin folder
Reload List of Plugins

Details

Adds a plugin context menu option to clusters and single files to help you quickly add them as releases or standalone recordings to the MusicBrainz database via the website by pre-populating artists, track names and times.

Name: Add Cluster As Release

Make It So!
Restore all Defaults
Restore Defaults
Cancel
Help

With the plugin installed:

1. Follow the [quick-start instructions](#) to create clusters out of music you wish to contribute.
2. Right-click and select plugins → Add Cluster As Release. This will pull up the contribution form in your browser with tons of information already filled out.
3. Fill in any missing information you can find.
4. Submit the edit.

After a few moments, try re-tagging the album with beets. If everything worked properly, beets should find the release you contributed and finish tagging it. Repeat this process for any albums you wish to add to MusicBrainz.

beets web

depends on flask

```
pip install flask
```

add web to plugins in beets config.yaml Define port in [web] section

```
[web]
host: 127.0.0.1 #or 0.0.0.0
port: 8337
```

for a remote web interface, CORS is required

```
pip install flask-cors
```

start server on localhost:8337 using

```
beet web
```

or

```
beet web hostname port
```

<https://github.com/irskep/summertunes>

beet edit

edit plugin: add config option: editor_command

vi ~/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/beetsplug/edit.py: def edit, line 45

```
if self.config['editor_command'].as_str():
    cmd = util.shlex_split(self.config['editor_command'].as_str())
else:
    cmd = util.shlex_split(util.editor_command())
```

Problem: editor env variable not always read?

```
echo $EDITOR
vi

beet edit --all george michael sun go down
No changes; aborting.
```

but:

```
EDITOR=vi beet edit --all george michael sun go down

env | grep EDITOR

export EDITOR=vi

env | grep EDITOR
EDITOR=vi
```

Album Art Downloader

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/album-art/>

<https://community.metabrainz.org/t/update-cover-art-only/513486/7>

Force replace coverart of album:

```
beet fetchart -f carrie underwood carnival ride
beet clearart carrie underwood carnival ride
beet embedart carrie underwood carnival ride
```

Puddletag

ID3 Tag editor with embed cover support

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:ubuntuhandbook1/apps
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install puddletag
```

KID3 QT

ID3 Tag editor with embed cover support

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:ufleisch/kid3
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install kid3-qt
```

Find/reimport items

To find db entries not linked to musicbrainz, you can use a query.

You can match an empty field with regular expressions:

```
beet ls mb_albumid::^$
```

<http://beets.readthedocs.org/en/v1.2.1/reference/query.html#regular-expressions>

Additionally, there's no need to move unmatched files to a separate directory to re-import them. You can use the -L flag to re-import albums matching a query:

```
beet imp -L mb_albumid::^$
```

FtInTitle notes

<https://beets.readthedocs.io/en/stable/plugins/ftintitle.html>

The FtInTitle plugin identifies the main artist using the albumartist field and compares this with the artist field. If they are identical, the addon will not do anything. The albumartist needs to contain the main artist only.

yearfixer

<https://github.com/adamjakab/BeetsPluginYearFixer> <https://pypi.org/project/beets-yearfixer/> finds and sets the original year. usage:

```
beet yearfixer [options] [QUERY...]
```

importreplace

A plugin for beets to perform regex replacements during import.

<https://github.com/edgars-supe/beets-importreplace>

From:

<http://wuff.dyndns.org/> - **Wulf's Various Things**

Permanent link:

<http://wuff.dyndns.org/doku.php?id=config:beets&rev=1711389542>

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