# ListSaver 2.0

## Users Manual

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## Description

ListSaver is a utility that allows you to create backups of the playlists in your iTunes libraries. This allows you to be able to replicate playlists on multiple machines that have the same available music, or to rebuild your playlists after a re-install of your OS, or under a new user.

New in 2.0, you can backup and rebuild playlists on a manually controlled iPod (not auto-synchronized). You can even have ListSaver copy the songs from your computer to your iPod for you, allowing you to 'Restore' your iPod and not lose your playlists.

## *Cautionary Notes:*

**ListSaver only backs up and restores traditional playlists, not Smart Playlists.**

**ListSaver also does not backup the actual music files, only the format of the playlists, the files must be kept, and must be listed in the local library (or iPod) in order for ListSaver to work.**

**Only iPods set for manual management of tracks and songs may be rebuilt using ListSaver.**

**ListSaver currently does not support non-roman characters in playlist names. The rebuild will succeed, but the playlist names will appear incorrectly.**

## Shareware Notice

ListSaver is distributed as shareware. It may be purchased for $6 at http://www.deadendsw.com . The only limitations of the shareware version, are a dialog on startup, and a dialog that displays every 3 playlists during a rebuild, otherwise the software is fully functional.

## System Requirements

- Mac OS 10.0-10.1.5, 10.2.3 or greater
- iTunes 3.0.1 or greater

## What's New

- Added support to backup from the Local Library (with any name), iPods' and connected Shared Libraries
- Added support to rebuild to the Local Library under any name, or to connected iPods'
- Allows songs to be copied from Local Library to iPod during rebuild
- Allows for the selection of specific playlists to backup
- Allows for playlists to be backed up into individual files
- Allows for the selection of specific playlists out of a backup file to be rebuilt
- Rebuild logs are now stored in the users documents folder.

## Backing Up Playlists

To create a backup of your playlists, first click the 'Save Playlists from iTunes…' button. You will be greeted with the following dialog:
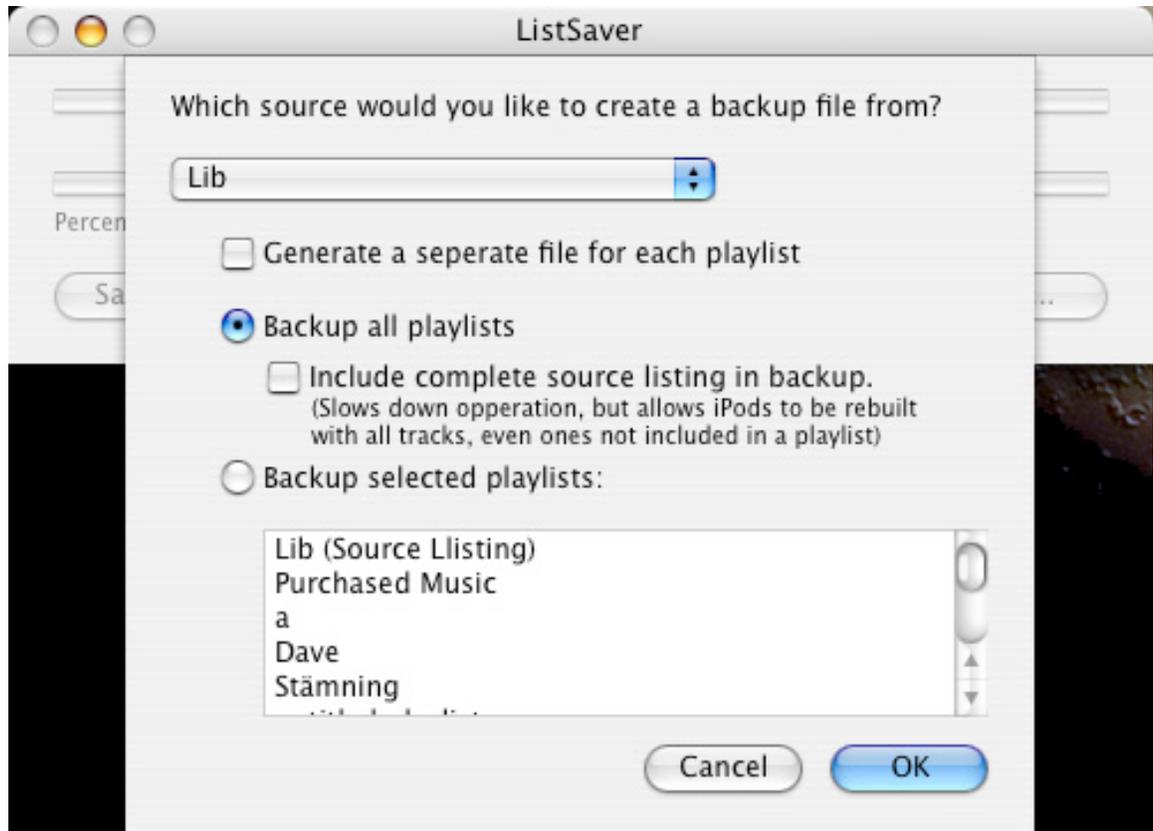


The options that are available in this dialog are as follows.

**Source Library:** The dropdown menu that in the example shows 'Lib', contains your Local Library, connected iPods, and connected Shared Libraries. The selection here will be what source will be used to generate the backup files.

**Generate separate files:** When this check box is selected, each playlist that is backed up will be put into a separate file, in the folder you will select.

**Backup all Playlists:** When this radio button is selected, all playlists associated with the selected source will be backed up.

**Include Source Listing:** This check box is only available when 'Backup all playlists' is selected. When this check box is selected, a complete listing of all the songs in the source will be included with the backup file. This option is only useful when you will be rebuilding an iPod, and copying the files from the Local Library, allowing for all songs to be copied back onto the iPod, not just songs in playlists.

**Backup Selected Playlists:** When this radio button is selected, you can select which playlists will be backed up. To select multiple playlists, hold down the command key as you are selecting playlists.

Once the settings of this dialog are set as desired, click 'OK'; you will then be presented asking where you would like to save the file(s). If you chose to backup each playlist into a file, you will be asked to select a folder where the files should be saved (the will be named according to their playlist names, otherwise you will be asked to place where you would like to save the file, and the name to use.

You have finished in the file location dialog, ListSaver will begin doing its job. The application may become unresponsive, and may appear to be crashed, but in reality it is much more likely that it is working hard on its task. Depending how many tracks must be backed up, this can take many, many minutes.

When ListSaver has finished, it will show a dialog similar to below:



You should verify that the number of playlists and tracks are correct.

### Rebuilding Playlists

To begin the rebuilding process, first click the 'Rebuild iTunes Playlists from File…' button. First you will be greeted with a dialog asking that you choose the ListSaver file to use. Once completed with this step, you will be greeted with the following dialog:
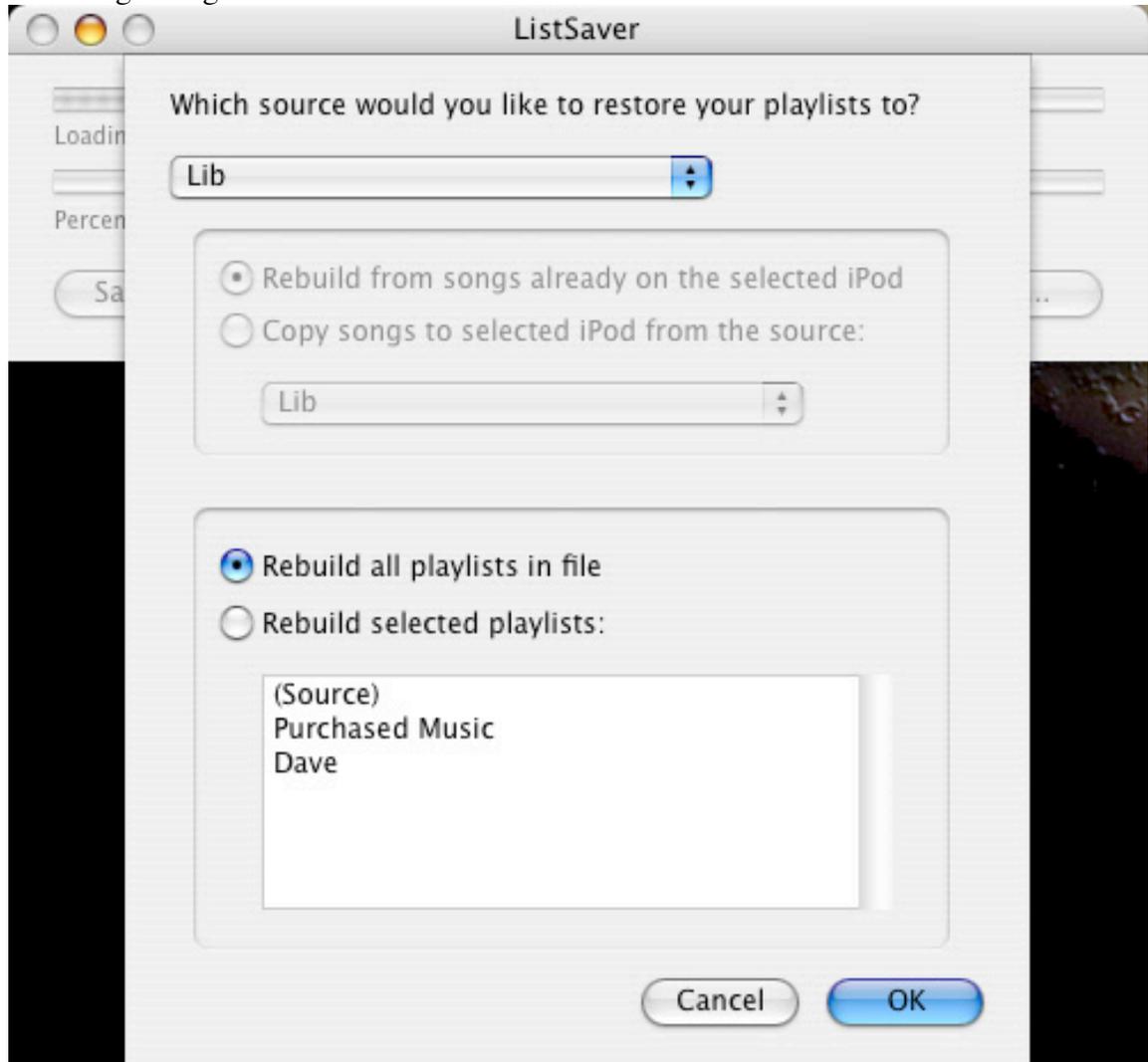


The options that are available in this dialog are as follows.

**Destination Library:** The dropdown menu that in the example shows 'Lib', contains your Local Library and connected iPods. The library selected here will be the library that the selected playlists will be rebuilt into.

**Rebuild from songs already on selected iPod:** This option is only available is an iPod is selected as the Destination Library. If this option is selected, the playlists will be rebuilt from the songs already on the destination iPod.

**Copy songs to the selected iPod from the source:** This option is only available is an iPod is selected as the Destination Library. If this option is selected, tracks will be copied from the selected source, to the destination iPod, as needed to rebuild the playlists.

**Rebuild all playlists in file:** When this radio button is selected, all playlists in the selected file will be rebuilt to the destination.

**Rebuild selected playlists:** When this radio button is selected, you can select which of the available playlists will be rebuilt. To select multiple playlists, hold down the command key as you are selecting playlists.

Once you have set this dialog as desired, and click 'OK', you will be greeted with the following dialog:
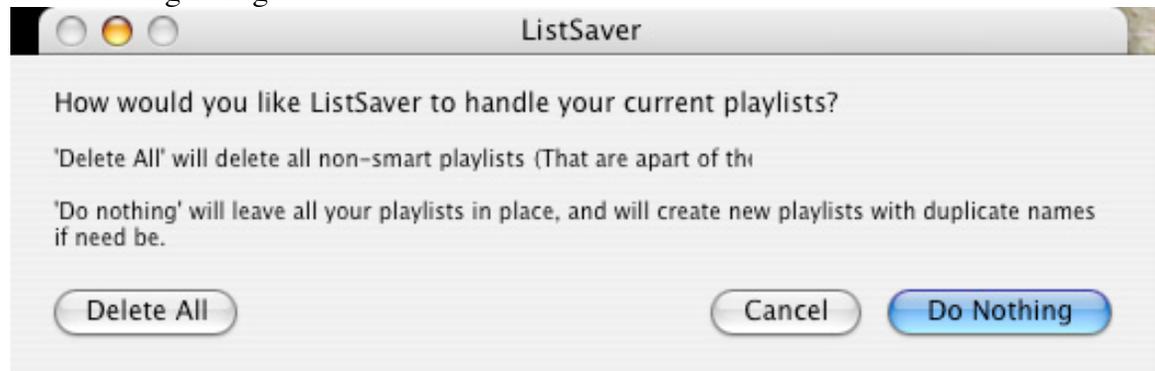


This dialog gives you the option of what to do with the existing playlists on the Destination Library. If you click delete all, all of the regular (non-smart) playlists will be deleted off of the destination (the songs will still remain in the destination, only the playlists will be removed). 'Do Nothing' will leave all of the currently existing playlists in place, and continue with the rebuild.

Now ListSaver will begin rebuilding the playlists. This may take quite some time, and the application may appear to be crashed, but it is really doing its job. Depending on how many tracks are being rebuilt this can take a very long time. As an example, a 1Ghz Titanium PowerBook, with 1GB of RAM, took 45 minutes to rebuild 1,000 playlists, each with 200 songs.

When ListSaver has completed rebuilding the playlists it will display the following dialog:
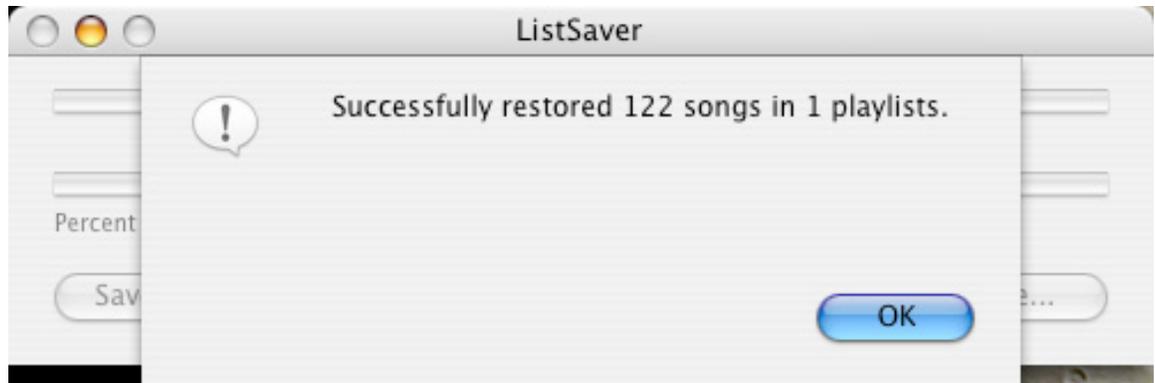
This dialog will indicate if errors have occurred. If there have been errors, you can get more detailed information about the error(s) in the 'ListSaver Rebuild Report' document inside your documents folder.

Also note, that if you are copying songs from a Library to an iPod, iTunes may still be copying the files to the iPod after ListSaver has finished. This will be indicated in iTunes, and this must be finished before you can eject your iPod.

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## Version History

<u>2.0 – 3/12/04</u>
Added support for iPods, and shared libraries to generate backup files.
Added support to rebuilt to iPods.
Added options for what playlists to backup or rebuild.
Added options to allow playlists to be saved into individual files.
Fixed problem where only a source name 'Library' could be used.

<u>1.0 – 8/6/03</u>
Initial Release

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