

Albums and Collections

Mobile Sheets Tutorial 2

If you go to more than one group and you have different versions of a song for different groups then you will find Albums and/or Collections useful. You can create an Album or Collection for each group you attend and populate it with the songs that are specific to that group. When you open an Album (or Collection) it will list only the songs that Album (or Collection) contains. It is a very effective way of removing all the distracting titles. Both these methods list song in alphabetical order.

For the sake of simplicity and brevity I'm going to talk about Albums but everything said is equally applicable to Collections.

If you have a lot of songs in your MS database that are not yet organized into Albums then the best and possibly only way to populate your albums is to edit each song individually. SongSheets usually have some indication on them of their source. E.g., all the Gloucester Strings songs display "Gloucester Strings Ukulele Club Songs" in the footer.

To create an Album

1. Open MobileSheets
2. Click on/touch the **Songs** tab in the Tab Bar at the top of the screen
3. Open a song by click on/touch the song title. Decide what/which Album you want to add this song to. For me, this means find out which club/group uses this version.
4. Somewhere along the vertical centreline of the screen, touch the screen. This opens the Overlay Mode which we'll look at in detail in a future session.
5. Click on/touch the Pencil Icon in the top Menu Bar. This opens the metadata edit dialogue. (If you took the first session on setlists, this should familiar to you)
6. Click on/touch the down arrow on the right of the Albums field. This opens a list of available setlists to choose from.
7. Click on/touch the **NEW** button.
8. Enter a name for the Album
9. Click on/touch the **OK** button to close the Name dialogue
10. Click on/touch the **OK** button to close the Select Items dialogue.
11. Click on/touch the **OK** button to close the Edit Song dialogue
12. Click on/touch the Back button to return to the Songs list.

The song you have just edited will now have an Album name below the title.

To add songs to an existing Album

13. Open MobileSheets
14. Click on/touch the **Songs** tab in the Tab Bar at the top of the screen

15. Open a song by click on/touch the song title. Decide what/which Album you want to add this song to. For me, this means find out which club/group uses this version.
16. Somewhere along the vertical centreline of the screen, touch the screen. This opens the Overlay Mode which we'll look at in detail in a future session.
17. Click on/touch the Pencil Icon in the top Menu Bar. This opens the metadata edit dialogue. (If you took the first session on setlists, this should familiar to you)
18. Click on/touch the down arrow on the right of the Albums field. This opens a list of available setlists to choose from.
19. Click on/touch the tick mark for the required Album.
20. Click on/touch the **OK** button to close the Select Items dialogue.
21. Click on/touch the **OK** button to close the Edit Song dialogue
22. Click on/touch the Back button to return to the Songs list.
The song you have just edited will now have an Album name below the title.

To Use/Open an Album

1. Click on/touch the **Albums** tab to open the list of Albums
2. Click on/touch the Album title to open the list of songs it contains.

A few words about Collections

How you use Collections is entirely up to you. I use them to mark songs I am interested in. E.g. I have one called "Practice" and if I find I have issues with a song I add it to my Practice collection. I have another called "Corrections" and if I find errors in the wording or chording of a song I curate then I'll make notes and add it to the Corrections collection.