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NAME

youtubedl-gui - graphical front end to yt-dlp for downloading videos and audio

SYNOPSIS

youtubedl-gui [*Qt-options*]

DESCRIPTION

youtubedl-gui is a simple graphical interface to yt-dlp(1), the command line program for downloading videos from a wide variety of sites. It presents a single window in which a URL is entered, a destination folder chosen, and the desired output selected; the download is then performed by **yt-dlp** with post-processing by ffmpeg(1).

Two modes of operation are offered, on separate tabs of the window. In audio mode the video is downloaded and its sound track extracted, with a choice of audio format and quality, and metadata embedded in the resulting file. In video mode the video itself is kept, with a choice of container format and of maximum resolution, and the thumbnail and any subtitles optionally embedded. Whole playlists can be fetched rather than a single item.

Progress is shown while the download runs, and a download in progress can be cancelled. When the download finishes and the window is not the active one, a desktop notification is emitted using notify-send(1), if it is available; otherwise a dialogue box reports the outcome.

Checking the **Defaults** box leaves the format and quality selections to the website and to **yt-dlp**, and greys out the corresponding controls. The settings in effect when the program exits, that box included, are written to the configuration file described below and restored on the next run.

The program takes no options of its own. Arguments are passed to Qt, so the standard Qt and X11 options such as **-style** and **--platform** are accepted.

ENVIRONMENT

QT_AUTO_SCREEN_SCALE_FACTOR
: Set this to **1** for the window to scale correctly on a HiDPI display under GNOME and other GTK based desktops. Qt based desktops such as KDE apply their own scaling factor and need no such setting.

FILES

~/.config/ytdl-gui/ytdl-gui.conf
: Settings saved when the program exits and restored when it starts.

~/.config/ytdl-gui/yt-dlp.path
: If this file exists, its first line is used as the command to run instead of searching for **yt-dlp** on the **PATH**. This is useful when a newer **yt-dlp** than the packaged one is installed elsewhere, for instance under *~/.local/bin*.

/tmp/ytdl_stderr
: Standard error of the most recent **yt-dlp** run, shown in the dialogue reporting a failed download.

SEE ALSO

yt-dlp(1), ffmpeg(1), notify-send(1)

The upstream home page is https://codeberg.org/impromptux/ytdl-gui.

AUTHOR

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This manual page was written for the Debian project, and may be used by others.

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