

Youtube-dl: A Command-line tool for downloading YouTube videos.

Youtube-dl is a small command-line program to download videos. It requires the Python interpreter, version 2.6, 2.7, or 3.2+, and it is not platform specific. It should work on your Unix box, on Windows or on Mac OS X.

Simply copy-paste the following command into your Terminal.

sudo apt-get install youtube-dl

If you want to download a video from YouTube, just type **youtube-dl** and then the link pointing to the actual video.

youtube-dl [URL link to the video]

That's it!

By default, youtube-dl will download the highest quality version of that video.

If you want the lowest quality version of that video instead, try this:

youtube-dl -f worst [URL link to the video]

There is a wide range of customizations possible.

For example, you can specify the format quality of the video or even extract audio from the downloaded file.

Check-out **man youtube-dl** for all your video copy needs.

Youtube-dl **is not** a YouTube only application.

Currently supported sites include many popular names such as Comedy Central, Dailymotion, Facebook, Metacafe, MyVideo, Photobucket, Vimeo, Yahoo!, blip.tv, Soundcloud, InfoQ, Mixcloud, OpenClassRoom among others.

Where does Youtube-dl download YouTube files?

By default `youtube -dl` will download the files *in the current working directory* of the Terminal that you have opened. Usually this is your `$HOME` environment, but this can be changed. Example,

1. `youtube-dl [URL link to the video]`

To Send it to a directory called `ken.mp4` on your desktop simply issue the following command.

2. `youtube-dl -o ~/Desktop/ken.mp4 [URL link to the video]`

With this in place all downloaded files will *automatically* go to `ken.mp4` on your Desktop.