NAME

xdg-email – command line tool for sending mail using the user's preferred e−mail composer

SYNOPSIS

xdg−email [**−−utf8**] [**−−cc** *address*] [**−−bcc** *address*] [**−−subject** *text*] [**−−body** *text*] [**−−attach** *file*]
[*mailto−uri | address(es)*]

xdg−email {**−−help** | **−−manual** | **−−version**}

DESCRIPTION

xdg−email opens the user's preferred e−mail composer in order to send a mail to *address(es)* or *mailto−uri*.
RFC2368 defines mailto: URIs. xdg−email limits support to, cc, subject and body fields in *mailto−uri*, all
other fields are silently ignored. *address(es)* must follow the syntax of RFC822. Multiple addresses may be
provided as separate arguments.

All information provided on the command line is used to prefill corresponding fields in the user's e−mail
composer. The user will have the opportunity to change any of this information before actually sending the
e−mail.

xdg−email is for use inside a desktop session only. It is not recommended to use xdg−email as root.

OPTIONS

−−utf8
> Indicates that all command line options that follow are in utf8. Without this option, command line
> options are expected to be encoded according to locale. If the locale already specifies utf8 this option
> has no effect. This option does not affect mailto URIs that are passed on the command line.

−−cc *address*
> Specify a recipient to be copied on the e−mail.

−−bcc *address*
> Specify a recipient to be blindly copied on the e−mail.

−−subject *text*
> Specify a subject for the e−mail.

−−body *text*
> Specify a body for the e−mail. Since the user will be able to make changes before actually sending the
> e−mail, this can be used to provide the user with a template for the e−mail. *text* may contain
> linebreaks.

−−attach *file*
> Specify an attachment for the e−mail. *file* must point to an existing file.
>
> Some e−mail applications require the file to remain present after xdg−email returns.

−−help
> Show command synopsis.

−−manual
> Show this manual page.

−−version
> Show the xdg−utils version information.

ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

xdg−email honours the following environment variables:

XDG_UTILS_DEBUG_LEVEL
> Setting this environment variable to a non−zero numerical value makes xdg−email do more verbose
> reporting on stderr. Setting a higher value increases the verbosity.

EXIT CODES

An exit code of 0 indicates success while a non−zero exit code indicates failure. The following failure
codes can be returned:

1

    Error in command line syntax.

2

    One of the files passed on the command line did not exist.

3

    A required tool could not be found.

4

    The action failed.

5

    No permission to read one of the files passed on the command line.

SEE ALSO

xdg-open(1), **xdg-mime**(1), **MIME applications associations specification**[1], **RFC 6068 – The 'mailto' URI Scheme**[2]

EXAMPLES

xdg−email 'Jeremy White <jwhite@example.com>'

xdg−email −−attach /tmp/logo.png \
    −−subject 'Logo contest' \
    −−body 'Attached you find the logo for the contest.' \
    'jwhite@example.com'

xdg−email −−subject 'Your password is about to expire' \
    'jwhite@example.com' 'bastian@example.com' 'whipple@example.com'

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NOTES

1. MIME applications associations specification
http://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Specifications/mime-apps-spec/

2. RFC 6068 - The 'mailto' URI Scheme
https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6068