

s to let yt-dlp extract it from your browser (say, Chrome) using `--cookies-from-browser` or config in location `~/.config/google-chrome`. In case you install Chrome using Flatpak, `app/com.google.Chrome`. To pass the cookies from this location use `--cookies-from-browser=com.google.Chrome/`

es, use the `--cookies` option, for example: `--cookies /path/to/cookies/file.txt`.

text file without any third-party software by using yt-dlp's `--cookies-from-browser` option, for example: `yt-dlp --cookies-from-browser chrome --cookies /path/to/cookies/file.txt`. The browser cookies and save them to the filepath specified after `--cookies`. The resulting `cookies.txt` file can be used with the `--cookies` option. Note though that this method exports your browser's cookies for ALL sites (not just the one you're downloading with yt-dlp), so take care in not letting this text file fall into the wrong hands.

browser extension for exporting cookies, such as [Get cookies.txt LOCALLY](#) for Chrome or Firefox. If you use a browser extension, be careful about what you install. If you had previously installed the "Get cookies.txt" Chrome extension, it's recommended to uninstall it immediately; it has been reported as a security risk on the Chrome Web Store.

in Mozilla/Netscape format and the first line of the cookies file must be either `# HTTP Cookie File`. Make sure you have correct [newline format](#) in the cookies file and convert it to match with your OS, namely CRLF ( `\r\n` ) for Windows and LF ( `\n` ) for Unix and Unix-like systems. A `HTTP Error 400: Bad Request` when using `--cookies` is a good sign of invalid newline format.

## Streaming media player?

stream media to stdout with `-o -`, and also tell your media player to read from stdin (it's required for VLC) and then pipe former to latter. For example, streaming to [VLC](#) can be achieved with:

```
yt-dlp --cookies-from-browser chrome --cookies /path/to/cookies/file.txt -o - "https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BaW_jenozKcj" | vlc -
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