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## Best way to download thousands of .ts files

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I need to grab a 2 hour `.m3u8` embedded video from a site for my boss, and I already managed to bypass the "403 forbidden" error by using the `--cookies-from-browser` and `--user-agent` arguments as outlined in the [wiki article](#), but the video hosting site "voomly" isn't supported by yt-dlp.

I dug into the Network tab and managed to find the location of the video, which is

`https://media.voomly.com/90d1c8b5-697d-4a50-bcf3-6622319b7c80/ffd52b0b-3958-4bc4-9ac4-b3eded1ef9e7/v2/hls/file720p`, but access is denied for that link by the web server.

However, it's possible to direct download the individual few second `.ts` snippets by by appending the exact `.ts` file's name, like so: `/file720p_00001.ts`

AND It's also possible to direct download the entire list of `.ts` files by navigating to `/file720p.m3u8`. In the 720p version's example, it has 1939 ts files, and the list for it looks like [this](#).

I'm wondering what would be the best way to go about using yt-dlp to grab the almost 2k `.ts` files and then merge them into a single mp4?

I'm currently using the HLSDownloader browser addon and it does this perfectly with 2 clicks, but since I recently started learning yt-dlp I wanted to take a shot at this specific case to learn more.

**EDIT: the solution for future googlers:** for m3u8 files if you get an "ERROR: Unsupported URL:" response is to go to the Developer Tools -> Network tab, reload the website, and look for m3u8 files. You can then grab that entire URL and just give that to yt-dlp.

I do however wonder why yt-dlp is not able to automatically give you the m3u8 files when it visits the website where the video is embedded on.

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yt-dlp can read m3u8 links / files, so just provide the URL to the file720p.m3u8 and it should download the video and merge it automatically.



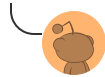
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Yea I was just about to update the post with the solution the moment you commented, thank you. I didn't expect it to be as easy as giving the m3u8 link to yt-dlp and it knowing what to do out of the box, this is amazing!

Interestingly, I also tried out ffmpeg directly, and it processed 2 fragments a second, while HLSDownloader and yt-dlp processed closer to 25 fragments a second.

A funny tidbit about this particular video hosting service is the max resolution you can watch is 720p when the video is embedded, in fact your browser doesn't even get sent the 1080p.m3u8 file. They're actively rewarding pirates by wanting to save on bandwidth lol.



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the generic extractor is fairly simple.

sometimes the m3u8 isn't loaded until the media player is loaded (javascript) and isn't visible to the generic extractor.

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