

How to use browser cookies with YT-DLP

1.1 PROCESS

1. Download the **yt-dlp** .EXE file and the three precompiled **ffmpeg** .EXE files.
2. Install the respective “cookies.txt” extension for your selected browser.
3. Log in to your account on the video hosting service your selected video is hosted on.
4. Open the “cookies.txt” extension and select “Export As” and save the .TXT file as “cookies.txt”.
5. Create a folder on your computer named “YT-DLP”.
6. Copy the **yt-dlp** .EXE file, the three **ffmpeg** .EXE files, and the “cookies” .TXT file to the “YT-DLP” folder.
7. Open a Command Prompt (Windows) or Terminal (Mac) inside the “yt-dlp” folder.
8. Type `yt-dlp --cookies "cookies.txt"` inside your Command Prompt or Terminal window *followed by your video's link*.
9. Press “Enter” on your keyboard and wait until your video is finished downloading.

1.2 COMMAND FORMAT

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yt-dlp --cookies "cookies.txt" [VIDEO LINK]
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Insert your desired video link after `"cookies.txt"` to direct **yt-dlp** to download your video while processing browser cookies.

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<!-- example command -->
yt-dlp --cookies "cookies.txt"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dm7yAWpX1Mc
```

MATERIALS

- A copy of yt-dlp. (yt-dlp.exe)
- A copy of ffmpeg. (ffmpeg.exe)
- A copy of ffplay. (ffplay.exe)
- A copy of ffprobe. (ffprobe.exe)
- A copy of either Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.
- A copy of either the “Get cookies.txt Clean” (for Chrome) or “cookies.txt” (for Firefox) browser extension.
- An account on the video hosting service you wish to download from.

NOTES

This document covers downloading videos through the **yt-dlp** program while using browser cookies as user authentication. Using cookies with **yt-dlp** enables downloading videos that require an account to view.

It is suggested to only use cookies with **yt-dlp** when necessary, as excessive downloading can cause your user account to be rate-limited.

LINKS

yt-dlp: github.com/yt-dlp/yt-dlp/releases/

ffmpeg: [gyan.dev/ffmpeg/builds/](https://www.gyan.dev/ffmpeg/builds/)

Chrome Extension:

chromewebstore.google.com/detail/get-cookiectxt-clean/

Firefox Extension:

addons.mozilla.org/firefox/addon/cookies-txt/