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import os
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from pytube import YouTube

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def download_youtube_audio(video_url, output_folder):
  try:
    yt = YouTube(video_url)
     audio_stream = yt.streams.filter(only_audio=True).first()
    if audio_stream:
       output_file = audio_stream.download(output_path=output_folder)
       # Rename the file to have the .mp3 extension
       mp3_file = output_file.split(".")[0] + ".mp3"
       os.rename(output_file, mp3_file)
       print("Audio downloaded successfully:", mp3_file)
     else:
       print("No audio stream available for the given URL.")
  except Exception as e:
    print("Error:", e)
# Example usage
video_url = "https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ" # Example YouTube video URL
output_folder = "youtube_downloads" # Output folder where the MP3 will be saved
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