

MacYTDL Release Notes – Version 1.30

- *Deno* has been implemented. It is an optional install available in “Utilities” if the installed version of *yt-dlp* is more recent than 2025.10.22. It is also offered to users if a download URL points to YouTube and *Deno* is not installed. More information on *Deno* is available from these sites:
 - <https://deno.com/>
 - <https://github.com/yt-dlp/yt-dlp/issues/14404>
- “.netrc” files containing credentials are now fully supported. Credentials for each web site can be stored in a plain text file named “.netrc” which is stored in the user’s Home folder.
- A new “Recode” video option has been added. Recode and remux are mutually exclusive. Recode will attempt to re-encode all streams available in a download to codecs compatible with the desired container format. Errors are reported in the *yt-dlp* log. Recoding requires a fast Mac.
- The download “Monitor” dialog should now display properly for users on macOS 26 Tahoe. Have made a small change to the DialogToolkitMacYTDL library which is now at version 1.8.
- The download Monitor buttons should now all be visible on macOS 26 Tahoe.
- There has been significant under-the-hood work to reduce the risk of AppleScript running out of resources. This has involved changing all script libraries into compiled bundles and relocating those libraries to the Script Libraries folder inside MacYTDL. A new script library has been required for the auto-download function which now has its own download code. A side-benefit of this change is that libraries are no longer stored in each user’s Script Libraries folder. However, the ABC iView “Chooser” has been replaced with a simplified dialog for choosing desired episodes.
- The “QT compatible video” setting will now recode videos which are in an “mp4” container. Note, however, that videos which are already QT compatible will also be converted.
- The “SBS Chooser” is not available in this release. The SBS OnDemand web site has changed again. There has not been enough time in this MacYTDL release to redesign code which parses those web pages. However, individual episode of shows and movies can still be downloaded normally.
- MacYTDL should no longer crash when subtitles are turned on.
- Batch downloads should now work and there should be no crashes when returning to the Main dialog after attempting the download batch function on an empty batch file.
- Multiple URLs can now be delimited by commas, returns, tabs and linefeeds as well as spaces. This applies when adding URLs to a batch as well as a normal download.
- It is no longer possible to run MacYTDL from within the disk image file (DMG). MacYTDL is best run from the “Applications” folder (which can be seen by all users).
- Opening the batch functions dialog should be quicker, than previously, when “Audio only” is turned on.
- The Formats Chooser is now skipped if “Add URL to Batch” is chosen on Main dialog. Previously, the Formats Chooser was shown then the URL was added to the batch. However, the ID of formats chosen was not saved making the formats choice pointless.
- It should be possible to download playlists from more web sites. Previously, attempting to download a playlist for sites other than YouTube would crash MacYTDL.
- A spurious error message is no longer displayed if an updated to stable *yt-dlp* released is cancelled at the administrator credentials dialog stage.

- Updating a *yt-dlp* nightly release should now be faster.
- The Monitor dialog shows “converted in” instead of “downloaded in” when FFmpeg is converted the downloaded video.
- The *yt-dlp* version now shows in “Utilities” if *yt-dlp* was installed after being found missing.
- Batch downloads which include videos from ABC iView Australia will be named “Series-Episode.extension”. ~~As with normal downloads this might cause series name to be repeated.~~

New Known Issues

- The SBS Chooser is no longer working, again. Much more work has been done but SBS recently changed their web page structure yet again breaking the current method for parsing the page source.

Workaround: Please, be patient. This should be fixed in a future version of MacYTDL. In the meantime, only download individual episodes from SBS OnDemand.

- MacYTDL might crash with the error: “The variable `branch_execution` is not defined.”. I have worked hard on finding these errors and they have not occurred in testing. Nonetheless, they might occur for some users.

Workaround: Reopen MacYTDL and continue with the desired function. Send an email about the error to: macytdl@gmail.com.

- The download Monitor can “hang” if the video conversion process takes a long time. This seem to be a particular issue if the Mac or the display goes into sleep.

Workaround: Keep an eye on progress with the conversion – prevent your display and/or your Mac from going into sleep mode.

- The “QT compatible” and “recode video” features operate even when the downloaded video is already in the desired format.

Workaround: There isn’t one. Just wait for the conversion process to finish.

- Sometimes, alerts are not shown when updating/installing components.

Workaround: There isn’t one. This might be fixed in a future version of MacYTDL which will include a more recent version of the *Alerter* tool.