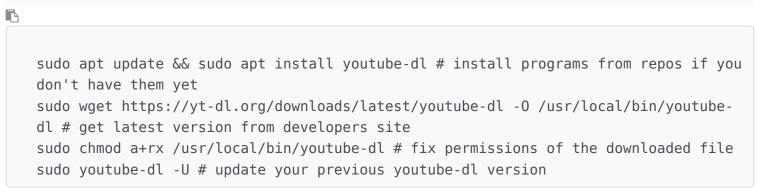You can easily download your own videos of youtube (or even your entire playlsits) through the application `youtube-dl` . You can install `youtube-dl` from repositories, even if it won't be updated as frequently as needed sometimes, to get sync with youtube way of working. Therefore, you are encouraged to install through the command-line:

**Commands in a terminal window**

```
sudo apt update && sudo apt install youtube-dl # install programs from repos if you
don't have them yet
sudo wget https://yt-dl.org/downloads/latest/youtube-dl -O /usr/local/bin/youtube-
dl # get latest version from developers site
sudo chmod a+rx /usr/local/bin/youtube-dl # fix permissions of the downloaded file
sudo youtube-dl -U # update your previous youtube-dl version
```

You can download your own youtube playlist with:

**Commands in a terminal window**

```
youtube-dl -ci "https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=YOURPLAYLISTID" -o
"%(title)s-%(id)s.%(ext)s"
```

Replace **YOURPLAYLISTID** with your own YouTube playlist id (note it's not your youtube channel ID, but the youtube playlist id). You can get it from the url of a video when shown through it's own playlist. That url might look like:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guFSSJTjyZI&list=[1]**PLM2ch5TKp0OdtMZeqCOJQw6BwJ19VDcj4**&index=2
- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=[2]**PLM2ch5TKp0OdtMZeqCOJQw6BwJ19VDcj4**

Therefore, the playlist id is that part after **list=** and before any ampersand (**&**) if any.
In this case: **PLM2ch5TKp0OdtMZeqCOJQw6BwJ19VDcj4**

Therefore, this would be the instruction in the command line:

**Commands in a terminal window**

```
youtube-dl -ci
"https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLM2ch5TKp0OdtMZeqCOJQw6BwJ19VDcj4" -o
"%(title)s-%(id)s.%(ext)s"
```

And if you need in mp4 format only (because your tv doesn't accept some webm or mkv codec files, or whatever other reason), you can add these extra params `-f` `'bestvideoext=mp4+bestaudioext=m4a/mp4'` :

```
youtube-dl -ci -o "%(title)s-%(id)s.%(ext)s" -f
'bestvideo[ext=mp4]+bestaudio[ext=m4a]/mp4'
"https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLM2ch5TKp0OdtMZeqCOJQw6BwJ19VDcj4"
```

If youtube-dl doesn't work for you any more (it did fail for me in 2023-10), you can try installing `yt-dlp` from discover app, and launch the command with this program

```
yt-dlp -ci -o "%(title)s-%(id)s.%(ext)s" -f
'bestvideo[ext=mp4]+bestaudio[ext=m4a]/mp4'
"https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLM2ch5TKp0OdtMZeqCOJQw6BwJ19VDcj4"
```

Derived from:

- https://forum.peppermintos.com/index.php?topic=5303.0[3]
- https://unix.stackexchange.com/a/328536[4]

## Looking for a GUI?

There is a nice GUI called youtube-dlg, however, it doesn't seem to be updated as frequently as needed to keep it updated to latest youtube-dl changes (and therefore, with youtube changes).

You might try the GUI Download-DLG, in case it still works for you (if did for me months ago, but not currently, so I had to go to the command line to be able to fetch my own video playlist successfully)

```
#sudo add-apt-repository ppa:nilarimogard/webupd8 # needed once for youtube-dlg
sudo apt update && sudo apt install youtube-dlg # install programs from repos if
you don't have them yet
# refresh youtube-dl from the commands above so that you have the latest version
installed
```

Derived from:

- http://www.webupd8.org/2014/03/multi-platform-youtube-dl-gui-youtube.html[5]

Alias names for this page:

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[1] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guFSSJTjyZI&list=

[2] https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=

[3] https://forum.peppermintos.com/index.php?topic=5303.0

[4] https://unix.stackexchange.com/a/328536

[5] http://www.webupd8.org/2014/03/multi-platform-youtube-dl-gui-youtube.html