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xdg-email - command line tool for sending mail using the user's preferred e-mail composer

SYNOPSIS

xdg-email [--utf8] [--cc address] [--bcc address] [--subject text] [--body text]

 [--attach file] [mailto-uri | address(es)]

xdg-email [--help | --manual | --version]

DESCRIPTION

xdg-email opens the user's preferred e-mail composer in order to send a mail to address(es)

or mailto-uri. RFC2368 defines mailto: URIs. xdg-email limits support to, cc, subject and

body fields in mailto-uri, all other fields are silently ignored. address(es) must follow

the syntax of RFC822. Multiple addresses may be provided as separate arguments.

All information provided on the command line is used to prefill corresponding fields in the user's e-mail composer. The user will have the opportunity to change any of this information before actually sending the e-mail.

xdg-email is for use inside a desktop session only. It is not recommended to use xdg-email as root.

OPTIONS

--utf8

Indicates that all command line options that follow are in utf8. Without this option, command line options are expected to be encoded according to locale. If the locale already specifies utf8 this option has no effect. This option does not affect mailto

URIs that are passed on the command line.

--cc address

Specify a recipient to be copied on the e-mail.

--bcc address

Specify a recipient to be blindly copied on the e-mail.

--subject text

Specify a subject for the e-mail.

--body text

Specify a body for the e-mail. Since the user will be able to make changes before actually sending the e-mail, this can be used to provide the user with a template for the e-mail. text may contain linebreaks.

--attach file

Specify an attachment for the e-mail. file must point to an existing file.

Some e-mail applications require the file to remain present after xdg-email returns.

--help

Show command synopsis.

--manual

Show this manual page.

--version

Show the xdg-utils version information.

ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

xdg-email honours the following environment variables:

XDG_UTILS_DEBUG_LEVEL

Setting this environment variable to a non-zero numerical value makes xdg-email do more verbose reporting on stderr. Setting a higher value increases the verbosity.

EXIT CODES

An exit code of 0 indicates success while a non-zero exit code indicates failure. The following failure codes can be returned:

1

Error in command line syntax.

2

One of the files passed on the command line did not exist.

3

A required tool could not be found.

4

The action failed.

5

No permission to read one of the files passed on the command line.

SEE ALSO

xdg-open(1), xdg-mime(1), MIME applications associations specification[1], RFC 6068 - The 'mailto' URI Scheme[2]

EXAMPLES

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xdg-email 'Jeremy White <jwhite@example.com>'
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xdg-email --attach /tmp/logo.png \
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--subject 'Logo contest' \
```

```
--body 'Attached you find the logo for the contest.' \
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```
'jwhite@example.com'
```

```
xdg-email --subject 'Your password is about to expire' \
```

```
'jwhite@example.com' 'bastian@example.com' 'whipple@example.com'
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NOTES

1. MIME applications associations specification

<http://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Specifications/mime-apps-spec/>

2. RFC 6068 - The 'mailto' URI Scheme

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6068>

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