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# **pyffstream**

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## REFERENCE

- `pyffstream.ffmpeg`
- `pyffstream.encode`
- `pyffstream.cli`

## 1.1 pyffstream.ffmpeg

Helper functions for interacting with ffmpeg.

Functions include mimicking number/duration processing, probing files with `ffprobe`, and a utility class to deal with filters.

`pyffstream.ffmpeg.ff_bin`

A tuple that is the recommended way to specify the path to ffmpeg utilities. Can be overridden.

**Type**

*FFBin*

**class** `pyffstream.ffmpeg.FFBanner(ffversion, ffconfig, versions)`

**ffconfig:** `list[str]`

Alias for field number 1

**ffversion:** `str`

Alias for field number 0

**versions:** `dict[str, pyffstream.ffmpeg.FFVersion]`

Alias for field number 2

**class** `pyffstream.ffmpeg.FFBin(ffmpeg='ffmpeg', ffprobe='ffprobe', env=None)`

An instance of a path to an ffmpeg binary.

Provides various helper properties to get information about the capabilities of the ffmpeg binary. Note that just because something was compiled into the binary it doesn't mean it's usable at runtime. This is the case for hardware support (e.g. nvidia) in particular.

**ffmpeg**

Path to ffmpeg binary.

**Type**

`str`

**ffprobe**

Path to ffprobe binary.

**Type**

`str`

**env**

Environmental variables to use with ffmpeg.

**Type**

`dict[str, str]`

**Parameters**

- **ffmpeg** (`str`) –
- **ffprobe** (`str`) –
- **env** (`dict[str, str] | None`) –

**property aencoders:** `set[str]`

Set of compiled-in audio encoders.

**Return type**

`set[str]`

**property build\_config:** `list[str]`

List of build config options.

**Return type**

`list[str]`

**property ffversion:** `str`

String representing ffmpeg release version.

Note this might not always be sensible to use for simple comparison, for example in the case of versions compiled from git.

**Return type**

`str`

**property filters:** `set[str]`

Set of filters compiled into ffmpeg instance.

**property hwaccels:** `set[str]`

Set of hwaccels compiled into ffmpeg version.

**make\_playlist**(*pathlist*, *directory*, *idxs*=(0, 0), *deep\_probe*=False, *name*='streamplaylist.txt')

Construct fconcat playlist from path list.

Paths created are absolute, and the files are probed in parallel if needed to determine the duration.

**Parameters**

- **pathlist** (`Iterable[Path]`) – Ordered pathlist to construct fconcat with.
- **directory** (`Path`) – Directory to put the constructed playlist in.
- **idxs** (`Sequence[int]`) – Tuple of (video, audio) stream index.
- **deep\_probe** (`bool`) – Whether to probe file deeply.
- **name** (`str`) – Optional; name of playlist file.

**Return type**`Path`**Returns**

Path to created ficoncat playlist.

**probe\_json**(*entries*, *fileargs*, *streamtype=None*, *deep\_probe=False*, *extraargs=None*)

Probes a media file with ffprobe and returns results.

Generic function for probing a media file for information using ffmpeg's *ffprobe* utility and returning its JSON.**Parameters**

- **entries** (*str*) – Argument passed to the `-show_entries` flag in ffprobe.
- **fileargs** (*str* | *Iterable[str]* | *None*) – String of the file you want to analyze. If additional args are needed to specify the input, accepts a list of args to pass on.
- **streamtype** (*str* | *None*) – Optional; Argument to pass on to the `-select_streams` flag in ffprobe. Argument not passed if *None*.
- **deep\_probe** (*bool*) – Optional; Pass extra arguments to ffprobe in order to probe the file more deeply. This is useful for containers that can't be lightly inspected.
- **extraargs** (*str* | *Iterable[str]* | *None*) – Optional; A list of additional arguments to pass to ffprobe during runtime. Can be used for example to request `-sexagesimal` formatting of duration fields.

**Returns**

The query failed or returned “unknown” or “N/A”.

deserialized JSON: For raw probetype, the JSON returned after deserialization.

**Return type***None***probe\_val**(*entry*, *fileargs*, *streamtype=None*, *probetype=ProbeType.STREAM*, *deep\_probe=False*, *extraargs=None*)

Wrapper for probe\_vals to probe a single val.

**Parameters**

- **entry** (*str*) –
- **fileargs** (*str* | *Iterable[str]* | *None*) –
- **streamtype** (*str* | *None*) –
- **probetype** (*ProbeType*) –
- **deep\_probe** (*bool*) –
- **extraargs** (*str* | *Iterable[str]* | *None*) –

**Return type***str* | *None***probe\_vals**(*entries*, *fileargs*, *streamtype=None*, *probetype=ProbeType.STREAM*, *deep\_probe=False*, *extraargs=None*)

Probes a media file with ffprobe and returns results.

Generic function for probing a media file for information using ffmpeg's *ffprobe* utility. Returns individual values.

**Parameters**

- **entries** (*Iterable[str]*) – List of arguments passed to the `-show_entries` flag in `ffprobe`. If a non-raw streamtype is specified, then the argument may be the type field you want to query, for example the duration.
- **fileargs** (*str | Iterable[str] | None*) – String of the file you want to analyze. If additional args are needed to specify the input, accepts a list of args to pass on.
- **streamtype** (*str | None*) – Optional; Argument to pass on to the `-select_streams` flag in `ffprobe`. Argument not passed if `None`.
- **proptype** (*ProbeType*) – Optional; One of `STREAM`, `TAGS`, `DISPOSITION`, `FORMAT`; query file for metadata of selected proptype and streamtype and return the requested entries of the first matching stream.
- **deep\_probe** (*bool*) – Optional; Pass extra arguments to `ffprobe` in order to probe the file more deeply. This is useful for containers that can't be lightly inspected.
- **extraargs** (*str | Iterable[str] | None*) – Optional; A list of additional arguments to pass to `ffprobe` during runtime. Can be used for example to request `-sexagesimal` formatting of duration fields.

**Returns**

`None`: The query failed or returned “unknown” or “N/A”.

`str`: The value of the requested query.

**Return type**

list of values in order of entries iterable containing

**Raises**

**ValueError** – Invalid proptype was passed.

**property protocols:** *FFProtocols*

A *FFProtocols* of compiled in input/output protocols.

**property sencoders:** *set[str]*

Set of compiled-in subtitle encoders.

**Return type**

*set[str]*

**property vencoders:** *set[str]*

Set of compiled-in video encoders.

**Return type**

*set[str]*

**property version:** *dict[str, pyffstream.ffmpeg.FFVersion]*

Dict of *FFVersions* indexed by component name.

**Return type**

*dict[str, FFVersion]*

**class** `pyffstream.ffmpeg.FFEncoders(vencoders, aencoders, sencoders)`

**aencoders:** *set[str]*

Alias for field number 1



**sencoders:** `set[str]`

Alias for field number 2

**vencoders:** `set[str]`

Alias for field number 0

**class** `pyffstream.ffmpeg.FFProbeJSON`

**class** `pyffstream.ffmpeg.FFProtocols(inputs, outputs)`

**inputs:** `set[str]`

Alias for field number 0

**outputs:** `set[str]`

Alias for field number 1

**class** `pyffstream.ffmpeg.FFVersion(*args)`

Holds a ffmpeg component version.

**Parameters**

**args** (`str` | `int` | `FFVersion`) –

**class** `pyffstream.ffmpeg.Filter(filt, *filtopts, src=None, dst=None)`

A single ffmpeg filter.

Collects helper methods for constructing and rendering out ffmpeg filter strings for use with the CLI.

**Parameters**

- **filt** (`str` | `Filter`) –
- **filtopts** (`str`) –
- **src** (`Sequence[str | int | None]` | `None`) –
- **dst** (`Sequence[str | int | None]` | `None`) –

**classmethod** `complex_join(filterlist, startkey='v', endkey='b', basekey='c')`

Combine filters in a way compatible with `-filter_complex`.

**Parameters**

- **filterlist** (`Sequence[Filter | str]`) –
- **startkey** (`str`) –
- **endkey** (`str`) –
- **basekey** (`str`) –

**Return type**

`str`

**classmethod** `full_escape(val)`

Do full escaping needed for complex filter graph in ffmpeg.

<https://ffmpeg.org/ffmpeg-filters.html#Notes-on-filtergraph-escaping>

**Parameters**

**val** (`str`) –

**Return type**

`str`

**static** `vf_join(filterlist)`

Combine filters in a way compatible with -af/-vf.

**Parameters**

**filterlist** (*Sequence*[*str* | *Filter*]) –

**Return type**

*str*

**class** `pyffstream.ffmpeg.ProbeType(value)`

An enumeration.

**class** `pyffstream.ffmpeg.Progress`

Assists in monitoring the progress output of an ffmpeg encode.

`pyffstream.ffmpeg.duration(timestamp)`

Processes ffmpeg duration string into time in seconds.

<https://ffmpeg.org/ffmpeg-utils.html#Time-duration>

**Parameters**

**timestamp** (*str* | *float* | *int*) –

**Return type**

*float*

`pyffstream.ffmpeg.format_q_tuple(init_tuple, is_stream)`

Format the entries arg for raw JSON queries to the probefile.

This corresponds to the `-show_entries` flag in `ffprobe` and can be used generically to format arguments to it.

**Parameters**

- **init\_tuple** (*InitTuple* | *None*) – If querying a stream, a 3-tuple of the stream values, stream tags, and stream dispositions to query `ffprobe` for. If querying a format, a list of the format values to query. Can be *None*.
- **is\_stream** (*bool*) – A boolean indicating whether or not `init_tuple` is a 3-tuple for a stream or a list for a format.

**Return type**

*str*

**Returns**

A formatted query for `-show_entries` in `ffprobe`. An empty string if `init_tuple` is *None*.

`pyffstream.ffmpeg.num(val)`

Process input into float in a way that mimics ffmpeg.

Method follows ffmpeg's [numerical options](#). All whitespace is stripped, then valid input is a number followed optionally with an SI prefix that may be appended with an *i* modifier that indicates the SI prefix is in powers of 1024 instead of 1000. Finally, the number may end in a *B* indicating it is to be multiplied by 8. The optional ffmpeg utility `ffeval` may be used to validate the output of this function.

**Parameters**

**val** (*str*) –

**Return type**

*float*

`pyffstream.ffmpeg.single_quote(unescape)`  
Return a single-quote escaped string from input.

**Parameters**

**unescape** (*object*) –

**Return type**

*str*

## 1.2 pyffstream.encode

Classes and functions for ffmpeg encoding.

**class** `pyffstream.encode.EncType(value)`

An enumeration.

**class** `pyffstream.encode.FileOpts(main, subtitle, fpath, sfilepath, allpaths)`

**allpaths:** *Sequence*[*Path*]

Alias for field number 4

**fpath:** *Path*

Alias for field number 2

**main:** *MutableSequence*[*str*]

Alias for field number 0

**sfilepath:** *Path*

Alias for field number 3

**subtitle:** *MutableSequence*[*str*]

Alias for field number 1

**class** `pyffstream.encode.FilterList`

Thread-safe class for storing and getting ffmpeg filters.

**get**(*k*, *default=None*)

An implementation of the get method as in dicts.

**Parameters**

- **k** (*str*) –
- **default** (*ffmpeg.Filter* | *str* | *None*) –

**Return type**

*str* | *None*

**if\_exists**(*key*)

Return 1-tuple of filter at key if it exists, else 0-tuple.

The intent is to use this function starred in-line like `*if_exists(key)` when defining a list to simplify creation of filter lists.

**Parameters**

**key** (*str*) –

**Return type**

*tuple*[*str*] | *tuple*[]

```
class pyffstream.encode.StaticEncodeVars(tempdir, verbosity=0, api_url="", api_key="",
                                         samplerate='48000', endpoint='127.0.0.1:9998',
                                         target_w='1920', target_h='1080', framerate='24/1',
                                         framerate_multiplier=Fraction(1, 1), scale_w='1920',
                                         scale_h='1080', bound_w='1920', bound_h='1080',
                                         kf_target_sec=5.0, clip_length=None,
                                         vencoder=VEncoder(name='libx264', codec='h264',
                                         flag_function=<function get_libx264_flags>,
                                         presets=['placebo', 'veryslow', 'slower', 'slow', 'medium', 'fast',
                                         'faster', 'veryfast', 'superfast', 'ultrafast'],
                                         default_preset='medium', tenbit=False,
                                         type=<EncType.SOFTWARE: 1>, multipass=True),
                                         aencoder='aac', encode_preset=None, encode_tune=None,
                                         realtime=False, vstandard='h264', astandard='aac',
                                         include_audio=True, protocol='srt', vbitrate='6M',
                                         max_vbitrate='0', rc_mode='cbr', abitrage='256k',
                                         chlayout='stereo', start_delay='30', end_pad=True,
                                         end_delay='600', timestamp=None, suboffset=None,
                                         cleanborders=None, crop_ts='600', crop_len='60',
                                         target_i='-19', target_lra='11.0', target_tp='-1.0',
                                         pix_fmt='yuv420p', subfile_provided=False, text_subs=True,
                                         subfilter_list=<factory>, kf_int='0', min_kf_int='0',
                                         bufsize='0', kf_sec='0', latency_target='0', afilters="",
                                         filter_complex="", input_flags=<factory>,
                                         encode_flags=<factory>, filter_flags=<factory>,
                                         output_flags=<factory>, shader_list=<factory>,
                                         ff_flags=<factory>, srt_passphrase="", srt_latency=5.0,
                                         ff_verbosity_flags=<factory>, ff_deepprobe_flags=<factory>,
                                         placebo_opts=<factory>, sw_filters=<factory>,
                                         vencoder_params=<factory>, copy_audio=False,
                                         copy_video=False, use_timeline=False, hwaccel=True,
                                         subs=False, deep_probe=False, vindex=0, aindex=0,
                                         sindex=None, outfile=None, npass=None, passfile=None,
                                         wait=False, overwrite=False, fifo=False, soxr=False,
                                         zscale=False, slowseek=False, live=False, obs=False,
                                         vulkan=False, vgap=False, trust_vulkan=False,
                                         vulkan_device=-1, decimate_target='24/1', is_playlist=False,
                                         eightbit=False, cropsecond=False, subcropfirst=False,
                                         picsubscale='bicubic', delay_start=False, deinterlace=False,
                                         crop=False, upscale=False, anormalize=False,
                                         normfile=None, dynamicnorm=False, fix_start_time=True,
                                         pyffserver=False, ffprogress=<factory>)
```

Class holding general encoding parameters.

Needs to be passed to an encode session to initialize it.

#### Parameters

- **tempdir** (*pathlib.Path*) –
- **verbosity** (*int*) –
- **api\_url** (*str*) –
- **api\_key** (*str*) –
- **samplerate** (*str*) –

- `endpoint(str)` –
- `target_w(str)` –
- `target_h(str)` –
- `framerate(str)` –
- `framerate_multiplier(fractions.Fraction)` –
- `scale_w(str)` –
- `scale_h(str)` –
- `bound_w(str)` –
- `bound_h(str)` –
- `kf_target_sec(float)` –
- `clip_length(str | None)` –
- `vencoder(VEncoder)` –
- `aencoder(str)` –
- `encode_preset(str | None)` –
- `encode_tune(str | None)` –
- `realtime(bool)` –
- `vstandard(str)` –
- `astandard(str)` –
- `include_audio(bool)` –
- `protocol(str)` –
- `vbitrate(str)` –
- `max_vbitrate(str)` –
- `rc_mode(str)` –
- `abitrage(str)` –
- `chlayout(str)` –
- `start_delay(str)` –
- `end_pad(bool)` –
- `end_delay(str)` –
- `timestamp(str | None)` –
- `suboffset(str | None)` –
- `cleanborders(list[int] | None)` –
- `crop_ts(str)` –
- `crop_len(str)` –
- `target_i(str)` –
- `target_lra(str)` –
- `target_tp(str)` –

- `pix_fmt(str)` –
- `subfile_provided(bool)` –
- `text_subs(bool)` –
- `subfilter_list(Sequence[ffmpeg.Filter])` –
- `kf_int(str)` –
- `min_kf_int(str)` –
- `bufsize(str)` –
- `kf_sec(str)` –
- `latency_target(str)` –
- `afilters(str)` –
- `filter_complex(str)` –
- `input_flags(MutableSequence[str])` –
- `encode_flags(MutableSequence[str])` –
- `filter_flags(MutableSequence[str])` –
- `output_flags(MutableSequence[str])` –
- `shader_list(MutableSequence[str])` –
- `ff_flags(MutableSequence[str])` –
- `srt_passphrase(str)` –
- `srt_latency(float)` –
- `ff_verbosity_flags(Sequence[str])` –
- `ff_deepprobe_flags(Sequence[str])` –
- `placebo_opts(Sequence[str])` –
- `sw_filters(Sequence[str])` –
- `vencoder_params(Sequence[str])` –
- `copy_audio(bool)` –
- `copy_video(bool)` –
- `use_timeline(bool)` –
- `hwaccel(bool)` –
- `subs(bool)` –
- `deep_probe(bool)` –
- `vindex(int)` –
- `aindex(int)` –
- `sindex(int | None)` –
- `outfile(pathlib.Path | None)` –
- `npass(int | None)` –
- `passfile(pathlib.Path | None)` –

- `wait (bool)` –
- `overwrite (bool)` –
- `fifo (bool)` –
- `soxr (bool)` –
- `zscale (bool)` –
- `slowseek (bool)` –
- `live (bool)` –
- `obs (bool)` –
- `vulkan (bool)` –
- `vgop (bool)` –
- `trust_vulkan (bool)` –
- `vulkan_device (int)` –
- `decimate_target (str)` –
- `is_playlist (bool)` –
- `eightbit (bool)` –
- `cropsecond (bool)` –
- `subcropfirst (bool)` –
- `picsubscale (str)` –
- `delay_start (bool)` –
- `deinterlace (bool)` –
- `crop (bool)` –
- `upscale (bool)` –
- `anormalize (bool)` –
- `normfile (pathlib.Path | None)` –
- `dynamicnorm (bool)` –
- `fix_start_time (bool)` –
- `pyffserver (bool)` –
- `ffprogress (ffmpeg.Progress[str])` –

**classmethod** `from_args(args)`

Constructor to make StaticEncodeVars from passed args.

**Parameters**

`args (Namespace)` –

**Return type**

`StaticEncodeVars`

**class** `pyffstream.encode.StatusCode(value)`

An enumeration.

```
class pyffstream.encode.StyleFile(names, lines, insert_index)

    insert_index: int
        Alias for field number 2
    lines: MutableSequence[str]
        Alias for field number 1
    names: MutableSequence[str]
        Alias for field number 0

class pyffstream.encode.VEncoder(name, codec, flag_function, presets=<factory>, default_preset=None,
                                tenbit=False, type=EncType.SOFTWARE, multipass=False)
```

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) –
- **codec** (*str*) –
- **flag\_function** (*Callable*[[*EncodeSession*], *list*[*str*]]) –
- **presets** (*Iterable*[*object*]) –
- **default\_preset** (*str* | *None*) –
- **tenbit** (*bool*) –
- **type** (*EncType*) –
- **multipass** (*bool*) –

```
pyffstream.encode.close_futures(futures)
    Wait on futures in list, then raise any exceptions in them.
```

**Parameters**

**futures** (*Iterable*[*Future*[*Any*]]) –

**Return type**

*None*

## 1.3 pyffstream.cli

CLI frontend for encoding and streaming.

```
class pyffstream.cli.ConfName(file_name, arg_name)

    arg_name: str
        Alias for field number 1
    file_name: str
        Alias for field number 0

class pyffstream.cli.DefaultConfig(pyffserver=False, protocol='srt', vbitrate='6M', max_vbitrate='0',
                                   abitrage='256k', aencoder='aac', vencoder='libx264',
                                   endpoint='127.0.0.1:9998', api_url='', api_key='', soxr=False,
                                   preset=<factory>, zscale=False, vulkan=False, trust_vulkan=False,
                                   vgop=False, vulkan_device=-1, hwaccel=True, height=1080,
                                   shader_list=<factory>, kf_target_sec=5.0, srt_latency=5.0,
                                   ffmpeg_bin='ffmpeg', ffprobe_bin='ffprobe', env=<factory>)
```



Holds config file values.

Used to determine the default CLI parameters after processing config from files.

#### Parameters

- **pyffserver** (*bool*) –
- **protocol** (*str*) –
- **vbitrate** (*str*) –
- **max\_vbitrate** (*str*) –
- **abitrage** (*str*) –
- **aencoder** (*str*) –
- **vencoder** (*str*) –
- **endpoint** (*str*) –
- **api\_url** (*str*) –
- **api\_key** (*str*) –
- **soxr** (*bool*) –
- **preset** (*dict*[*str*, *str* | *None*]) –
- **zscale** (*bool*) –
- **vulkan** (*bool*) –
- **trust\_vulkan** (*bool*) –
- **vgop** (*bool*) –
- **vulkan\_device** (*int*) –
- **hwaccel** (*bool*) –
- **height** (*int*) –
- **shader\_list** (*list*[*str*]) –
- **kf\_target\_sec** (*float*) –
- **srt\_latency** (*float*) –
- **ffmpeg\_bin** (*str*) –
- **ffprobe\_bin** (*str*) –
- **env** (*dict*[*str*, *str*]) –

`pyffstream.cli.download_win_ffmpeg(dltype='git')`

Download and install ffmpeg for windows in user\_data\_path.

The current ffmpeg in the location is replaced if already there. User data path is determined from platformdirs.

#### Parameters

**dltype** (*str*) –

#### Return type

*bool*

`pyffstream.cli.get_parserconfig(reproducible=True)`

Return parser and config used.

**Parameters**

**reproducible** (`bool`) –

**Return type**

`tuple[ArgumentParser, DefaultConfig]`

`pyffstream.cli.get_stream_list(streamtype, q_tuple, myfileargs, deep_probe=False)`

Make and return tuples of (key,val) pairs for each stream.

**Parameters**

- **streamtype** (`str`) –
- **q\_tuple** (`tuple[Collection[str], Collection[str], Collection[str]]`) –
- **myfileargs** (`Sequence[str]`) –
- **deep\_probe** (`bool`) –

**Return type**

`list[list[tuple[str, str]]]`

`pyffstream.cli.main()`

Process config and CLI arguments then send off for processing.

**Return type**

`None`

`pyffstream.cli.parse_files(args, parser)`

Process input arguments and send them off processing.

**Parameters**

- **args** (`Namespace`) –
- **parser** (`ArgumentParser`) –

**Return type**

`None`

`pyffstream.cli.print_info(fopts, *, verbosity=0, deep_probe=False)`

Prints to console formatted information about the input file.

Output is nicely formatted for console usage using rich tables.

**Parameters**

- **fopts** (`FileOpts`) – The file to print information about.
- **verbosity** (`int`) – Print extra fields based on size.
- **deep\_probe** (`bool`) – Whether or not to probe the file deeply.

**Return type**

`None`

`pyffstream.cli.process_file(fpath, args, stream_flist)`

Format input arguments needed for a file and send to output.

**Parameters**

- **fpath** (`Path`) –

- **args** (`Namespace`) –
- **stream\_list** (`Sequence[Path]`) –

**Return type**`None`

`pyffstream.cli.set_console_logger(verbosity, logfile)`

Set loglevel.

**Parameters**

- **verbosity** (`int`) –
- **logfile** (`pathlib.Path` | `None`) –

**Return type**`None`

`pyffstream.cli.setup_pyffserver_stream(fv)`

Communicate with a pyffserver API to set up encode session.

**Parameters**

**fv** (`EncodeSession`) –

**Return type**`None`

`pyffstream.cli.start_stream(fv)`

Start and track the actual encode.

**Parameters**

**fv** (`EncodeSession`) –

**Return type**`None`

`pyffstream.cli.status_wait(fv, futures)`

Wait on remaining background processes while showing status.

**Parameters**

- **fv** (`EncodeSession`) –
- **futures** (`Iterable[Future[Any]]`) –

**Return type**`None`

`pyffstream.cli.stream_file(fopts, args)`

Manage calculating of all stream parameters.

**Parameters**

- **fopts** (`FileOpts`) –
- **args** (`Namespace`) –

**Return type**`None`

`pyffstream.cli.win_set_local_ffmpeg(dltype, env)`

Set the ffmpeg instance to the app-local Windows copy.

If ffmpeg is not already available in `user_data_path`, offer to download it from a public repository.

**Parameters**

- **dtype** (`str`) –
- **env** (`dict[str, str]`) –

**Return type**

`None`

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A CLI wrapper for ffmpeg to stream files over SRT/RTMP. Also supports the api for a not (yet) open sourced pyffserver endpoint.



## INSTALLATION

To install pyffstream download a binary from [Github releases](#), or run this command in your terminal:

```
$ pip install pyffstream
```





## CLI USAGE

## 4.1 pyffstream

CLI frontend for streaming over SRT and RTMP.

```
usage: pyffstream [-h] [--config FILE] [--show-config-dirs] [-v]
                  [--logfile FILE] [-b BITRATE] [-M BITRATE] [-A BITRATE]
                  [--aencoder {aac,libfdk_aac,libopus}] [-o] [-p] [-i]
                  [-t TIMESTAMP] [-I OPT] [--pyffserver | --no-pyffserver]
                  [-y] [--srt-passphrase PASSWORD] [--srt-latency SEC]
                  [--protocol {rtmp,srt}] [-U URL] [-k KEY]
                  [-E DOMAIN[:PORT][PATH]] [-w] [-B]
                  [--hwaccel | --no-hwaccel] [-e] [--subfile FILE] [-s N]
                  [--suboffset TIMESTAMP] [-a N] [--vindex N] [--live]
                  [--fix-start-time | --no-fix-start-time]
                  [--soxr | --no-soxr] [--fifo | --no-fifo]
                  [--zscale | --no-zscale] [--fdk] [-f FILE] [-T LENGTH] [-D]
                  [--copy-audio] [--copy-video] [-c COPY] [-H] [-8]
                  [--h264-nvenc] [-x] [--preset PRESET] [--tune TUNE]
                  [--realtime | --no-realtime] [--pass N] [--passfile FILE]
                  [--vgop | --no-vgop]
                  [--vencoder {h264_nvenc,hevc_nvenc,libaom-av1,librav1e,libsvtav1,
↪ libvpx-vp9,libx264,libx265}]
                  [-u] [--slowseek] [-d]
                  [--framerate-multiplier FRAMERATE_MULTIPLIER] [-C]
                  [--croptime TIMESTAMP]
                  [--cleanborders LEFT RIGHT TOP BOTTOM]
                  [--croplength DURATION] [-V | --vulkan | --no-vulkan]
                  [--trust-vulkan | --no-trust-vulkan] [--vulkan-device NUM]
                  [--sw-filters FILTER] [-P OPT] [--vencoder-params PARAM]
                  [-z] [--subfirst | --no-subfirst] [--picsubscale ALGORITHM]
                  [--nodecimate | --paldecimate | --sixtyfps]
                  [--audio | --no-audio] [-n] [-N FILE] [-Q]
                  [--height HEIGHT | -4 | -2 | -7] [-K SEC] [--mono]
                  [--startdelay] [--endpad | --no-endpad] [--tempdir DIR]
                  [--shaders PATH_TO_SHADER]
                  [--system-ffmpeg | --downloaded-ffmpeg] [--redownload]
                  [--dltype {git,stable}] [--write]
                  [FILES ...]
```

### 4.1.1 optional arguments

- h, --help**  
show this help message and exit
- config <file>**  
Path to config file
- show-config-dirs**  
Print out config search locations
- v, --verbose**  
increase verbosity level
- logfile <file>**  
path to logfile to send output to
- p, --playlist**  
make ffconcat playlist from input files
- i, --print-info**  
print information about input file(s) instead of streaming
- t <timestamp>, --timestamp <timestamp>**  
timestamp to start stream from
- I <opt>, --preinput-opts <opt>**  
pass option ffmpeg before input (specify once/item)
- w, --wait**  
wait for keypress before starting stream
- fix-start-time, --no-fix-start-time**  
Fix start\_time of streams (default: True)
- c <copy>, --copy <copy>**  
pass a/v to copy audio/video
- slowseek**  
use slow ffmpeg seeking
- startdelay**  
delay stream start by 30 seconds
- endpad, --no-endpad**  
Pad end of stream with nothing to prevent early stream cutoff. (default: True)
- tempdir <dir>**  
directory to use for storing temporary files
- shaders <path\_to\_shader>**  
shader to use with vulkan (specify once for each shader to add) (default: [])
- system-ffmpeg**  
use system ffmpeg binaries instead of configured (default is system if unconfigured)

**--downloaded-ffmpeg**

Use downloaded local Windows ffmpeg instead of configured or system ffmpeg (default is to only use as a fallback)

**--redownload**

Redownload stored local Windows ffmpeg binaries

**--dltype** {git,stable}

Type of Windows ffmpeg binary to download (default: git)

**--write**

write chosen arguments as defaults to config if not already default

## 4.1.2 input arguments

**files**

list of input files and directories; if last argument is file already contained in input list, start list from that file

**-o, --obs**

get input from OBS pipe

**-B, --bluray**

input directory is bluray

**--hwaccel, --no-hwaccel**

Attempt to automatically use hw accelerated decoding if available (default: True)

**--live**

hint that input is live

**-D, --deep-probe**

pass extra args to probe input file deeper

**--nodecimate**

don't decimate 30 fps obs input to 24 fps

**--paldecimate**

decimate 30 fps obs input to 25 fps

**--sixtyfps**

don't halve 60 fps obs input to 30 fps

## 4.1.3 video arguments

**-b** <bitrate>, **--vbitrate** <bitrate>

encoding video bitrate (ffmpeg num) (default: 6M)

**-M** <bitrate>, **--max-vbitrate** <bitrate>

max encoding video bitrate (ffmpeg num) (default: vbitrate)

**--vindex** <n>

subindex of video stream to use (default: 0)

**--zscale, --no-zscale**

Use zimg library for scaling instead of ffmpeg's scale (default: False)

**--copy-video**  
copy video stream from input

**-H, --hevc-nvenc**  
encode with NVENC HEVC

**-8, --eightbit**  
encode with 8-bit HEVC (default 10-bit)

**--h264-nvenc**  
encode with NVENC H264

**-x, --x264**  
encode with x264

**--preset <preset>**  
preset to use for encoding

**--tune <tune>**  
tune parameter to use for supported encoders

**--realtime, --no-realtime**  
tune for realtime encoding on encoders that support it (default: False)

**--pass {1,2,3}**  
encoder pass

**--passfile <file>**  
multipass statistics file to use

**--vgop, --no-vgop**  
use variable GOP length and treat keyframe target as max (default: False)

**--encoder {h264\_nvenc,hevc\_nvenc,libaom-av1,librav1e,libsvtav1,libvpx-vp9,libx264,libx265}**  
video encoder to use (default: libx264)

**-u, --upscale**  
unconditionally scale video to target size

**-d, --deinterlace**  
deinterlace video

**--framerate-multiplier <framerate\_multiplier>**  
fraction to multiply framerate by (e.g. because a filter modifies it)

**-C, --crop**  
automatically crop video

**--croptime <timestamp>**  
timestamp to start crop calculation at (default: 600)

**--cleanborders <left> <right> <top> <bottom>**  
Clean up N pixels of border after crop

**--croplength <duration>**  
duration to estimate crop for (default: 60)

**-V, --vulkan, --no-vulkan**  
use vulkan processing path (default: False)

**--trust-vulkan, --no-trust-vulkan**  
whether to trust ffmpeg vulkan to do the right thing or use workarounds (default: False)

**--vulkan-device <num>**  
GPU device listing to use for vulkan HW context

**--sw-filters <filter>**  
pass software ffmpeg filter to filter chain start (specify once/filter)

**-P <opt>, --placebo-opts <opt>**  
pass option to vf\_libplacebo when using vulkan (specify once/opt)

**--vencoder-params <param>**  
pass option to params argument of encoders (specify once/param)

**--height <height>**  
target 16:9 bounding box encode height (default: 1080)

**-4, --res2160**  
set 4k encoding resolution

**-2, --res1440**  
set 1440p encoding resolution

**-7, --res720**  
set 720p encoding resolution

#### 4.1.4 audio arguments

**-A <bitrate>, --abitrage <bitrate>**  
encoding audio bitrate (ffmpeg num) (default: 256k)

**--aencoder {aac,libfdk\_aac,libopus}**  
audio encoder to use (default: aac)

**-a <n>, --aindex <n>**  
subindex of audio stream to use (default: 0)

**--soxr, --no-soxr**  
Use SoX resampler library instead of ffmpeg's avresample (default: False)

**--fdk**  
Use libfdk\_aac encoder

**--copy-audio**  
copy audio stream from input

**--audio, --no-audio**  
attempt to include audio in output (default: True) (default: True)

**-n, --anormalize**  
normalize audio (implied by -N and -Q)

**-N <file>, --normfile <file>**  
path to file to store audio normalization data

**-Q, --dynamicnorm**  
do one-pass audio normalization

**--mono**  
output audio in mono

### 4.1.5 subtitle arguments

**-e, --subs**  
enable subtitles

**--subfile <file>**  
path to external subtitles

**-s <n>, --sindex <n>**  
subindex of subtitle stream to use

**--suboffset <timestamp>**  
timestamp to offset subtitle timing by

**-z, --cropsecond**  
crop after subtitles are rendered

**--subfirst, --no-subfirst**  
render subtitles and crop video before scaling (default: False)

**--picsubscale <algorithm>**  
algorithm to use for scaling picture subtitles (default: bicubic)

### 4.1.6 output arguments

**--pyffserver, --no-pyffserver**  
use pyffserver as an API to send to (default: False)

**-y, --overwrite**  
overwrite output file if it already exists

**--srt-passphrase <password>**  
optional passphrase to use for SRT when not streaming to a pyffserver

**--srt-latency <sec>**  
SRT latency (default: 5.0)

**--protocol {rtmp,srt}**  
streaming protocol to use (default: srt)

**-U <url>, --api-url <url>**  
pyffserver API URL to use (default: from config)

**-k <key>, --api-key <key>**  
pyffserver API key to use (default: from config)

**-E** <domain[:port][path]>, **--endpoint** <domain[:port][path]>  
endpoint to stream to without protocol (default: from config)

**--fifo**, **--no-fifo**  
Use FIFO to try to sustain and stabilize the connection. (default: False)

**-f** <file>, **--outfile** <file>  
path to an output file to use instead of streaming

**-T** <length>, **--cliplength** <length>  
clip stream to this length

**-K** <sec>, **--keyframe-target-sec** <sec>  
target keyframe interval in seconds (default: 5.0)





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