

Preview Downloader

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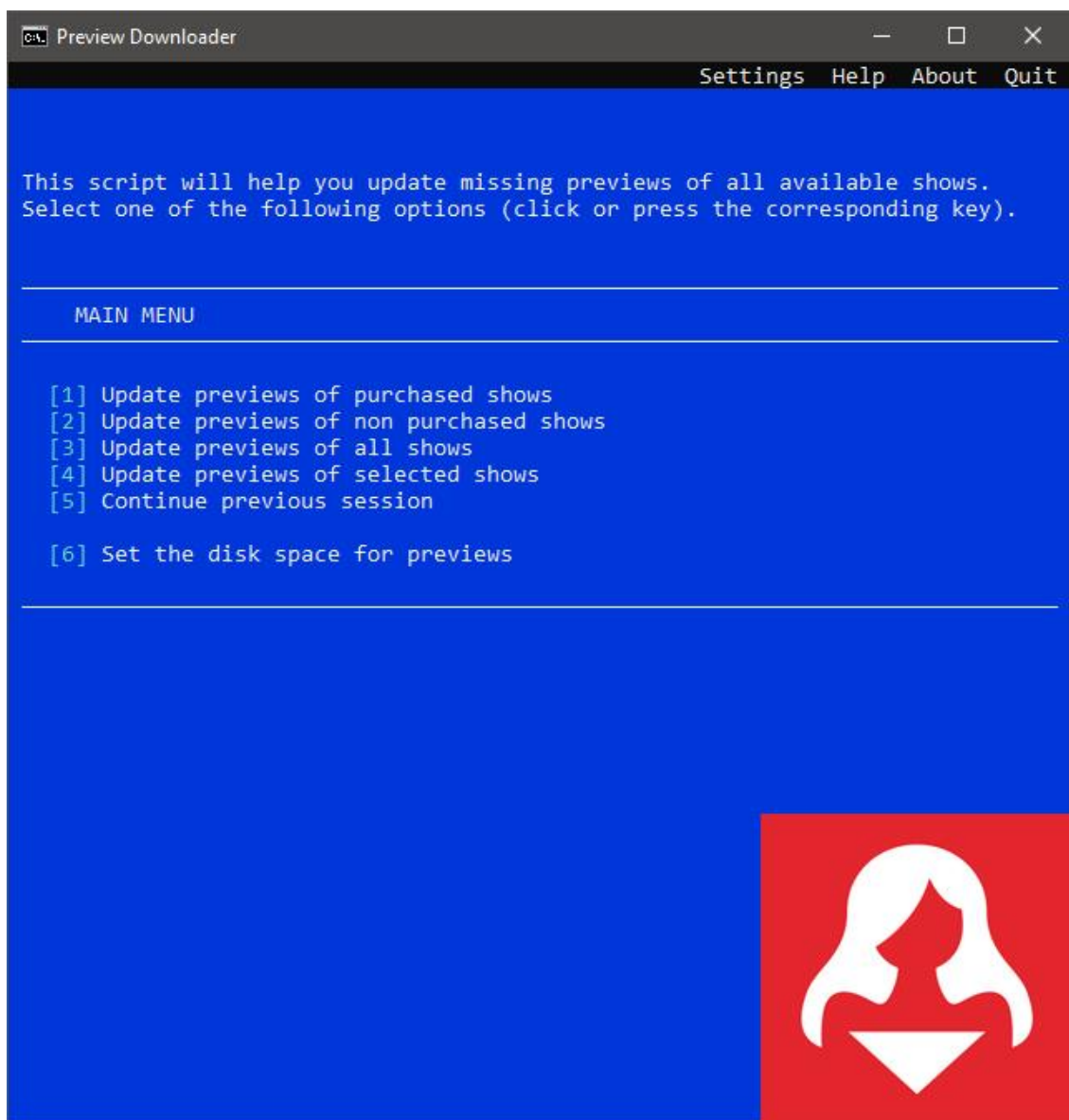


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1. About

Preview Downloader is a script that allows you to automatically download all free previews available in iStripper.

Downloading free previews using the iStripper program can be cumbersome and time-consuming. Every free preview has to be downloaded one at a time, which requires a lot of clicking. Downloading card previews that exist in the user's collection requires updating the entire show. The updated show, as well as the shows in queue, are inactive during this time and can not be played. Also, often instead of updating the preview itself, iStripper gets the entire show from scratch. This has a significant impact on the waiting time and unnecessarily consumes the transfer.

Preview Downloader saves time, transfer and patience of the user and reduces the number of clicks from several thousand to more than a dozen clicks! Preview Downloader only downloads missing free previews, not entire shows. While free previews are downloaded, it is still possible to play full shows, because your collection in iStripper is still active.

Preview Downloader works only on Windows systems. It has been tested with Windows 10 (32-bit), Windows 7 SP1 (64-bit) and Windows XP SP3 (32-bit), but should work with Windows Vista and Windows 8. The script was not tested on Windows 11. Preview Downloader works the same with each version of iStripper.

For the Preview Downloader script to work properly, the following requirements must be met:

- Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8 or 10,
- iStripper installed (any version),
- the **data** and **models** folders should be located in a directory to which the path does not contain special characters or diacritics (more on this subject in chapter **4.3. Diacritics and special characters**),
- disabled quick edit mode in the console settings (how to disable the quick edit mode: see chapter **4.5. Quick edit mode in the Windows console**),
- for Windows XP: **Windows XP Service Pack 2 Support Tools** from Microsoft installed (this add-on is provided with Preview Downloader),
- Internet access,
- recommended, but not necessary: account with administrator privileges.

2. Installation and uninstallation

Preview Downloader does not have an automatic installer. The script and its components are delivered in a zip package, which you just need to unpack to selected folder. There are two restrictions on folder paths:

- the path should be as short as possible. The script has path length restrictions. Paths longer than 255 characters may be truncated, so it is advisable to use shorter paths.
- the path should not contain diacritics and special characters. More information on diacritics in chapter **4.3. *Diacritics and special characters***.

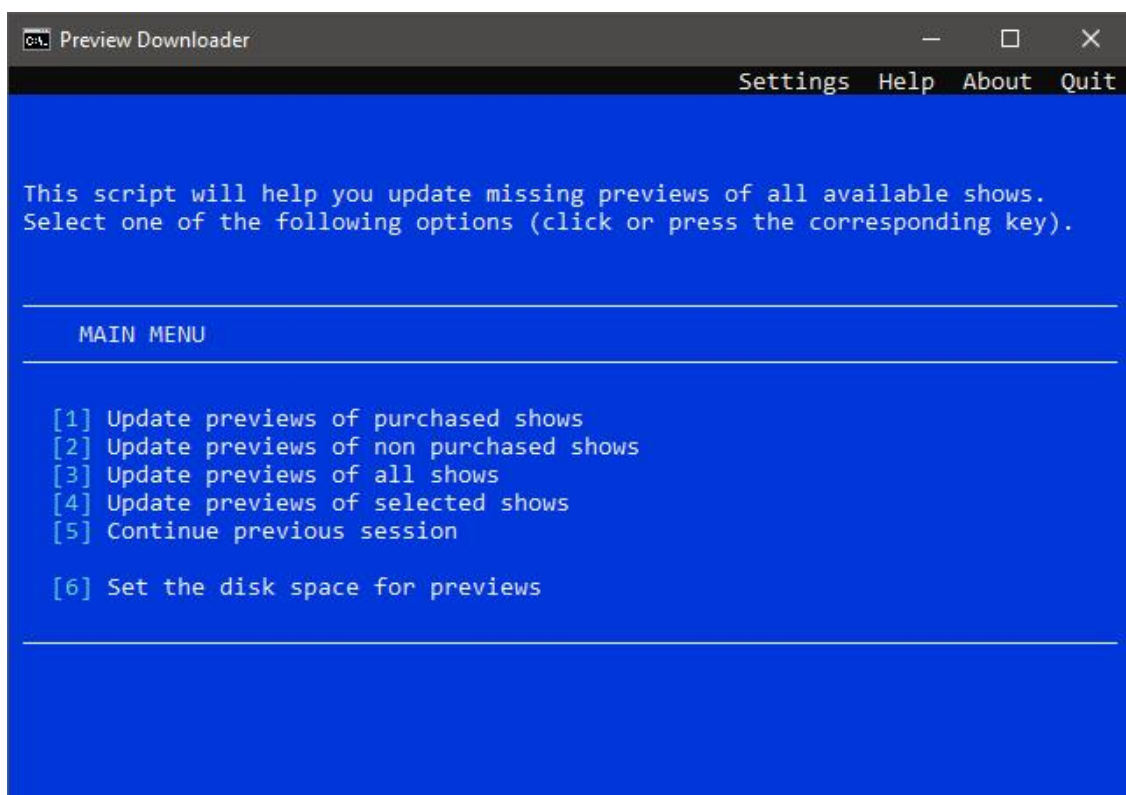
Depending on where Preview Downloader is to be extracted, administrator rights may be required. Therefore, it is recommended to extract the script using an account with administrator privileges, or to unpack it to a drive other than the system drive (usually C is the system drive).

To uninstall Preview Downloader, just delete the script folder with all its contents.

3. Running the script and GUI

The Preview Downloader script is a batch file that runs on a Windows console. It is an old and primitive technology for today, so the script's appearance is simple and its possibilities are limited. Despite the use of simple technology, the author of the script tried to make it as easy to use as possible, therefore the script was equipped with mouse support. The user can handle the script using the mouse and interactive buttons, as well as using the keyboard (a separate key is assigned to each action).

Run the script by double clicking the **downloader.bat** file. After running the script, the following window will appear on the screen:



Options available from the main menu:

Update previews of purchased shows - download free previews of only those shows that are in the user's collection (full shows have been purchased).

Update previews of non purchased shows - download free previews of only those shows that are not in the user's collection (full shows have not been purchased).

Update previews of all shows - download free previews of all shows, regardless of whether they are in the user's collection or not.

Update previews of selected shows - downloading free previews of shows selected by the user.

Continue previous session - resume the previous session if it was interrupted.

Set the disk space for previews - change the amount of disk space reserved for free previews.

Additional options available in the upper right corner of the window:

Settings - change settings of the Preview Downloader.

Help - display short help about the Preview Downloader.

About - display short information about the script and its author.

Quit - close the Preview Downloader script.

A more detailed description of each of the above options can be found in chapter **5. Manual**.

4. Requirements and additional information

For proper operation of the Preview Downloader it is required to meet several conditions, which are briefly mentioned in chapter **1. About**. This part of the document contains a more detailed description of the requirements.

4.1. Windows operating system

Preview Downloader was written in a scripting language typical for Windows and therefore it will work only on Windows systems.

The Preview Downloader script was supposed to work on as many Windows versions as possible. Although Windows XP is not supported by Microsoft for many years and less and less users use it, the iStripper program still works on Windows XP systems and that's why the Preview Downloader should be able to work with Windows XP as well.

Preview Downloader has been tested on computers with Windows XP SP3 (32-bit), Windows 7 SP1 (64-bit) and Windows 10 (32-bit). It was not tested on Windows Vista and Windows 8 due to lack of access to hardware with these systems. Due to the similarity of Windows Vista and Seven and the similarity of Windows 8 and 10, it was assumed that the Preview Downloader will also work on Windows Vista and Windows 8.

4.2. iStripper installed

After installing and running iStripper, it creates files, directories and entries in the Windows registry. The Preview Downloader uses the same files, directories and entries that iStripper created. If the user does not have an iStripper installed, then the files, directories and entries do not exist, so Preview Downloader will not be able to retrieve the information necessary for its proper functioning.

NOTE: After installation, iStripper must be started at least once so that it can download information about available shows from the server. This information will be saved in a file from which Preview Downloader will read the data.

4.3. Diacritics and special characters

Information about your collection, as well as files that make up the collection, are saved by iStripper in several directories. By default, these directories are:

```
C:\Users\username\AppData\Local\vghd\data\  
C:\Users\username\AppData\Local\vghd\models\
```

where **username** is your username in Windows.

The Preview Downloader script uses the above paths and files stored in them. Due to the technology in which the Preview Downloader was created, it is important that the above paths do not contain diacritics and special characters.

Diacritics are graphic symbols added to letters in the alphabets of some countries. Sometimes you can find other names such as "accent" or "accented character". These are all kinds of letters with acutes, graves, carons, such as ā, á, ě, é, ĺ, ž etc. Some users use these characters in their username. In addition, in some countries, the names of directories in Windows were localized (translated into the language of a given country) and, for example, the name "Users" could have been translated into a language that contains diacritics.

Paths containing diacritical characters will be incorrectly read by the Preview Downloader, as a result the script will not work correctly. The path may not be recognized and the script will think that the location with the given name does not exist. If the path to the **data** directory contains diacritics, Preview Downloader will not be able to read the data in it. If the path to the **models** directory contains diacritics, Preview Downloader will not be able to save the downloaded previews.

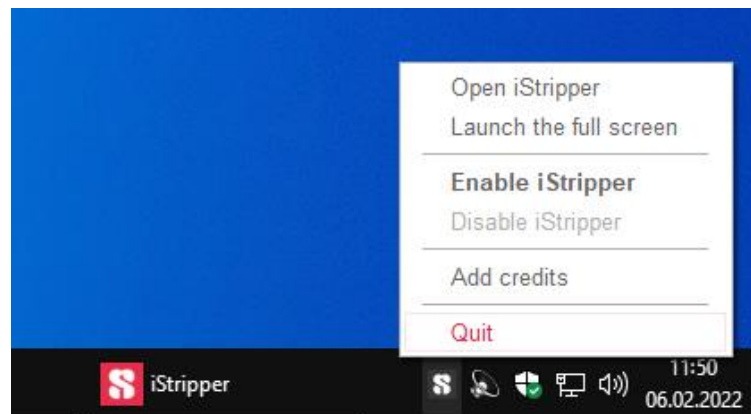
Therefore, it is recommended to use names that do not contain diacritics. If this can not be avoided, it is recommended to move the collection to directories whose name does not contain diacritics. The method of moving the collection is described in chapter **4.4. *Moving the collection to a new directory.***

When moving the collection to new directories user should pay attention to one more important thing. Paths to new directories should not contain the following special characters: ! (exclamation mark), % (percent), ^ (caret), & (ampersand). These are characters that have a special meaning in batch scripts, such as Preview Downloader. While executing a script, such characters may affect its functioning. As a result the script will perform an invalid operation that may lead to unexpected results.

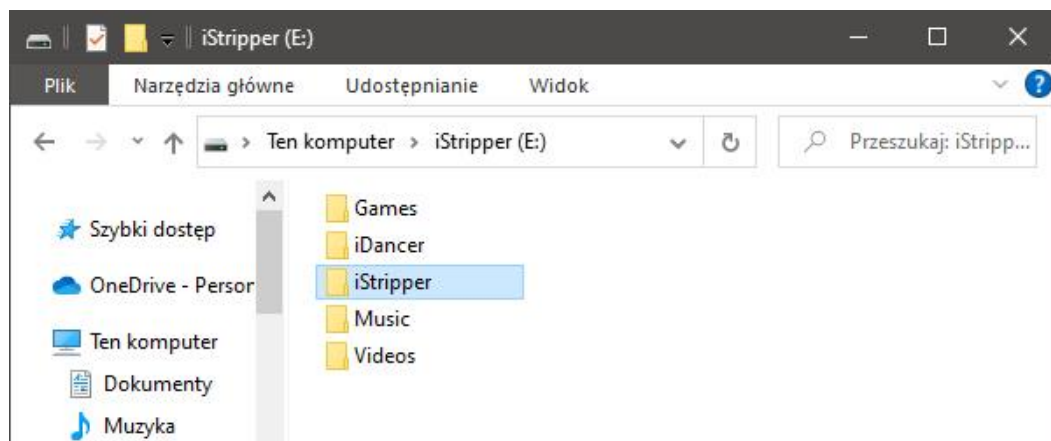
4.4. Moving the collection to a new directory

This chapter describes the method for manually moving a collection to a new location. It comes down to ten steps. Some of the steps described below require editing the Windows registry. Editing the registry is not recommended for people who do not know what the system's registry is and what the risk of its improper editing may be. It is recommended to strictly follow the steps described in this manual and do not make any other edits.

1. Close iStripper to make sure that no files are modified when you move the collection. To close iStripper, right-click the "S" icon in the system tray and select **Quit**.



2. Create a new folder to which the existing collection will be moved. Give it any name that will not contain diacritics and special characters, e.g. "iStripper". When creating a new folder, make sure that the selected disk has enough free space. It is recommended to choose a non-system disk.



3. Go to the directory where your collection is currently located. If you have never moved your collection before, it will be stored in the default iStripper installation directory. The default directory is:

in Windows Vista, 7, 8, 10 systems:

C:\Users\username\AppData\Local\vghd

or

%localAppData%\vghd

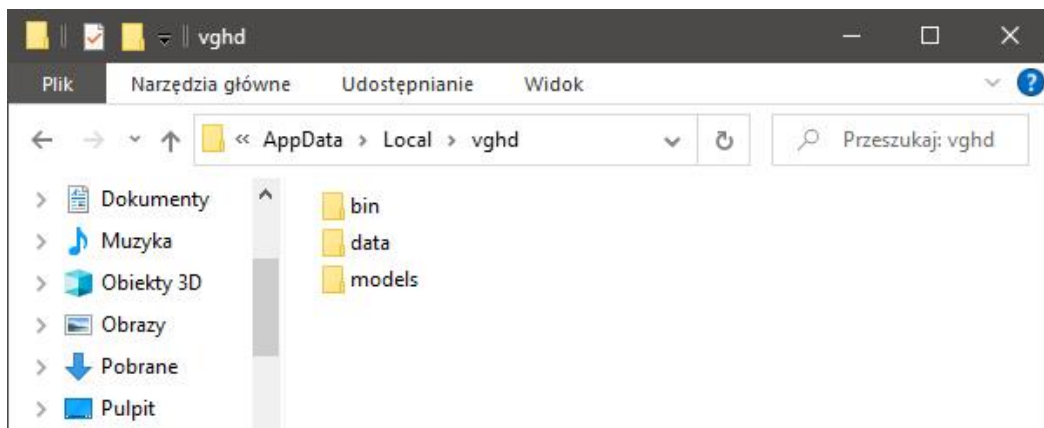
in Windows XP system:

C:\Documents and Settings\username\Local settings\Application data\vghd

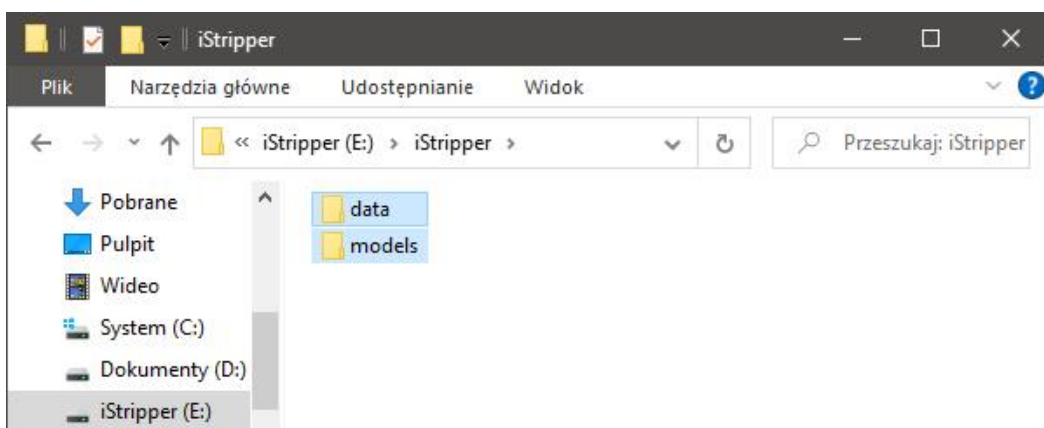
or

%userProfile%\Local settings\Application data\vghd

4. Inside there should be three folders named: **bin**, **data**, **models**. Select the **data** and **models** folders and cut them (Ctrl+X).



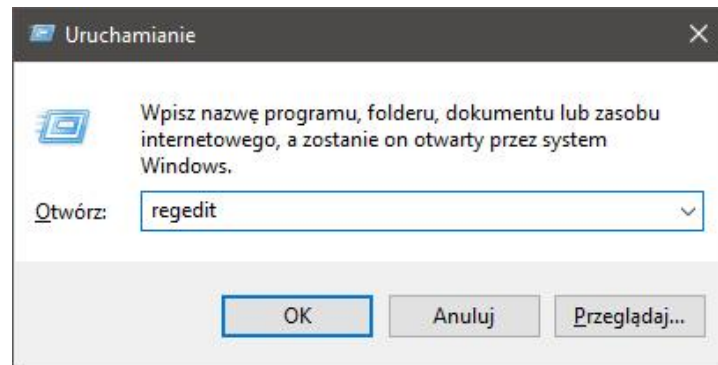
5. Return to the newly created folder to which you will move the collection. For the purposes of this example, we named it **iStripper**. Open it and paste the previously cutted **data** and **models** folders (Ctrl+V). Depending on the size of the collection, the transfer can take from several minutes to several hours.



6. When the collection is transferred, you can take the next step. It requires editing the Windows registry. The steps described here are considered advanced methods and are not recommended for users who don't know what the system's registry is and what the risk of its improper editing may be. It is recommended to strictly follow the steps described in this manual and do not make any other edits.

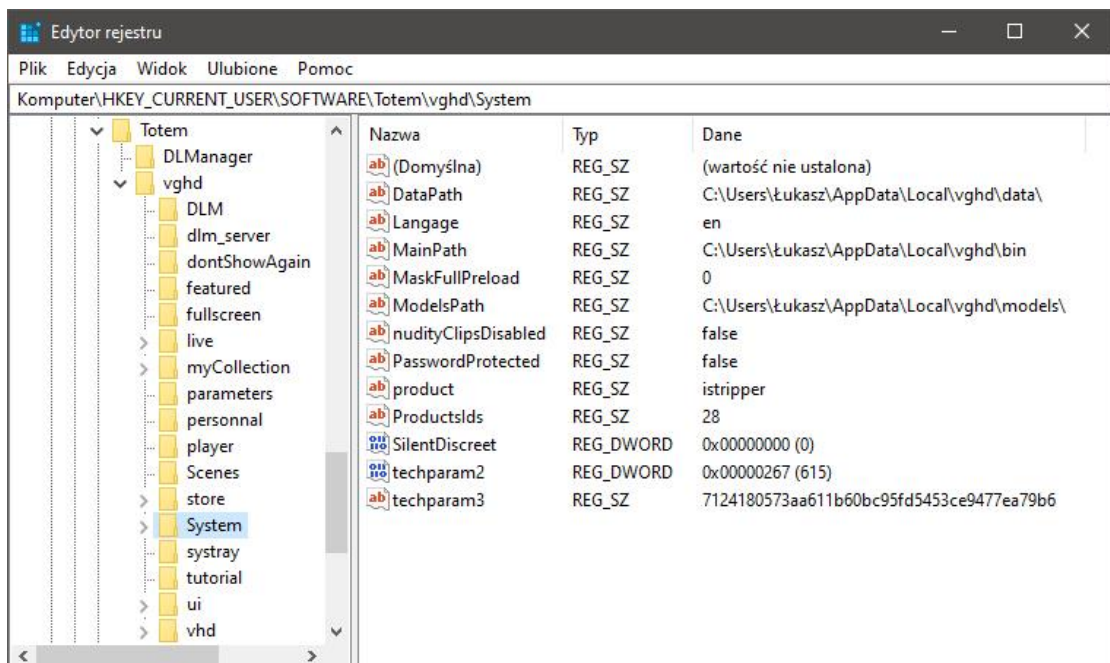
Open the registry editor. Depending on the version of Windows, the shortcut to the registry editor may be located in different places, which is why we will use a universal method that works identically in each version of the system, from Windows XP to Windows 10:

- press simultaneously **Windows Logo + R** keys on the keyboard,
- in the opened window, type "regedit" (without the quotes) and press **Enter** (or click **OK**).

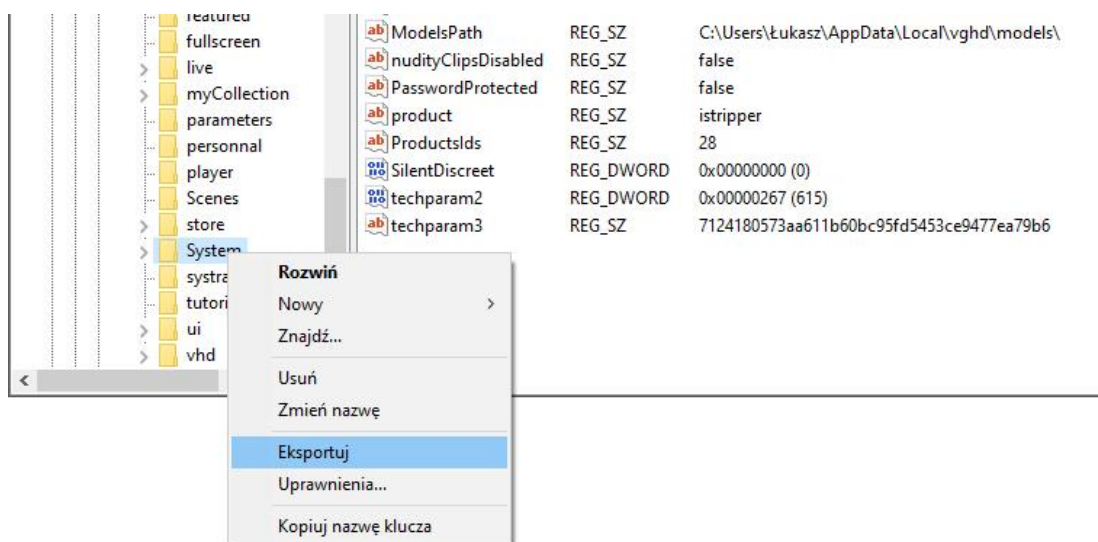


7. After opening the registry editor you will see a window divided into two main parts. The left part of the window shows the key tree. It looks similar to the folder tree in the Windows explorer. The right part, on the other hand, shows a set of variables in a given key. In the left part of the window (in the key tree), find the following key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Totem\vghd\System



8. Make a backup copy of the key in case something goes wrong while editing. Right-click on the **System** key and select **Export** (pl. "Eksportuj").

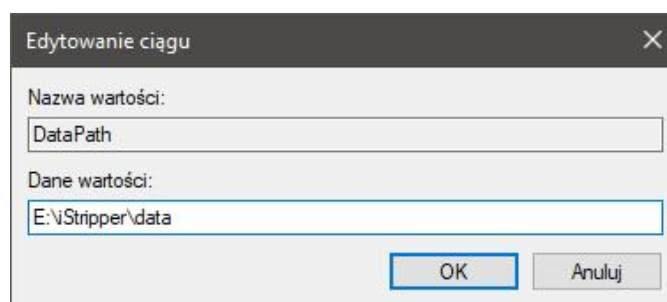


Select any name and location for the exported backup and click **Save**. The copy will be saved as a file with the **.reg** extension.

Additional information: In case something goes wrong while editing the registry, the **.reg** file can be used to restore previous settings. To restore the previous settings in case of an incorrect edit, simply double-click the **.reg** file and agree when asked about adding information to the registry.

9. In the right part of the window, locate two variables named **DataPath** and **ModelsPath**. These variables contain information about the paths to the **data** and **models** folders that you are currently moving. Change the value of each of the two variables one by one. Double-click with the left mouse button on the **DataPath** variable name. In the small window that appears, in the **Value data** field (pl. "Dane wartości"), enter (or paste) the path to the new **data** folder. For this example, it will be:

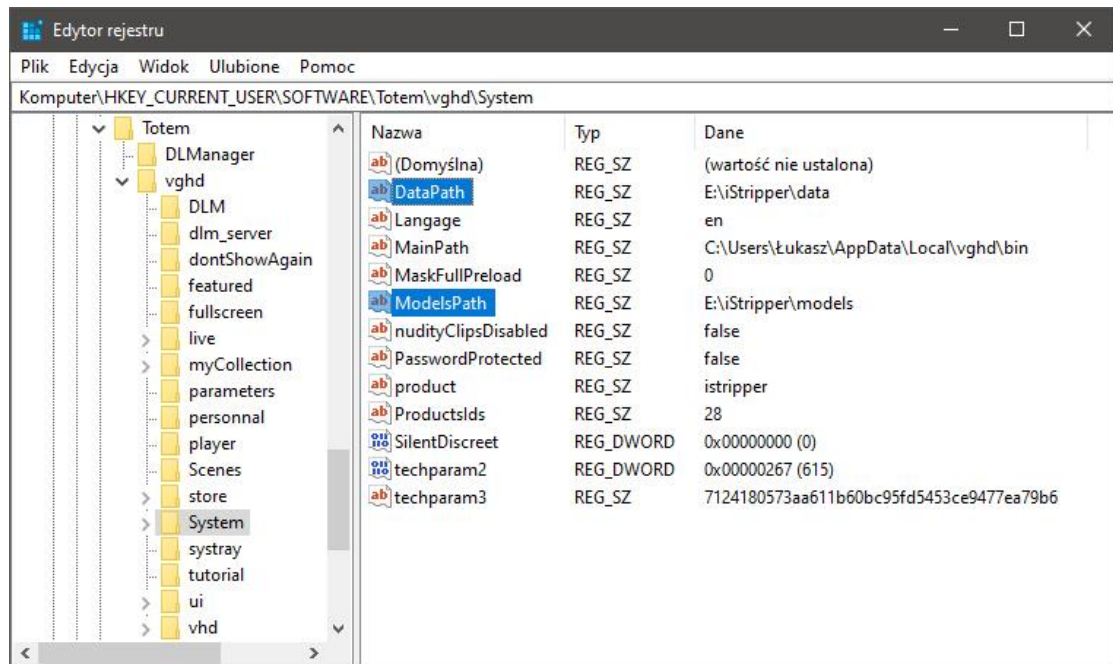
E:\iStripper\data



Click **OK** to save changes. Then edit the **ModelsPath** variable. Double-click on the name of the **ModelsPath** variable and in the window that appears, in the **Value data** field (pl. "Dane wartości"), enter (or paste) the path to the new **models** folder. In this example:

E:\iStripper\models

Click **OK** to save changes. Editing the registry is completed. New paths to folders containing your collection have been saved. You can close the registry editor window.

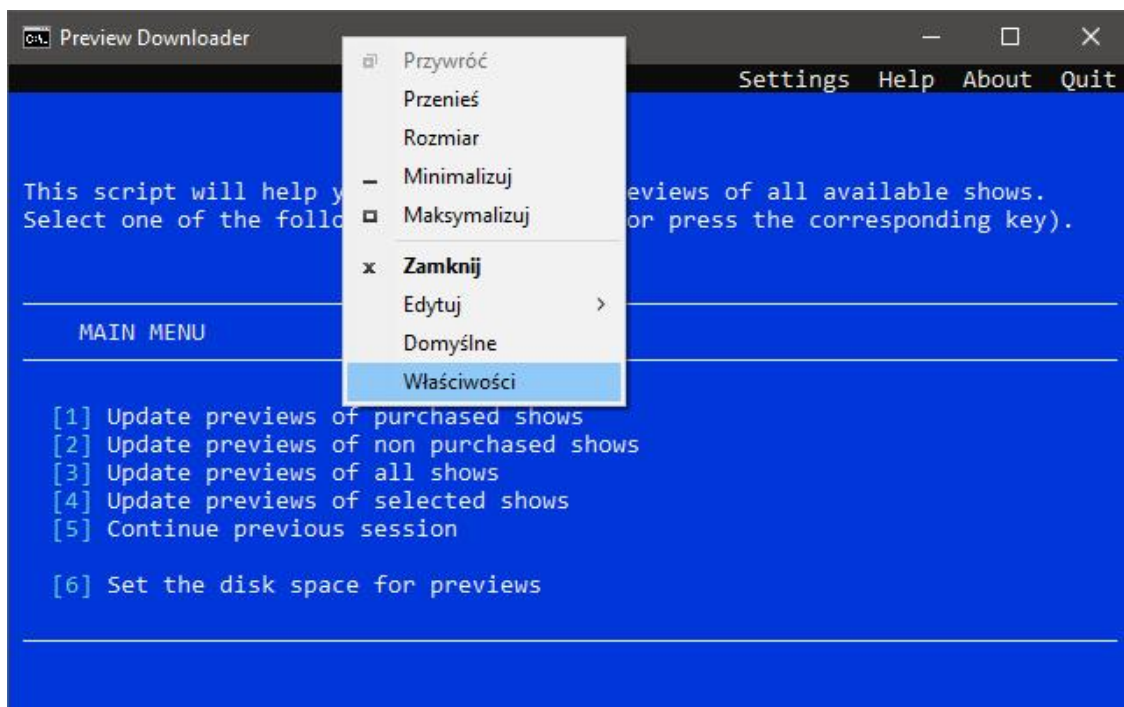


10. Wait for the file transfer to finish and run the iStripper program to make sure that the collection is read and played correctly.

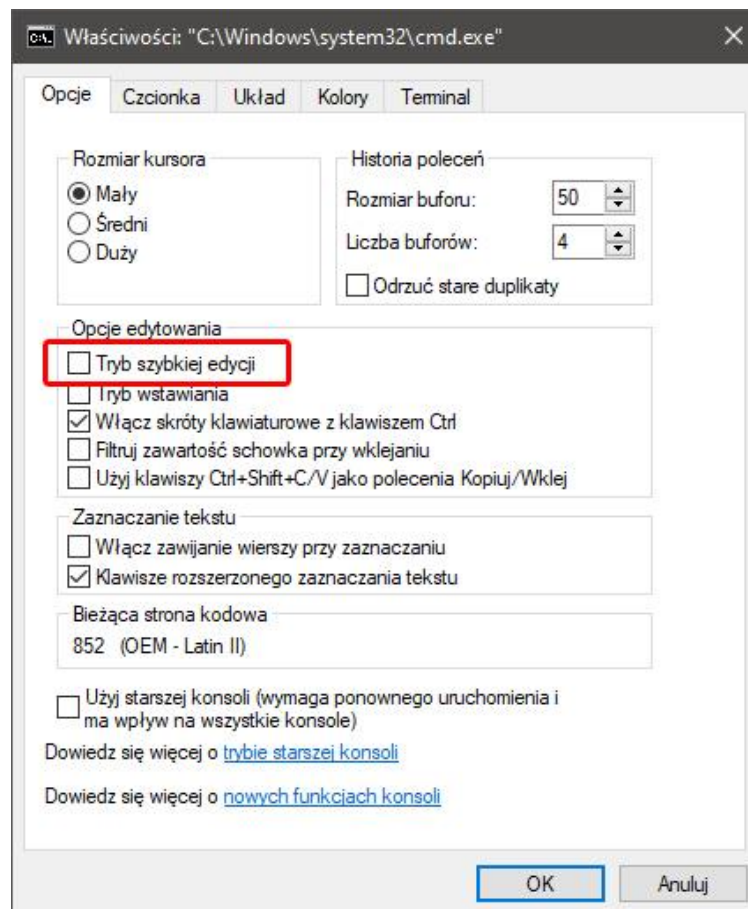
4.5. Quick edit mode in Windows console

On some versions of Windows, the console has the **Quick Edit Mode** enabled by default. This mode allows you to select text in the console window with the mouse. Unfortunately, enabling the quick editing mode makes it impossible to use the Preview Downloader with the mouse. If, after running the script, the buttons are inactive and dragging the mouse with left button pressed will highlight the text, it means that the quick edit mode is enabled. To disable it, follow the instructions below.

1. Launch Preview Downloader and right-click on the title bar. From the available options in the menu, select **Properties** (pl. "Właściwości").



2. In the Properties window, go to the **Options** tab and locate the **Quick Edit Mode** option (pl. "Tryb szybkiej edycji"). If it is checked, uncheck it and click **OK**.



3. It seems that the quick edit mode is still active, because it is still possible to select the text with the mouse. However, you just need to right-click anywhere in the console window area and the quick edit mode will be turned off. Now it will be possible to control Preview Downloader with the mouse.

4.6. Windows XP Service Pack 2 Support Tools Add-on

This chapter applies only to Windows XP users.

To make the Preview Downloader work properly in Windows XP, it is necessary to install **Windows XP Service Pack 2 Support Tools** from Microsoft. This add-on contains a set of tools, including **bitsadmin.exe** - a tool for downloading files over the Internet. Thanks to the bitsadmin.exe tool, Preview Downloader can download free previews from the iStripper server. If bitsadmin.exe does not exist on the system, Preview Downloader will not be able to download free previews.

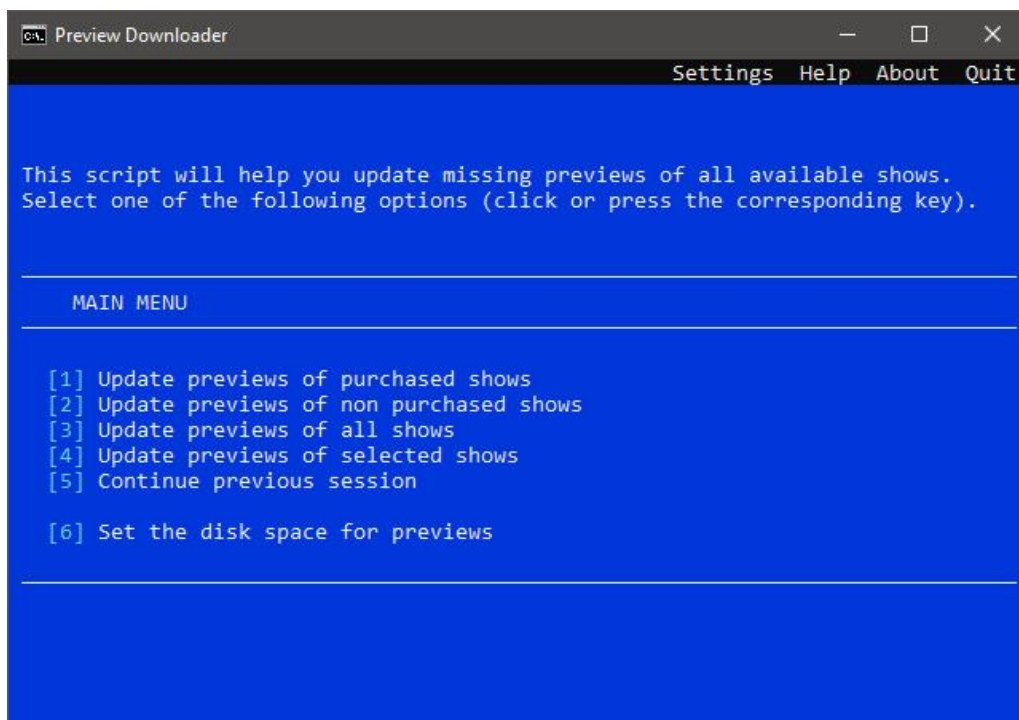
Windows Vista and newer systems are equipped with the bitsadmin.exe utility by default. Windows XP didn't have one. The tool has been released with the Windows XP Service Pack 2 Support Tools add-on. This add-on is included in the Preview Downloader package.

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In short, launching the download process comes down to specifying the range of previews to be downloaded and clicking the Start now button. Things like setting the target directory or selecting the quality of the downloaded previews are done automatically based on the iStripper settings and information stored in the system registry. User will be asked to manually enter the destination path to the **models** directory only if none of the default paths are found (eg when the directory has been deleted or the external drive has been disconnected).

5.1. Automatic download of free previews

Due to the fact that the first three functions of the script are similar in both functioning and handling, they have been described in one chapter. These functions are: **Update previews of purchased shows**, **Update previews of non purchased shows** and **Update previews of all shows**.



All three functions are used to automatically download free previews. The difference between them is that each downloads a different set of previews.

1. **Update previews of purchased shows** - This function is used to download free previews of only those shows that are in the user's collection (they were purchased by the user). The previews of the other shows will be skipped.

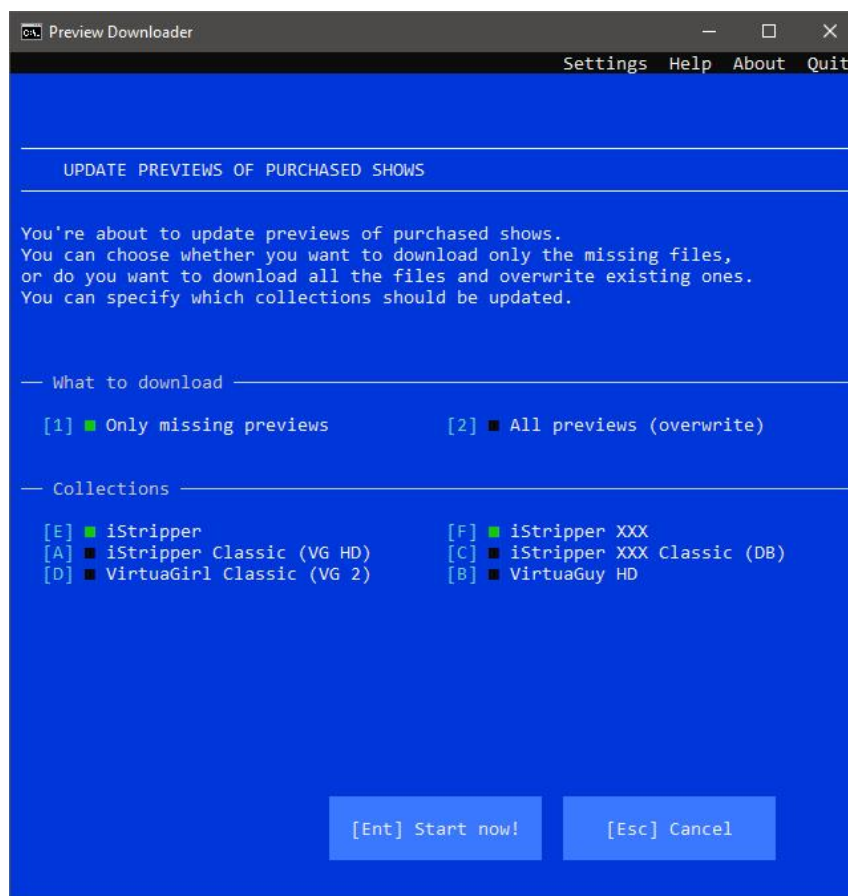
2. **Update previews of non purchased shows** - This function is used to download free previews only of those shows that are not in the user's collection (full shows have not been purchased). The previews of the other shows will be skipped.
3. **Update previews of all shows** - This function is used to download free previews of all shows, regardless of whether they are in the user's collection or not.

Depending on which set of previews you are interested in, click one of the first three options in the main menu (or press **1**, **2** or **3**):

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[1] Update previews of purchased shows
[2] Update previews of non purchased shows
[3] Update previews of all shows
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You will be taken to the second (and last) step, where you will be able to set additional download parameters.

In the **What to download** section, you can specify whether to download only missing files or to download all files overwriting existing ones. If you want to download only the missing previews, click **Only missing previews** (or press **1**). If you want to download all previews overwriting existing ones, click **All previews (overwrite)** option (or press the **2** key). The selected option will be marked with a green box.



In the **Collections** section, you can specify which collections should be included when downloading previews. Six collections are available:

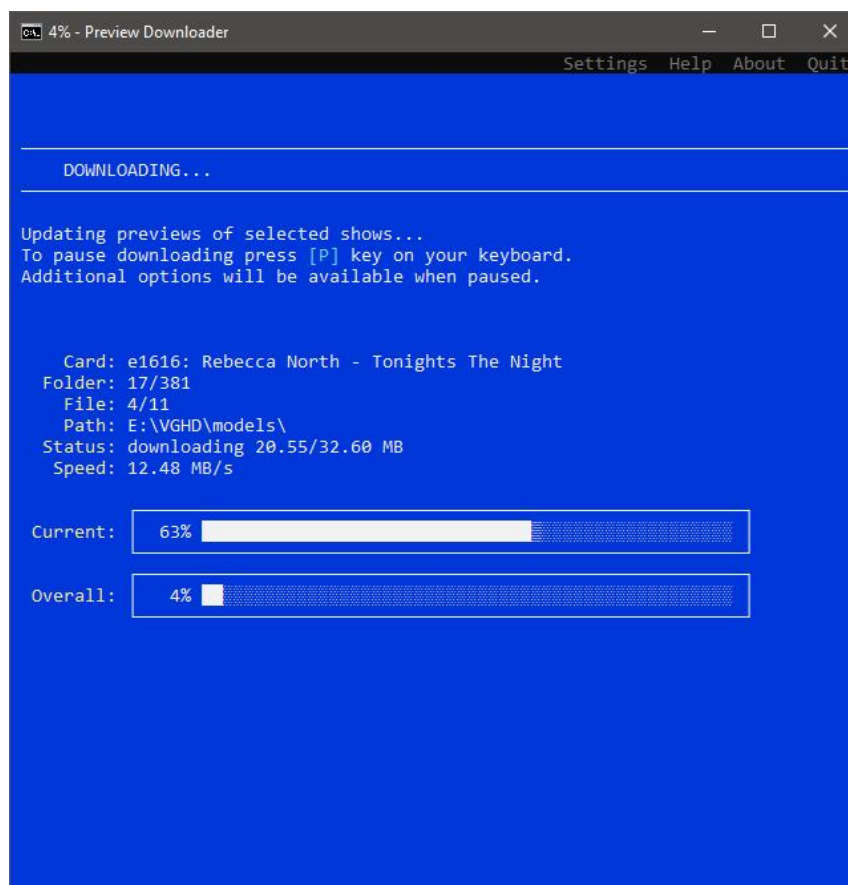
- **iStripper** - "e" series shows,
- **iStripper XXX** - "f" series shows,
- **iStripper Classic** - formerly VirtuaGirl HD, "a" series shows,
- **iStripper Classic XXX** - formerly DeskBabes, "c" series shows,
- **VirtuaGirl Classic** - formerly VirtuaGirl 2, "d" series shows,
- **VirtuaGuy HD** - "b" series shows.

You can choose several collections simultaneously by clicking on the collection of your choice or by pressing the corresponding key. Selected collections will be marked with a green box.

If you are ready to start the download, click **Start now!** button (or press the **Enter** key). The download process will start.

5.2. Download progress

The download progress is displayed while downloading the previews. The screen looks like this:



When downloading previews, the following informations are displayed:

- **Card** - information about the card, including the card number, model name and title of the show (taken from the names.xml file),
- **Folder** - the number of the currently updated folder and the total number of all folders to be updated,
- **File** - the number of the currently downloaded file and the number of all files included in the currently downloaded preview,
- **Path** - the target path where the preview is saved,
- **Status** - current status,
- **Speed** - approximate download speed,
- **Current** - progress bar of the current preview,
- **Overall** - progress bar of the entire process.

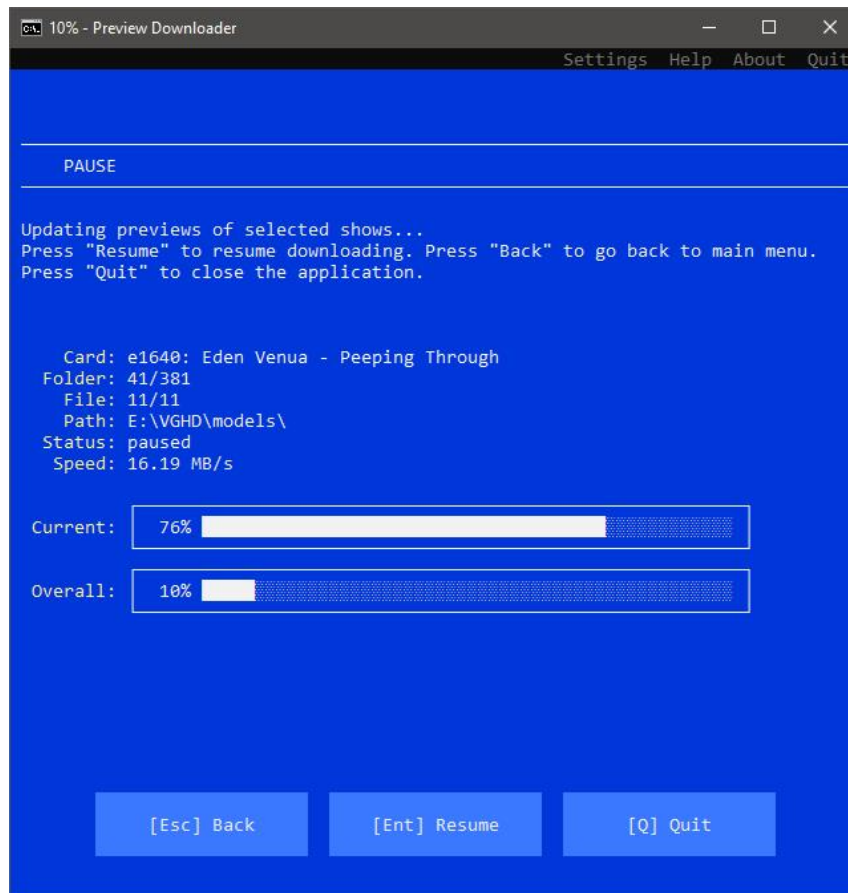
Information displayed in the **Status** field:

- **fetching file size** - displayed immediately before downloading each subsequent preview. When this message is displayed, the script downloads a list of files included in the preview and information about their total size,
- **downloading 00.0/00.0 MB** - displayed while downloading the preview. It shows the downloaded amount of data and the total size of files to be downloaded,
- **already downloaded, skipping** - displayed when option **Only missing previews** was selected. The preview already exists on the hard disk and will be skipped,
- **not in collection, skipping** - displayed when option 1 (**Update previews of purchased shows**) was selected. The currently processed show is not in the user's collection and will be skipped,
- **in collection, skipping** - displayed when option 2 (**Update previews of non purchased shows**) was selected. The currently processed show is in the user's collection and will be skipped,
- **preview not exist, skipping** - displayed when the preview of the processed show doesn't exist (eg. the collection of files included in the preview is empty, the show with the given identifier does not exist, the show has been removed from the store, the show is not yet available in the store),
- **paused** - displayed when user has paused downloading.

If you lose connection with the server, Preview Downloader will take three attempts to reconnect. The first attempt will occur after 10 seconds from the loss of connection, the second attempt after the next 20 seconds, the third attempt after the next 30 seconds. If the connection can not be reestablished in any of the attempts, the script will proceed to the next preview in the queue. After the download process is complete, user will be informed that some of the previews have not been downloaded due to loss of connection. In addition, the information about lost connection will be recorded in logs (more on the logs in chapter **5.9. Logs**).

5.3. Pause and resume downloading

Preview Downloader allows you to pause downloads. To pause the download, press the **P** key on the keyboard. Pausing the download will not take place immediately. Sometimes it may have a delay of a few seconds. This is the normal behavior of the script. After the download has been paused, the buttons will allow you to safely cancel the download (**Back** button), safely close the script (**Quit** button) and resume downloading (**Resume** button). The "paused" text will be displayed in the **Status** field.

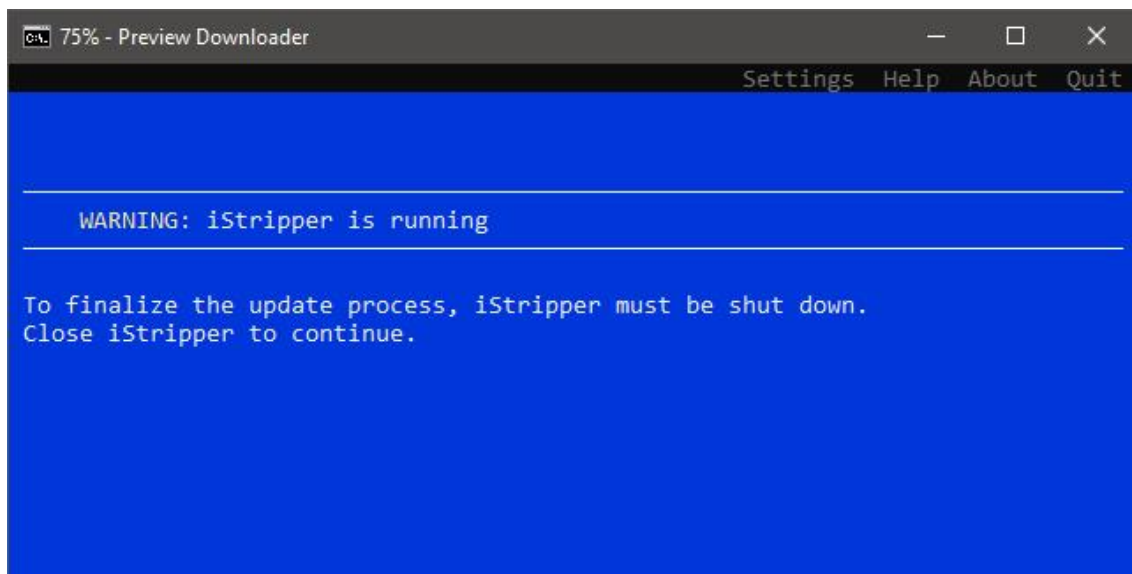


NOTE: The pause function may not work on some Windows XP systems, while on slower computers the delay after pressing the **P** key may be longer. If the pause function does not work, you can workaround the problem by pausing execution of the script. The effect will be similar - the download will be paused. To pause the execution of the script, press the **Pause** key or the **Ctrl+S** combination on the keyboard. No additional buttons will be displayed, and the status in the **Status** field will not change, but this solution should be good enough if you want to stop downloading for some time. To resume the script, press any key on the keyboard.

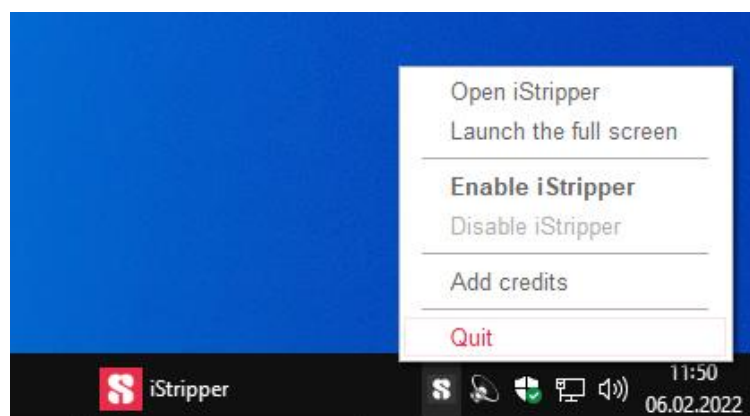
5.4. Finalizing the download

Once the download is complete, it will be necessary to refresh the **models.lst** file so that iStripper can "see" new files. The models.lst file is located in the **data** folder mentioned in section 4.3.

Diacritics and special characters. Preview Downloader is not able to refresh the contents of the models.lst file, but is able to force the iStripper program to do it. Refreshing the file involves deleting the old copy so that iStripper is forced to recreate the file. In order for the Preview Downloader to delete the models.lst file, iStripper must be shut down for a moment. If Preview Downloader detects an iStripper running, it will inform the user about that and ask user to close iStripper. The following message will be displayed:



At this point, it will be necessary to close the iStripper program. Please note that closing iStripper by hiding it in the system tray is not enough. To close iStripper, right-click the "S" icon in the system tray and select **Quit**.

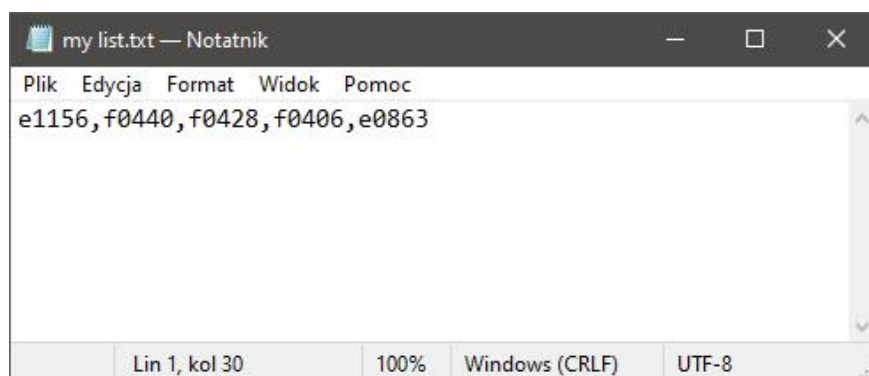


Preview Downloader will detect that iStripper has been closed. It will then delete the models.lst file and display the message that the download process has finished.

NOTE: The message about running iStripper will not be displayed if user has selected additional action after completion of the download process. Additional actions are available on **Settings** page, in the **When completed** section. These actions are: **Close application**, **Log off user**, **Shut down computer**. If one of the above options is active, Preview Downloader will force the iStripper to close, then delete the models.lst file and perform the action selected by user (it will close itself, log off the user or turn off the computer). Additional actions are described in chapter **5.8. Settings**.

5.5. Downloading selected previews

Thanks to the Preview Downloader, it is possible to download a set of previews defined by the user. In order to use this function, a list of shows must be prepared in advance. The list should be saved as a text file with **.txt** extension. The list should contain card identifiers separated by commas, semicolons, spaces or a newline characters (one ID per line). An example of such list created in Notepad is shown in the figure below.

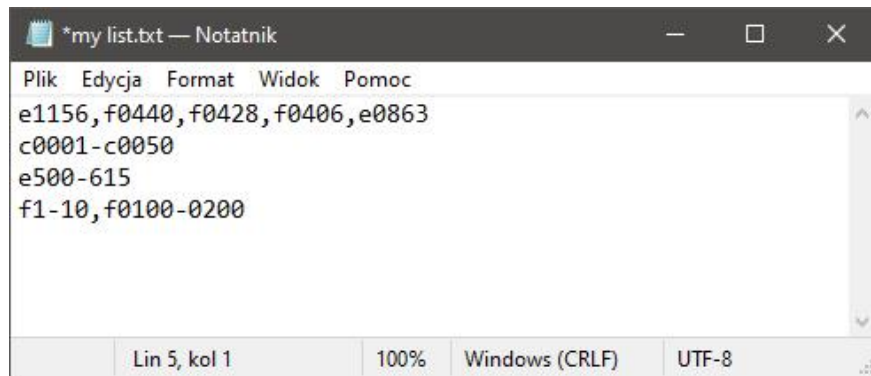


In addition to individual identifiers, ranges of cards can be entered in the text file. The range should be given as two identifiers separated with dash, eg the range of e0001-e0150 includes all shows with IDs from e0001 to e0150 (inclusive).

The range of identifiers can be specified in three different ways, e.g.:

- e0001-e0150 - two full IDs, containing a letter identifying the collection and a four-digit number with leading zeros,
- e0001-0150 - the first ID is full identifier, the second one is number, without the letter,
- e1-150 - one letter identifying the collection and the range of numbers without leading zeros.

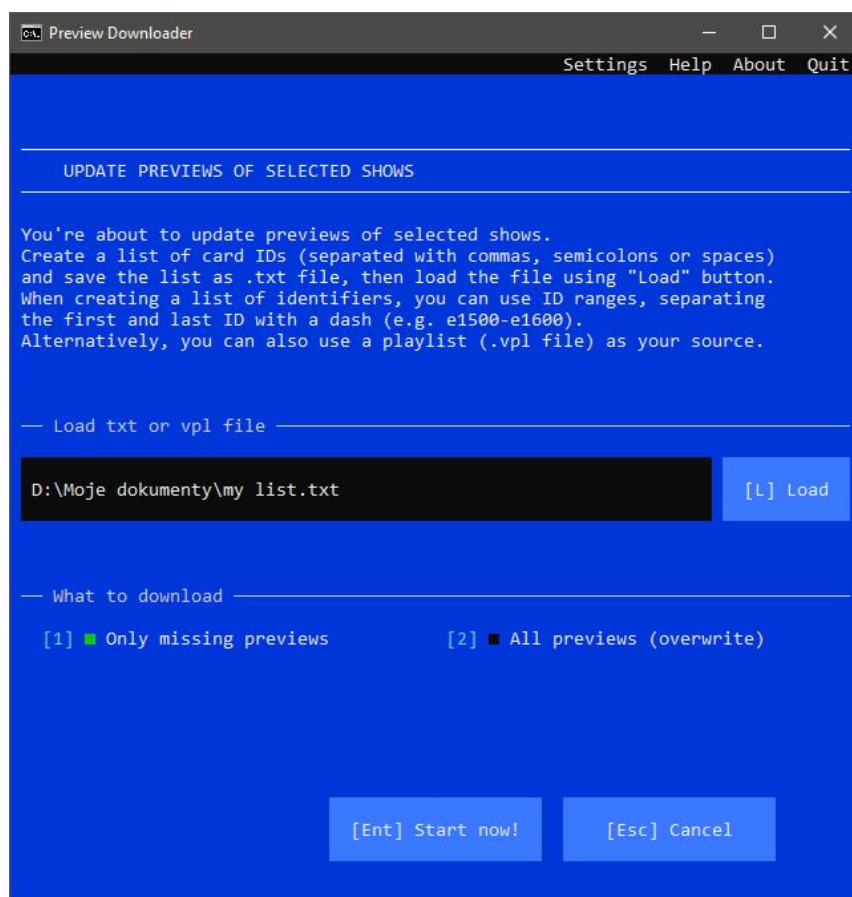
Each of the above forms is correct and represents the same range. An example of a list containing both single identifiers and ranges is shown in the figure below.



Having the list of shows prepared, launch Preview Downloader and select option 4 in the main menu:

[4] Update previews of selected shows

You will be asked to provide the path to your list. Click the **Load** button (or press the **L** key) and find your text file in the file selection window. Select your file and click **Open**.



You can also use iStripper playlists (files with the **.vpl** extension) as a source of identifiers. Loading a vpl file is similar to loading a list from a text file. To load a vpl file, click the **Load** button (or press the **L** key), in the file selection window, change the type of displayed files to "iStripper playlists (*.vpl)" and find your playlist. Select the file and click **Open**. The script will extract the unique IDs of the shows from the playlist and download their previews.

In the **What to download** section you can specify whether to download only the missing files or to download all files overwriting the existing ones. If you only want to download the missing files, click the **Only missing previews** option (or press the **1** key). If you want to download all files and overwrite the existing ones, click the **All previews (overwrite)** option (or press the **2** key). The selected option will be marked with a green square.

If you're ready to start the download, click the **Start now!** button (or press the **Enter** key). The script will process the list and check if given identifiers are correct. Wrong identifiers will be removed from queue. The download process will start.

The download progress will look as described in chapter **5.2. Download progress**. When the download is completed, the process will be finalized as described in chapter **5.4. Finalizing the download**.

TRIVIA: With the option of defining your custom list of IDs, it becomes possible to download previews of exclusive shows, so-called Special Event Card (current version of the iStripper program does not allow this). In addition, you can download previews of upcoming shows that have not yet been released (if they already exist on iStripper server).

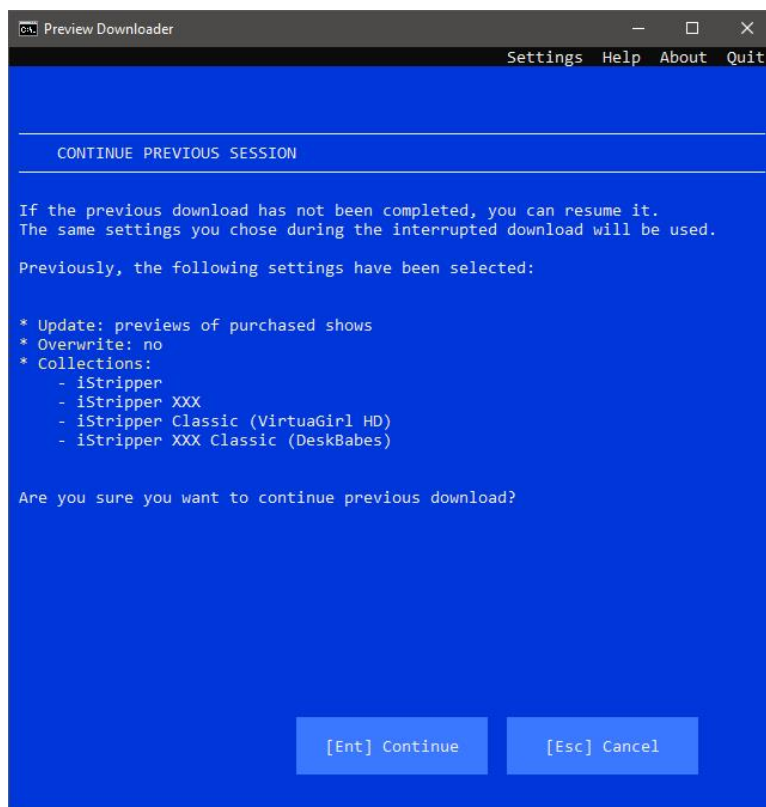
5.6. Resuming the previous session

A session is any separate download process. Preview Downloader saves information about the state of the session on an ongoing basis. Thanks to those informations, it is possible to resume the download process in case of unexpected interruption. The resumed process uses the same settings that were selected in the previous session. Download process starts from the show where the previous download was interrupted.

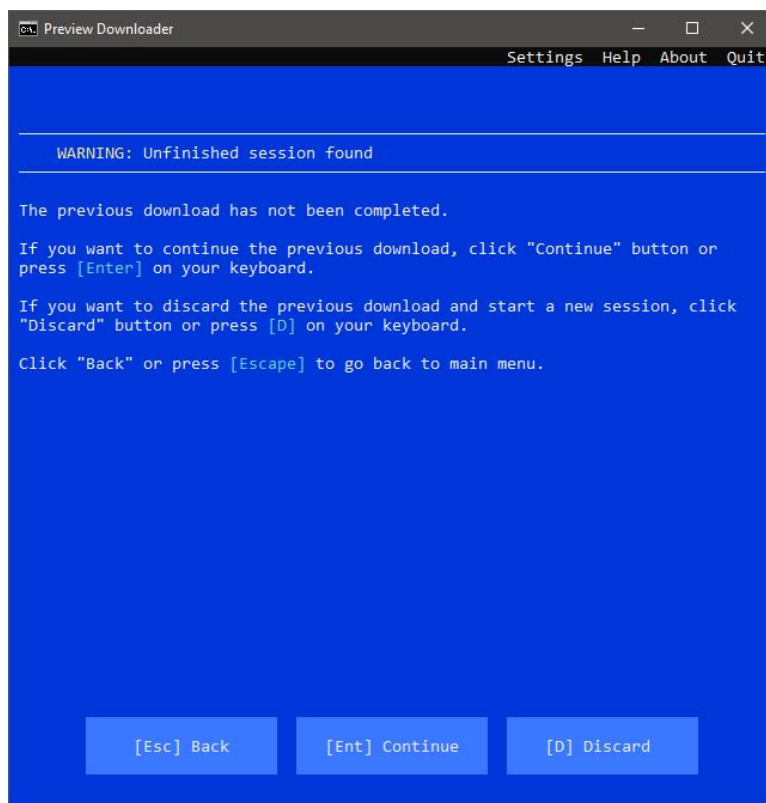
To resume interrupted download, select option 5 in the main menu:

```
[5] Continue previous session
```

The information about settings selected in the previous session will be displayed. Click the **Continue** button (or press the **Enter** key) to continue downloading.



If the previous session wasn't finished and user tried to start a new download process (new session), a warning about incomplete session will be displayed. Click the **Continue** button (or press the **Enter** key) to continue the unfinished download. If you want to discard the previous session and start a new download, click the **Discard** button (or press the **D** key).



5.7. Changing the amount of disk space for previews

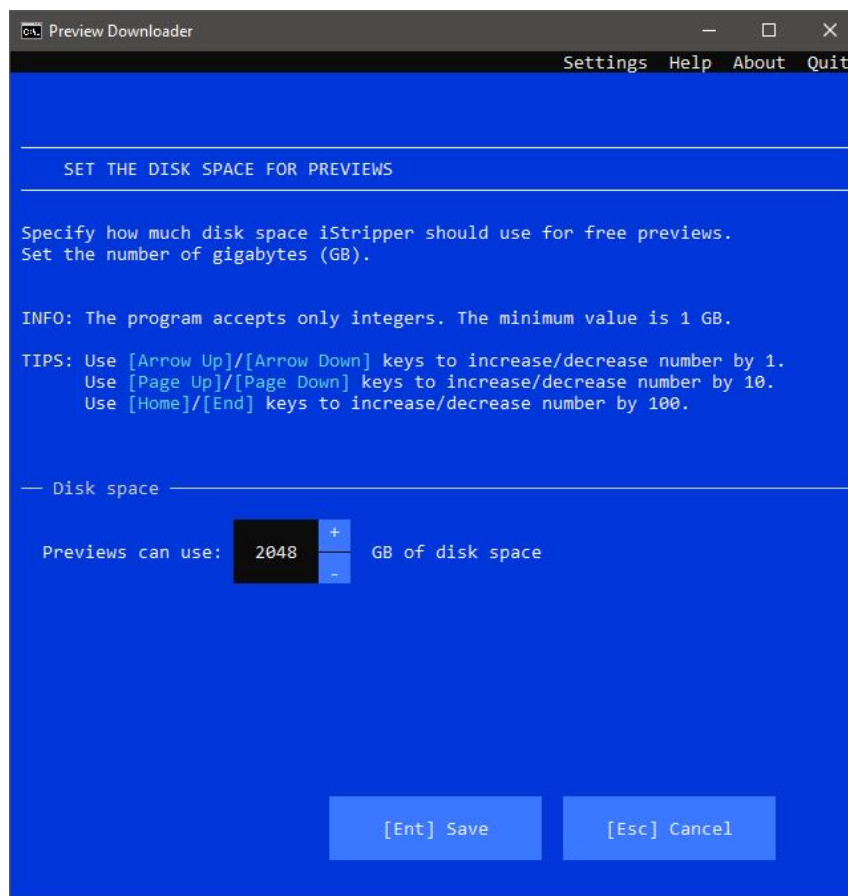
The iStripper program has a built-in mechanism that controls the amount of space occupied by free previews. Free previews downloaded by iStripper, like any other files, take up a certain amount of disk space. When the total size of all downloaded previews exceeds a certain value, iStripper removes all previews and frees up disk space. All previews of the shows that were purchased and are in user's collection will also be removed. The default disk space for previews is initially unknown because iStripper does not display it anywhere. In addition, iStripper doesn't provide an option to change this value.

The Preview Downloader comes to help. It has a function that allows you to easily change the amount of disk space reserved for previews. If you don't want iStripper to delete free previews without your knowledge and without your permission, this is a useful feature for you.

To change the amount of disk space for previews, select option 6 in the main menu:

```
[6] Set the disc space for previews
```

In the next screen you will be able to change this setting.



The value in the **Disk space** field is an integer expressed in gigabytes (GB). The minimum value that can be set is 1 GB, and the maximum is 9999 GB (over 9 TB). Use the + (plus) and - (minus) buttons to change the value. You can also use the keys on the keyboard to change the value:

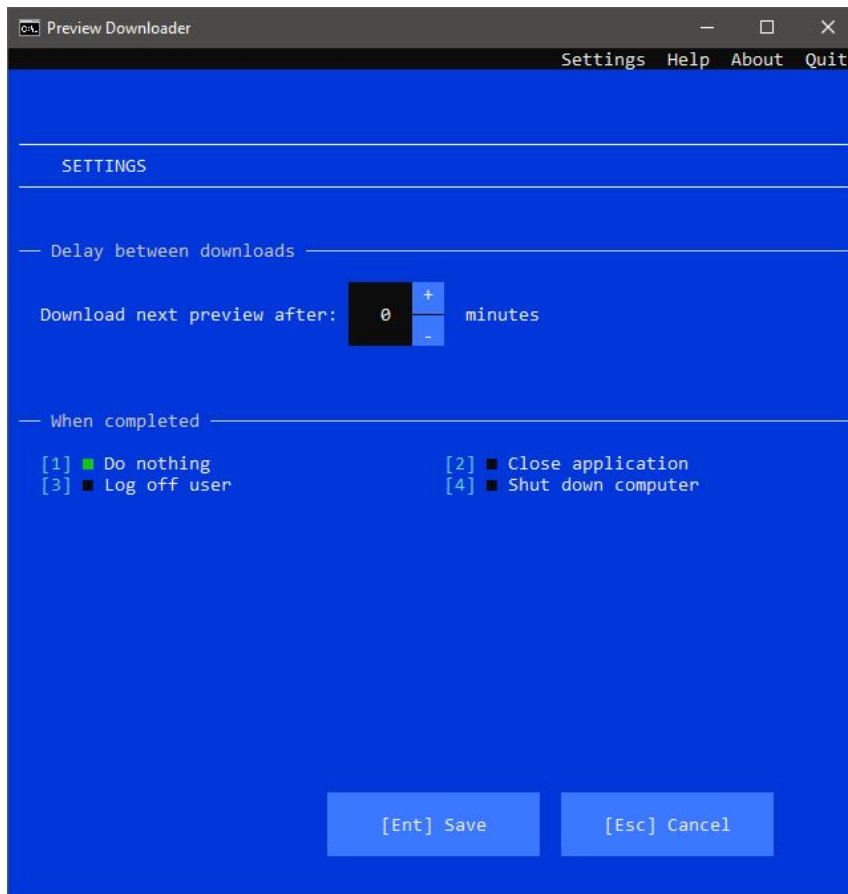
- **Arrow Up / Arrow Down** - increase / decrease the value by 1,
- **Page Up / Page Down** - increase / decrease the value by 10,
- **Home / End** - increase / decrease the value by 100.

To save the new value, click the **Save** button (or press the **Enter** key). The new value will be saved in the system's registry, and confirmation will be displayed.

TIP: If you don't want iStripper to delete the preview without your permission, set a value that exceeds the capacity of your hard drive. You can also set the maximum available value (9999 GB). Currently, the total size of all free previews available on iStripper server (in the highest available quality) is about 115 gigabytes (data as of May 12, 2019). Remember that the total size of all previews will increase with the new shows coming to iStripper store.

5.8. Settings

Preview Downloader has several options to control the behavior of the script. Click the **Settings** button in the upper right corner of the window (or press the **S** key) to display the settings page.



Available options:

Delay between downloads - allows you to set a delay of a few minutes between downloads. The script waits the specified time before downloading each subsequent preview. The value is expressed in minutes. The minimum value that can be set is 0 (no delay), the maximum is 10 minutes. The default value is 0 (no delay). Change the delay value by clicking the + (plus) and - (minus) buttons or by pressing the **Arrow Up** / **Arrow Down** keys.

When completed - allows you to set the action after the download process is completed. This setting is saved only for the current window. If the script will be closed and restarted, this setting will be reset. The possible actions are: **Do nothing** - no additional action, **Close application** - closes the console window, **Log off user** - logs out the current user, **Shut down computer** - closes the system and turns off the computer. Select an action by clicking the option of your choice or by pressing the **1**, **2**, **3** or **4** key.

To save changes, click the **Save** button (or press the **Enter** key).

5.9. Logs

Information about the most important actions, warnings and information about errors are saved in log files. Preview Downloader saves logs in two files: **session.log** and **session.html**. Both files contain the same information. The difference between them lies in their readability. The **session.log** file is saved as plain text, which can be opened using, for example, Notepad. The **session.html** file contains an integrated CSS style. The html logs are more legible. The session.html file can be opened in any web browser.

Both log files are saved in the installation directory of the Preview Downloader script, in the **logs** subfolder.

6. Troubleshooting and known bugs

6.1. Cannot launch the script

Problem: Unable to launch the script. The console window displays the message "'batbox' is not recognized as an internal or external command, operable program or batch file".

Solution: Some components of the Preview Downloader script may be treated by antivirus programs as a threat. These are false positives. Antivirus programs moves them to quarantine and these components become inaccessible. The above message appears in the console window. To avoid these type of errors: disable antivirus protection, install the script, when installation is completed go to the settings of your antivirus program and add the following components to the exceptions: **bc.exe**, **batbox.exe**, **cursorSize.exe**, **getInput.exe**. Enable protection in your antivirus program.

6.2. Buttons in the script are not clickable

Problem: The script starts, but user can't click any button. Instead, the text in console window is selected. The keyboard keys works correctly.

Solution: Disable the **Quick Edit Mode** in the console window properties. The method of disabling this option is described in chapter **4.5. Quick edit mode in the Windows console**.

6.3. Download process is started, but no files are saved

Problem: After starting the download, subsequent previews are processed, but no files are saved on the hard disk.

Solution 1: Check if the paths to directories containing your collection have diacritics or special characters. If so, move your collection to another directory that does not contain such characters in its name, or change the names of current directories by removing diacritics and special characters. More about diacritics and special characters in chapter **4.3. Diacritics and special characters**.

Solution 2: Check if the attributes of directories containing your collection and the files within are set to "Read only". Remove the "Read only" attribute and restart the download.

6.4. The download takes a very long time

Problem: The download takes many hours, but the progress bar moves.

Solution: This is the normal behavior of the script. Although Preview Downloader only downloads free previews (it does not update entire shows), it can take up to several hours or more. It depends on connection speed, the number of selected collections, the number of free previews to update and the selected video quality.

Problem: The download takes many hours, and both progress bars do not move for a long time.

Solution: Close the script and run it again. Select the **Continue previous session** option to resume downloading. The problem is very rare. It appeared twice during dozens of tests.

6.5. Pausing downloads doesn't work

Problem: Once the download process has started, it can't be paused. Pausing with the **P** key does not work.

Solution: This error occurs in Windows XP. If you need to pause the download, use the **Pause** key or the **Ctrl+S** key combination. The Preview Downloader script will be paused. To resume the paused download, press any key.

6.6. Closing the script and console window after the download has finished does not work

Problem: The script does not close after the download process is complete when the **Close application** option is selected in settings.

Solution: This error occurs in Windows 10. Close the script manually by pressing the **X** button in the upper right corner of the window.

7. Additional information

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Preview Downloader for iStripper

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Changes

v1.2 (2022.10.27)

- New: added support for ID ranges.
- New: added support for playlists (.vpl files).
- Update: automatic installer has been removed.
- Update: user manual has been updated.
- Fix: updated URLs to server scripts.
- Fix: fixed the script directory structure.

v1.1 (2019.05.26)

- Update: added the option to manually enter the target path to the **models** directory in case the default paths can not be found.
- Update: the user's manual has been updated.
- Fix: the message about paused download, while the **Delay between downloads** option was enabled, was displayed incorrectly. Fixed.
- Fix: the way of declaring variables and parameters in the script has been improved.

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- First version.

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