

Packages - Bug #2062

[minitube] Again requires Google API key

2018-11-02 10:37 PM - grizzlyuser

Status: not-a-bug	% Done: 0%
Priority: bug	
Assignee:	
Category:	
Description	
Steps to reproduce: 1. Install and open minitube version 2.9-3.parabola1 from x86_64 (didn't test for other architectures). 2. Search something in the search box.	
Expected results: Either it shows search results without requesting API key, or there's a way to get this key in a free world, or the package probably should be blacklisted.	
Actual results: It requests Google API key. After quick research, it seems the only way to get a personal key is to log into the Google Developer Console from the web browser. And that website just doesn't work when LibreJS extension is enabled. LibreJS blocks some scripts with no known license. So apart from asking someone else to share the key, it seems there's no way to get it without running nonfree software.	
Please see #701 : very similar issue which has been resolved somehow 3 years ago	

History

#1 - 2018-11-03 08:28 AM - rlg

I think that once you obtain the key it's actually a handy way to use YouTube without running non-free software.

#2 - 2019-03-01 12:59 PM - bill-auger

- Status changed from open to not-a-bug

it is not a functional bug - it is exhibiting the expected behavior - generally, software developers will acquire a developer's API for their program and publish it "pre-installed" for all users - this developer has chosen not to do that, but to require each user to acquire their own personal developer key - it is unconventional, and an unnecessary hassle imposed on users, but it is not a bug

it is not a freedom bug because this software does not execute any non-free software, and parabola does not recommend nor assist in acquiring or executing any

it is not a privacy bug because the feature in question is not the primary function of this program, but an optional feature that must be enabled by the user; and parabola does not recommend nor assist in enabling it