Tondar

Download Manager — Installation and User Guide

Tondar is a fast, lightweight download manager for Windows: it splits each file into several parts and downloads all the parts at the same time, so downloads finish sooner. You can pause a download and continue an unfinished one later, and with its dedicated browser extension, Tondar picks up downloadable links by itself.
All of these features, and many more, come to you in a single file with no installation needed.

Version 2.0.40

1 Before you start

- **System requirements:** Windows 10 or 11, 64-bit.
- **Microsoft's page display engine:** Tondar uses this engine to draw its interface. It is already installed on Windows 11 and on most up-to-date copies of Windows 10. If your system doesn't have it, Tondar tells you and opens its download page. Its name on Microsoft's site is:

  Microsoft Edge WebView2 Runtime
- **No installation needed:** Tondar is a single file and doesn't need to be installed. Its settings and download list are kept right next to it, in the same folder. Only the files for the browser extension stay in a fixed folder outside this one (section 6).

2 First run

1. Download Tondar from the **AfzarGah website**. First, extract it. Don't run it from inside the compressed file. Inside, there is a folder containing the program file and this guide.
2. Put this folder somewhere it can stay, for example on a drive other than the Windows drive. Tondar keeps its settings and download list inside this folder.
3. Double-click the program file:

   Tondar.exe

If a blue Windows window appears

For any new program that came from the internet or a messaging app and doesn't have a “digital signature” yet, Windows may show a blue window with this title:

Windows protected your PC

This warning doesn't mean danger; it only means Windows doesn't recognize this program yet. It usually appears only the first time. Do one of these two things:

Option 1, right then: click these in order:

✅ First: **More info**

✅ Then: **Run anyway**

Option 2, before running: right-click the program file and choose:

✅ **Properties**

At the bottom of the first tab, next to the sentence saying the file came from another computer, tick this option and then click the confirm button:

✅ Tick: **Unblock**

✅ Then: **OK**

> **If you don't see this option**
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> It means Windows hasn't marked the file as “from the internet”, and no warning will appear either; for example, when the file was moved with a USB drive. If you got the program as a compressed file, do this on the compressed file itself, before extracting it.

Some antivirus programs may also be sensitive to unsigned programs and warn for no reason.

Folders Tondar creates

- **Settings and data folder, next to the program:** settings, the download list and the error log are kept here:

  Tondar Data

- **Browser extension folder, outside the program folder:** for installing the extension in Chrome and similar browsers. This is the only thing Tondar keeps outside its own folder, so that deleting old versions doesn't break the extension:

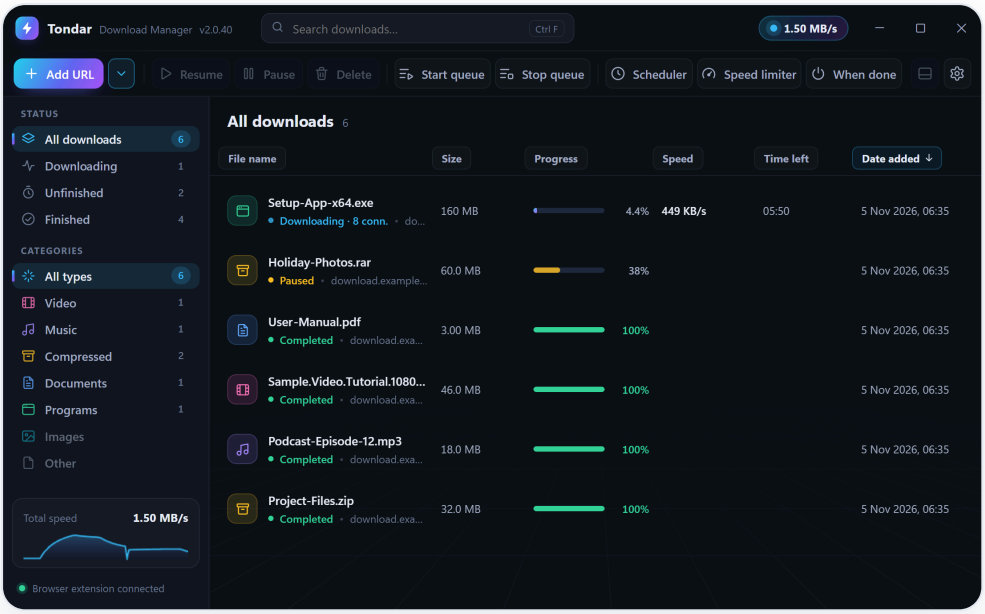
  %LOCALAPPDATA%\Tondar\Browser Extension

Next to the Windows clock

If you close the window with the X, Tondar stays active next to the Windows clock so that downloads can continue. To reopen the window, click the Tondar icon next to the clock. If you don't see the icon, click the small arrow next to the clock to show hidden icons. To close Tondar completely, right-click that icon and click “Exit”.

By default, Tondar starts quietly next to the clock when Windows starts, so it is always ready to catch downloads. If you don't want this, turn off “Start with Windows” in Settings, “General” section.

3 Getting to know the main window



Tondar's main window

Add URL

Opens the download window. If you have copied a link, it picks it up by itself.

Arrow next to Add URL

For adding several links at once: from links you have copied or from a text file (section 5).

Resume, Pause, Delete

For the downloads selected in the list.

Start queue and Stop queue

“Start queue” starts all unfinished downloads in turn. “Stop queue” stops all downloads at once.

Scheduler

Starts and stops the queue automatically at the hours and on the days you choose.

Speed limiter

Puts a cap on the total download speed, so part of your internet speed stays free for other things, such as browsing or video calls.

When done

After all downloads finish: exit Tondar, put Windows to sleep or shut down the computer.

Sidebar

“Status” (Downloading, Unfinished, Finished) and “Categories” (Video, Music, Compressed, ...) filter the list.

Total speed

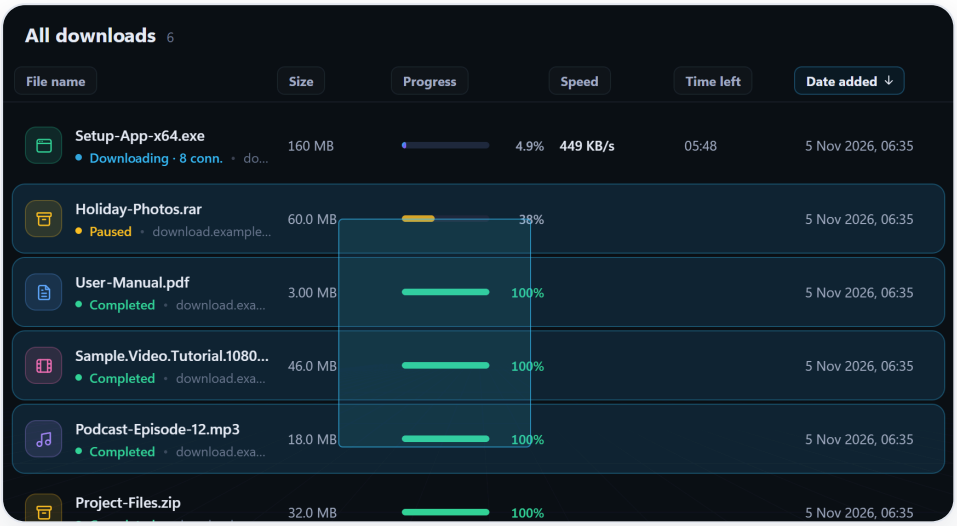
A live speed graph. Below it, you can see whether the browser extension is connected.

Version number

Next to Tondar's name, in the bar at the top of the window, you can see which version you are using.

Selecting several downloads with the mouse

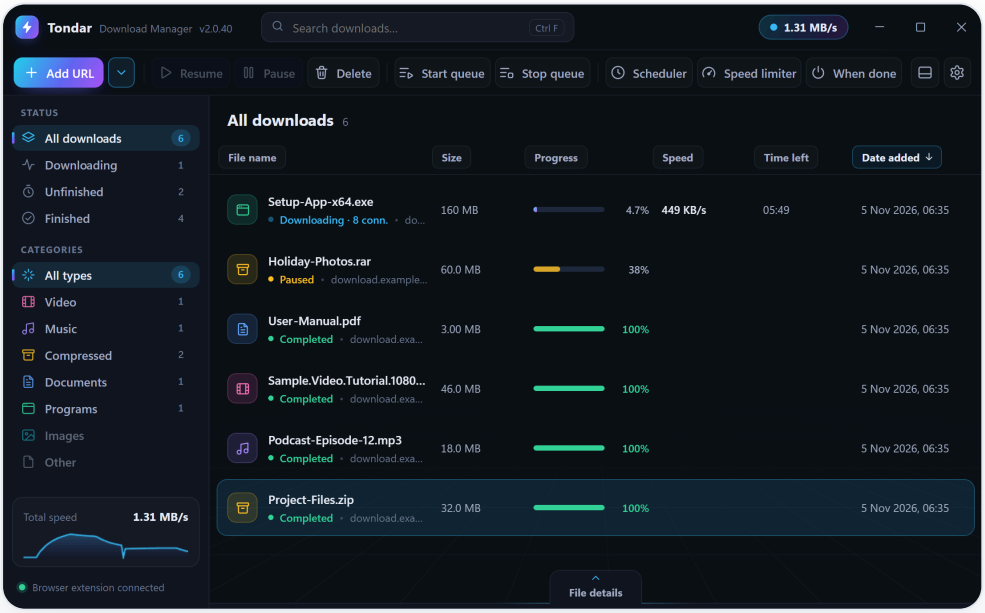
To select several downloads at once, hold the left mouse button on the list and drag. Every download the box passes over gets selected. If you reach the top or bottom edge of the list, it scrolls by itself so you can reach the rest. If you hold Ctrl or Shift when you start dragging, these downloads are added to the previous selection. After selecting the downloads you want, you can apply the “Resume”, “Pause” and “Delete” buttons to the selected files.



Holding the mouse button and dragging over the list

File details

Click any download in the list to select it. A tab titled “File details” appears under the list. Click this tab to bring up the full details: the speed graph, the save path, “Connections”, which tells how many parts the file was split into, and “Segment map”, which shows how much of each part has been downloaded. Click the tab again to lower it. Click an empty spot in the list to close it completely.



A selected download and the “File details” tab under the list

Right-click any download for more options: open the file or folder, rename, copy the link, download again, and refresh the link for when the old one has expired.

4 Downloading a file

There are four ways to start:

1. Click “Add URL” and paste the link.
2. Just copy the link. Tondar detects it automatically and opens the download window.
3. If you have installed the dedicated extension in your browser, just click the download link on the site itself.
4. If you have installed the dedicated extension in your browser, when you move the mouse pointer over a file's download link on the website itself, a small “Download with Tondar” button appears next to it. Or, when you move the mouse over a video or audio, or play it, a small option titled “Download this video” or “Download this audio” appears on it; if several files were found, it lists them so you can choose one. These two features are on by default, and you can turn them off in Settings, “Browser” section.

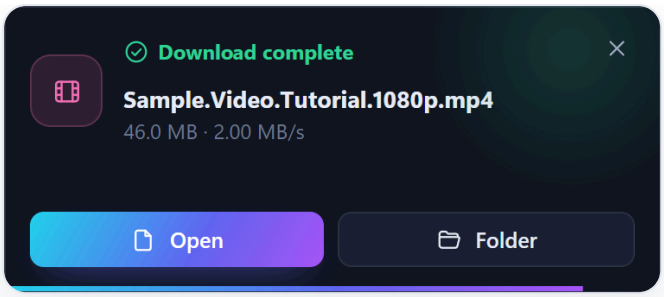
If you have several links at once, see section 5.

The “Download file” window

- **File name and labels:** the file size and the site name are shown. The green “Resumable” label means that if the download is interrupted, it can continue later from the same point. The yellow “Not resumable” label means that after the download is paused or interrupted, the server doesn't allow continuing it, and the interrupted download must start again from the beginning.
- **Save to:** Tondar detects the file type and suggests a suitable folder; for example, songs go to the Music folder. With the “Browse…” button you can choose another folder.
- **Always This Path:** if you tick this option, from that moment on all downloads, of any type, are saved in this chosen folder, until you untick it yourself.
- **Connections:** the number at the bottom of the window tells how many parts the file is split into, so that all the parts download at the same time. 8 suits most internet connections.
- **Start download** or **Later (add to queue):** the first starts the download right away. The second only adds it to the list, so you can start it whenever you want with “Resume” or “Start queue”.

When a download finishes

After each download finishes, a small window appears in the corner of the screen, where you can open the file or its folder. If a download fails, the same window appears with a “Details” button; clicking it shows that download in the list and explains the cause. This window closes automatically after 9 seconds. The countdown to closing appears as a shrinking line at the bottom of the window, and if you move the mouse pointer over the window, the line and the closing pause temporarily.



The “Download complete” window

If a “security certificate” error appears under a download

Like browsers, Tondar checks the site's “security certificate” before downloading and makes sure the file really came from that site and wasn't tampered with on the way. If this check can't confirm that the file's path is safe, the download stops for your safety.

Messages you may see:

- **“The site's security certificate couldn't be verified”:** the reason is usually a misconfigured server on that site. A little later, select the same unfinished download and click “Resume” among the buttons at the top; it usually continues from the same point.
- **“The site's security certificate has expired”:** first make sure your computer's date and time are correct.
- **“The site's security certificate doesn't belong to this address”:** don't trust this link, and get the file from somewhere else.

If Windows warns you when opening a downloaded file

Like browsers, Tondar puts a “from the internet” mark on every file it downloads. So when you run a program you downloaded with Tondar, Windows may show the same blue window from section 2 or a security warning. Word and Excel also first open such a file in Protected View, with a yellow bar at the top of the page. This is for your safety: if a file is infected, it won't run without you knowing.

If you trust the file and its site, do either of the two options in section 2. In Word and Excel, just click this button on the yellow bar:

✅ Enable Editing

5 Downloading several links at once

If you have several links, you don't need to add them one by one. Tondar can take many links from you at once and show them all in one window, and you choose which ones to download. This window opens in four ways:

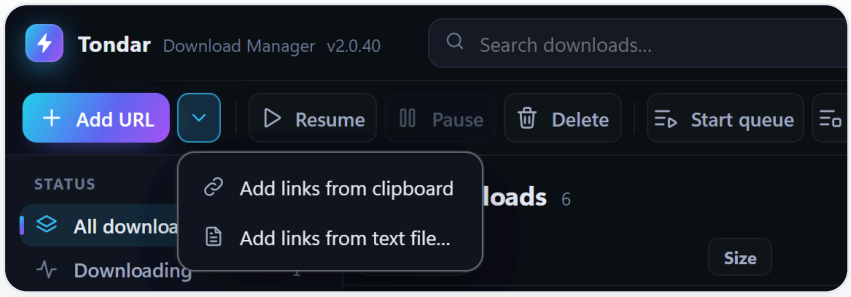
1. **The arrow next to “Add URL”:** click the small arrow next to the “Add URL” button. With “Add links from clipboard”, the links you have just copied are picked up and shown in the “Add multiple links” window; the clipboard is the place in Windows where anything you copy is temporarily kept. With “Add links from text file…” you can choose a text file in which the links are written.

2. **Pasting:** copy several links, click the “Add URL” button and then press these keys:

   Ctrl + V

   All the links are pasted into the “Add multiple links” window and are ready to download.
3. **Drag and drop:** drag several links with the mouse and drop them on the Tondar window.
4. **Just copying:** if “Detect copied download links” is on in Settings, copying a list of links opens this window by itself, provided the copied text is nothing but links, there are at least two, and one of them is a link to a file.

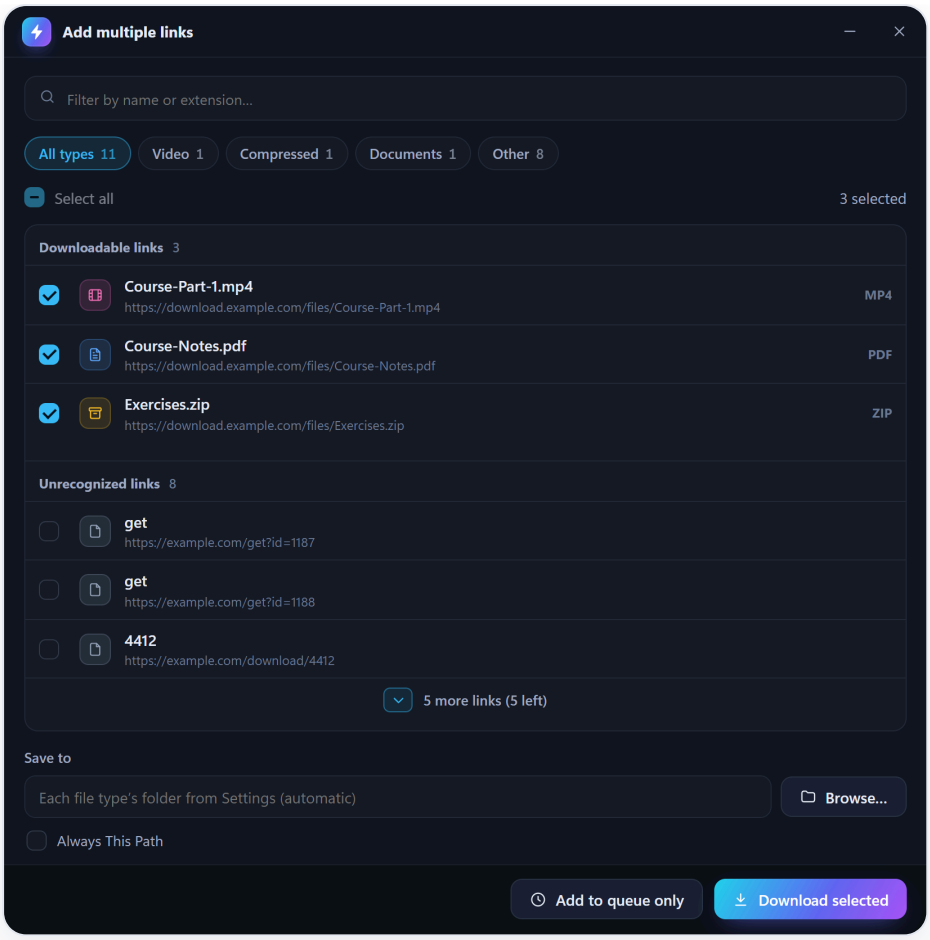
If there is no link in the chosen text or file, Tondar shows the message “No downloadable link found”.



The arrow next to “Add URL” and its menu

The “Add multiple links” window

- **Downloadable links:** links whose file type is clear from the link itself. These come at the top of the list and are ticked from the start.
- **Unrecognized links:** links that don't show whether they are a file or a web page. These come at the bottom of the list, unticked; tick whichever you want yourself.
- **The arrow at the bottom of the list:** if there are more than three unrecognized links, only three are shown at first, and each click on the arrow shows five more.
- **Select all:** it stays disabled until you have seen all the links, so that no link gets downloaded unseen. It becomes active when you reach the end of the list with the arrow.
- **Search and file type:** above the list there is a search box and some buttons named after file types, such as “Video”, “Compressed” and “Documents”. Typing in the box or clicking one of these buttons shows all the matching links together, and “Select all” is active for them. If none of the links can be recognized, they are all shown together too.
- **Save to:** if this box stays empty, each file goes to its type's folder. With the “Browse…” button you can choose another folder.
- **Download selected** or **Add to queue only:** the first downloads the ticked links in turn. The second only adds them to the list, so you can start them whenever you want with “Resume” or “Start queue”.



The “Add multiple links” window. You can make this window larger too.

The window opened by “Download all links with Tondar” in the browser extension looks the same.

The real file name and type

Many links don't show the real name and type of the file. So the name you see next to these links is temporary. When the download starts, Tondar gets the real name and type from the site itself and saves the file under that name; if you haven't chosen a specific folder, it goes to its type's folder. A link still waiting in the queue keeps that temporary name until it starts.

If the site gives neither the file's name nor its type, the file is saved under the link's name and may have no extension.

If a link is a web page

If a link is a web page instead of a file, Tondar saves nothing and shows this message:

This link is a web page, not a file; nothing saved

If several links are like this, at most three small windows appear at once, and each closes by itself after 9 seconds. The same message also stays under that download in the list.

If a site requires you to sign in

Links you add this way don't know that you have signed in to the site in your browser. So if a site only gives files to people signed in to their account, the download may fail. For these sites, use the browser extension (section 6).

6 The browser extension

With the extension, Tondar takes over your browser's downloads by itself. A small “Download with Tondar” button appears on links. The right-click menu also gets “Download with Tondar” and “Download all links with Tondar”. The extension's icon also lists the video and audio found on the page.

In Tondar, go to **Settings**, **Browser** section. All the installation steps, with copy buttons, are written there.

Firefox

In the Browser section, click the button to install in Firefox:

Install in Firefox

In the prompt that opens in Firefox, click:

✅ **Add**

Chrome, Edge, Brave and Opera

1. Copy the address of your browser's extensions page from the Browser section, paste it into the browser's address bar and press Enter. For Chrome, this is the address:

   chrome://extensions
2. Turn on this option (usually at the top of the page):

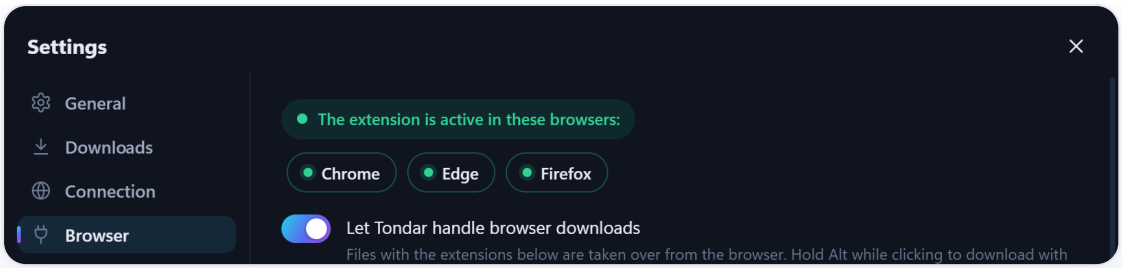
   Developer mode
3. In Tondar, copy the extension folder's path with the “Copy” button.
4. In the browser, click this button:

   Load unpacked

   Paste the copied path into the address bar of the window that opens, press Enter, and then click:

   Select Folder

When the extension connects, “Browser extension connected” appears at the bottom of Tondar's sidebar. In Settings, “Browser” section, you can also see which browsers the extension is active in:



The browsers in which the extension is active

Don't delete or move the extension folder

The browser reads the extension every time from the folder you loaded it from. This folder doesn't belong to any version of Tondar, so deleting old versions doesn't break the extension. If a new version of Tondar has a newer extension, it updates this folder by itself, and after you close and reopen the browser, the new extension works. But if this folder itself is deleted or moved, the extension stops working, and you must remove it and load it again.

If the browser asks to turn off “developer mode”

Chrome and Edge sometimes show a message with this title:

Turn off developer mode?

This message appears for all extensions loaded from a folder and doesn't mean danger. Click this button:

✅ **Not now**

Don't click this one, or Tondar's extension gets turned off:

❌ **Turn off**

If you clicked it by mistake, turn the option from step 2 above back on in your browser's extensions page. If the switch next to Tondar's extension was also turned off, turn that on too.

Tip

If you want to download a file with the browser itself rather than Tondar, hold the Alt key while clicking the link. If you also have another download program installed, such as Internet Download Manager, it may catch the download before Tondar does.

7 Important settings

General

Persian or English language, dark and light appearance, starting with Windows (on by default), the end-of-download sound and window, detecting copied download links (copying a link to a file opens the download window by itself).

Downloads

The main download folder, a separate folder for each file type, the number of simultaneous downloads and connections (how many parts each file is split into).

Connection
Proxy settings, if you use a proxy for the internet.

Browser
Installing the extension and choosing which file types Tondar takes from the browser.

8 Moving to a new version

New versions of Tondar are published on the **AfzarGah website**. When you get a new version, you don't need to move anything by hand:

1. Extract the new version's compressed file into a separate folder; next to the previous version's folder is fine.
2. Run the new version's program file. You don't need to close the previous version.

The new version does these things by itself:

- It closes the previous version; that version saves everything before closing.
- It moves the settings and download list from the previous version's folder to its own. A message next to the Windows clock also tells you about this.
- Unfinished downloads don't start by themselves; they arrive in the list paused. Click “Resume” whenever you want, and they continue from where they stopped.

If you open an older version by mistake while a newer one is open, the older one just brings the newer one's window to the front and closes itself.

Before deleting the previous version's folder
Don't delete the previous version's folder before you have opened the new version once; otherwise your settings and download list will be lost. After that, you can delete the previous version's folder.

9 If you run into a problem

- **The program hung, or its window didn't open from next to the clock:** wait about 20 seconds; Tondar usually fixes itself. If it doesn't, close it with “Exit” next to the Windows clock and open it again. Unfinished downloads continue from where they stopped.
- **The extension isn't connected:** the extension only passes downloads to Tondar when Tondar is open; next to the clock is enough. If Tondar is closed, the browser downloads by itself. If Tondar is open and it still doesn't connect, check in your browser's extensions page that the extension is on and that its folder hasn't moved (section 6).
- **A “security certificate” error, or a Windows warning when opening a file:** this is explained in section 4.
- **The message “This link is a web page, not a file”:** this is explained in section 5.

Tondar keeps a technical log of problems in this file, in the settings folder next to the program:

`Tondar Data\error.log`

If you want to report a problem, this file, along with a screenshot and a description of what you did, helps a lot in finding the cause. This file contains no passwords, cookies or your download list; only the name of the folder Tondar is in may appear in it.

Soon, on the **AfzarGah website** (About section), ways to get in touch will be introduced for sending your comments and suggestions.

10 Removing Tondar completely

1. “Start with Windows” is on by default. First, turn it off in Settings, “General” section.
2. Close Tondar with “Exit” next to the Windows clock.
3. Delete the Tondar folder.
4. Also remove the extension from your browser's extensions page.
5. Delete the extension folder too. Paste this into the address bar of a Windows file window and press Enter:

   `%LOCALAPPDATA%`

   In the folder that opens, find this folder and delete it:

   `Tondar`