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Startup options

YAM supports some startup options, which can be used both from the Shell and as Workbench tooltypes.

USER=<user name>

Selects the active YAM user. This way you can skip the login procedure on startup in case you've created multiple users.

PASSWORD=<password>

This is the password for the selected user (see above). It serves to avoid the password request on startup, but bear in mind that storing the password in a tooltype poses an obvious security risk. Also, the password is case sensitive.

MAILDIR=<path>

Sets the home directory for the folders and configuration files. In YAM 1.3.x this option was used to implement multi-user support; YAM 2.x sets the home directory for each user in the user configuration.

PREFSFILE=<filename>

Configuration file that should be used. Default is **<MAILDIR>/.config**.

HIDE

Starts YAM in iconified mode.

NOCHECK

Starts YAM without trying to download/send new mail nor check birthdays on startup. Useful if you are starting YAM from a web browser, for example.

DEBUG

This option sends the conversation between YAM and the mail server to a console window. This is a very valuable tool if the connection to your mail server keeps failing.

MAILTO=<recipients>

Creates a new message for the specified recipients on startup. You can use not only a full email address, but also an alias or a real name that can be found in your address book, as YAM will expand them as appropriate. Use commas to separate each recipient.

Example: MAILTO="Marcel Beck, damato, mum@?

SUBJECT=<subject>

Sets the subject for the new message (see MAILTO).

LETTER=<filename>

The text file containing the letter you want to send (see MAILTO).

ATTACH=<filename>

Attaches a file to the new message (see MAILTO).

A couple of examples:

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YAM USER Tom PASSWORD secret HIDE
YAM NOCHECK MAILTO "yam@?, YAMOS-dev, John Doe" SUBJECT "Bug Report" ATTACH "ram:debug.txt"
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