

## Re: How to configure Helper File for Explorer?

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Thanks for all of that info. And thanks for enlightening me about exactly what streaming is. I thought that if you didn't have to download and open it, it was streaming.

Anyway, how could the problem be with me server? Especially in light of the fact that the problem only occurs with Mac IE? To troubleshoot a server problem, what is it that I need to ask my Web host?

"Corentin Cras-MÃ©neur" wrote:

> kram <karenram@comcast.net> wrote:

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>> *OK. So why does it stream using Safari??? And how did you get it to download? I really don't understand how something that appears to be this simple is turning out to be so difficult. Can't you tell me what settings you used to get this to work??? This is not rocket science! It works perfectly in Windows and in Safari on the Mac. Why doesn't it work with Mac IE?????*

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> *It doesn't stream for me in Safari either.*  
> *Anyway, the file doesn't "stream" per say in Safari on your Mac either.*  
> *The application has to load it in cache first then plays it in the window through the plug-in.*  
> *The setting for wmv that I can see in Explorer on my Mac is:*

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> *Description: Windows Media*  
> *Extension: .wmv*  
> *MIME type: video/x-ms-wmv*  
> *File Type: ????* (you can use ASF\_ here instead)  
> *File Creator: Ms01*  
> *Encoding: BInary data*  
> *Downloading Destination: Dowload folder*  
> *Handling: View with plug-in*  
> *Plug-in name: Windows Media Plug-in*

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> <later>  
> OK. I managed to reproduce it in IE. I think I understand.  
> Safari (and all other browsers I tested) immediately download the file  
> whereas Ie attempts to open it. I traced the connection and the server  
> doesn't seem to specify any MIME type which seems to confuse IE.  
> I'm not familiar with the way servers assign MIME types. Is there  
> anything you could do about it on your server ??  
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> Here is the log for OmniWeb:  
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> > ACK PUSH  
> > GET /Camp\_High\_Point\_5.wmv HTTP/1.1  
> > Connection: Keep-Alive  
> > User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; U; PPC Mac OS X; en-US) AppleWebKit/125.4  
> > (KHTML, like Gecko, Safari) OmniWeb/v563.29  
> > Cache-Control: max-age=0  
> > Pragma: no-cache  
> > Host: www.chp-web.com  
> > Accept: image/gif, image/x-xbitmap, image/jpeg, image/pjpeg, image/png,  
> > image/tiff, multipart/x-mixed-replace, \*/\*;q=0.1  
> > Accept-Encoding: bzip2, gzip, deflate, identity  
> > Accept-Charset: iso-8859-1, utf-8, iso-10646-ucs-2, macintosh, windows-1252,  
> > \*  
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> The binary data begins immediately afterwards. No mention of MIME type  
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> I got the following information from the MS site:  
> [http://msdn.microsoft.com/workshop/networking/moniker/overview/appendix  
> a.asp](http://msdn.microsoft.com/workshop/networking/moniker/overview/appendix_a.asp)  
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> > The purpose of MIME type detection, or datasniffing, is to determine the  
> > MIME type (also known as content type or media type) of downloaded  
> > content using information from the following four sources:  
> >  
> > â€¢ The server-supplied MIME type, if available  
> > â€¢ An examination of the actual contents associated with a downloaded  
> > URL  
> > â€¢ The file name associated with the downloaded content (assumed to be  
> > derived from the associated URL)  
> > â€¢ Registry settings (file extension/MIME type associations or  
> > registered applications) in effect during the download  
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> It looks like the server doesn't supply the MIME type and IE fails to  
> identify it from the content.  
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> *Corentin*

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