

Re: Using WMP or Flip4mac

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BigScotty <BigScotty@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I am unable to run WMP9 on my new intel MacBook so I followed the instructions to install Flip4Mac. I was able to successfully install. However, when I try to play a video from cnn.com using either Safari or Firefox, I still get a message indicating that WMP9 is needed and cannot be found. Please provide me with some help as far as what I can do. Thanks.

Well are you sure Flip4Mac WMV was properly installed?? Can you watch any other streams in Windows Media format??

I have no problem playing the videos on CNN for instance. Double-check for instance that the plugin is properly installed in /Library/Internet Plug-ins

ps. I thought Macs were supposed to be easy :-)

They usually are. It doesn't mean that everybody making software for Mac will make good software though (read Windows Media Player for Mac). In this case, the folks at Flip4Mac have to work around poor coding on a lot of sites to get their plug-ins to work. Some sites try to use Active X (which only works in Internet Explorer for Windows) when others try to check whether you have WMP (and which version) instead of simply checking whether you can simply play the Windows Media format they offer.

The Mac is not difficult to use, but on a few sites created with only Windows in mind, we sometimes have to find workarounds. I blame the web designers :->

One limitation you have to be aware of: the Flip4Mac codecs will not play DRM-protected content since the DRM format is not public (or shared outside MS as far as I know).

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