

# Re: Problems with Media Player in Vista and DVD file playback

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I realize I should clarify this statement:

"In the worst case you would need to reinstall Vista."

That's actually technically not true, since Windows generally assumes that everything added to it was added for a good reason. If an uninstall or hand uninstall doesn't work, it can be simplest in some cases to reformat.

Reinstalling Vista would generally only reinstall the Windows codec set, and would not remove the damage done by third parties. =\

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Speaking for myself only.

See <http://zachd.com/pss/pss.html> for some helpful WMP info.

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VCP stomps on the Vista decoders, doesn't it? You should be able to see the state of your codec world by using WMP's Help>About:Technical Support Information .

If they did stomp on WMP's decoders, if uninstalling them doesn't fix, you can try a System Restore back to before you installed them.

Generally, it is absolutely unfathomably horrible to install a codec pack as the system cannot easily recover what those do to it. In the worst case you would need to reinstall Vista.

Note that reinstalling Windows Media Player would have ZERO effect upon this issue, as the files you have touched are external to the Windows Media Player file set.

You absolutely utterly cannot address or fix any codec issue (unless it is a Windows Media codec) by reinstalling, deinstalling, or otherwise modifying the player. Sorry. That's always been the case. =\

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I am running Vista Ultimate and could previously playback DVD files (VOB) in Media Player. I recently installed the Vista codec pack and now cannot play back DVD file (but can still play back DVDs). I guess it's the codec pack which is the problem, I've tried uninstalling it, but still have the same problem. Is there some way to clean install Media Player for Vista or to uninstall and reinstall it ?