

RE: Vista Ultimate, WMP 11 playback wrong aspect ratio (forces 16x)

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I found a tool for setting aspect ration in Divx based AVI file.
When the asect ratio was set to custom 4:3 it would play widescreen.
When I changed the Aspect ratio to regular 4:3 they now play right.

WMP is not properly reading custom aspect ratio.

Thanks,
Peter

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"Mike Poz [MSFT]" wrote:

If the content is authored with incorrect information there's nothing we can set in Windows or in Media Player to change that.

Just to be sure, have you made sure you have the latest video drivers from the manufacturer? We know that many of the drivers have updates to correct issues that were being seen by customers once the OS hit the streets.

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Thanks!
Mike Poz [MSFT]

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"Peter Rohlf's" wrote:

Mike,
I have this set right to 1. But I think I'm starting to track down the issue.

It seems that certain video file formats have an aspect ratio flag embedded.

The older WMP ignored this? WMP 11 does not or perhaps vista written codecs themselves are honoring these flag(s)? Or the video driver?

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And some of the files I've downloaded over the years had the flag set wrong, but since it was ignored they played right?

That is my current working theory, I welcome any comments, corrections and/or fixes.

Thanks,
Peter

"Mike Poz [MSFT]" wrote:

Hi Peter,

Not sure if this will work but it's worth a try. Bring up Tools
-> Options
in the media player. Select the Devices tab and when the
display item
appears in the box, double click it.

Is the Pixel Aspect Ratio at anything other than 1.000? If so,
please try
setting it to 1.000 and then try playing the content.

Does this help?

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Thanks!
Mike Poz [MSFT]

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"Peter Rohlf" wrote:

I have some video files that played fine on
my XP SP2 Media Center 9 PC.
They should play (as most PC video files) in
a 4X3 aspect ratio.

On my new Vista Ultimate machine, WMP
11, 8800 GTX video card (latest
driver) some of these videos are being
stretched widescreen (16X9) messing up
the aspect ratio. Other play fine.

I've seen this behavior on both avi and mpg

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files.

Is there a way to stop WMP 11 from
choosing to playback in an anomorphic
mode?

Does anyone know what causes it to do this?

Is there some utility I have to run on th files
to flag them properly?

Thanks,
Peter