

Re: Can not install player

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On Aug 7, 11:20 am, Niniel <Nin...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

First of all, upgrade to IE 7. It's much better; in fact, it's almost as good as Firefox (from a usability point of view anyway), except that it doesn't have all the cool and indispensable extensions. Once you have IE7, try installing WMP11 again.

By accident, you might get WMP to work if you upgrade to IE7, if it does something to the WMP in the process. However the troublesome site works perfectly well on IE6.

IE7 is just a minor upgrade of IE6. It fixed a few bugs, especially some css ones, adds tabbed browsing that other browsers already had, and a few other things. It may have increased security a bit. Yet, nearly alone among most other current browsers, IE of any upgrade can not view pages written in xhtml and properly served as such with mime type application/xhtml+xml. If you serve an xhtml page with the mime type text/html as is done for html, you are just serving html and there is no point in writing the page in xhtml – html 4.01 strict would be better if you do not serve xhtml properly. And xhtml has been around for several years now. IE7 is by far the worst browser commonly used, and Firefox, Seamonkey, Opera, Safari etc will display proper xhtml served properly and are far more compliant to W3C standards for html including css.

I had hoped Microsoft would write a new decent browser now that they have launched Vista and should have more time for other projects now. But I have not heard anything about work on a new browser. Also Microsoft still uses a lot of Microsoftese code that is not defined in W3C web standards and is not supported by most other browsers. The IE7 browser is a disgrace, and Microsoft should be ashamed of it.

I only use IE now and then to view sites written by those who write improper code, so that the site will not view on most browsers other than IE. Of course, for the problem site MSNBC that started this thread, I assume that MS may have some control over it. It is interesting to note that many large sites have now dropped Microsoft

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and Real video formats and are now using FLV/Flash for videos. For example, Google, Myspace, YouTube, and several major news sites. FLV/Flash can give everything from low resolution small videos for slow connections to very high resolution, large videos suited for high broadband. The important point is that flash now works well on most browsers and on OSs other than Microsoft. Since WMP 10 and now with WMP 11, the WMP can be installed only on a Microsoft XP or Vista OSs.