

Re: WMP 11 Downloading a streaming video

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 - *Date:* Tue, 09 Oct 2007 21:09:52 GMT
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Wow, can you stil get Streambox ? I thought the project folded or went commercial, then all the providers of streaming locked down their boxen to make it hard to record using ?

I know the last time I tried a few years ago, NASA had done something to their streams which made streambox repeatedly loop the request but never start the stream / download.

Cheers – Neil

On Tue, 9 Oct 2007 20:24:29 +0100, JethroUK© <reply@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

There is a program I use (Streambox) specifically designed to capture streaming video – even captures protected streams –but not this one

Not necessarily deliberately but it is a protected stream

"Somis" <Somis@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:223C41B7-5B9C-40E3-A047-5FCE32EE74BC@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I actually called the source (Hawthorne Race Course) and they told me the replays were free to view and that they had no objection to my recording the video. I also checked the properties for the video and it clearly states there are no restrictions on the media. I wouldn't try to record it if I thought it was wrong to do so. On the other hand, I really am not sure what I am doing so maybe there is no way to record it if I am using Media Player.

I guess the end result is that I still do not know if WMP 11 will record a streaming video even if the video has no restriction.

Thanks for the reply, I appreciate it.
"JethroUK©" wrote:

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I think this is a protected stream – I don't think you'll find any evidence of it anywhere on your machine

"Somis" <Somis@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:744A8923-7392-410F-8CD5-EFBAD26DABF7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks for the help. The full URL is:
http://www.hawthorneracecourse.com/live_racing/instantreplays/071006-03.asx.

I will try to locate the browser's temp cache. That might work. Thanks again.

"cwdjrxyz" wrote:

On Oct 7, 4:04 pm, Somis
<So...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

I am an absolute novice. I read that when viewing a streaming video, WMP 11 automatically downloads and retains the video. I want to retain a video file that I select; but can not seem to get that done. The video is from a Horse racing track and is

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available
for free
viewing by
anyone. The
video
is
not
protected
and they do
not care if a
visitor
keeps a
copy of the
file.
They
require
Media
Player to
view the
videos.
Can you
tell me how
to download
and retain
the video? I
would
really
appreciate
the help as I
have
already
spent hours
in a futile
attempt
to save
the video. I
have only
been able to
create a link
and saved
that in
my
Playlists,
but that
really does
not help.
Thanks so
much,
Somis

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There are many ways for streaming video. You will be much more likely to get help if you can give the url for the streaming video so someone can check out exactly what they are using. In some cases the complete video is stored in the temporary cache. I have been able to capture many videos by going to the temporary cache just after the video completes, finding the video(a very large file) and making a copy of it to somewhere else so it does not get erased when the temporary cache is cleared. This works very well for streaming .flv videos used in new flash methods such as on YouTube etc. It also worked for some .avi videos that Google videos used for longer videos at one time, but not the protected ones that they sold. For some other types of streaming, this method will work and for others it will not. The temporary cache on the browser often is difficult to find. I usually use the Opera browser for this. You have to set the XP OS to show hidden files to find the temporary cache. Then you have to go to Opera program files to find it. I put a shortcut icon on my desktop to easily go directly to Opera's temporary

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cache. You need to clear the cache on Opera just before you start the streaming video so you do not have to search through so many files in the temporary cache. When the video completes playing, do absolutely nothing except going directly to the temporary cache at once. Otherwise, the video may get erased.

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