

Re: How to play Mov files

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On May 16, 5:04 pm, "Doug Mc" <dnmcnNOS...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Thanks Neil,
Yes, it really is a .MOV extension.
I created the movie with my Panasonic digital camera and it always creates mov files.

1. How does quicktime and RealPlayer compare with Windows Media in quality?

You can only compare quality of video or audio playback of players if both will play the same video or audio in some format so that quality can be compared directly with the media file thus not being a variable. In short, the players you mention and several others can play some media formats well, but none play all formats well or at all. Actually Real 11 plays many more formats than WMP, as they are delivered, but several plugins can be downloaded to extend what WMP will play. Real 11 will play most Microsoft formats. Microsoft will not play Real formats, although there are a few underground plugins that will make some versions of WMP play some Real media formats. WMP has the most elaborate light show, but the Real 11 one is not bad. Library functions, if you use them, are somewhat different on different players. If you want to play most media formats around with convenience, you need several players. I have WMP 11, Real 11, QT, Winamp, SWF, and a few other special purpose players all installed on my XP at once. Since some common formats such as Microsoft audio and video formats are played by several players, you need to carefully set up what formats the player is to play. Always reject the offer by a player to be primary for everything it will play when you download it, or you may find your Microsoft formats playing on the Real player, etc.

2. Can I download either of them at no cost?

You can download either in free or pay versions. Make sure you select the free version when you download, if that is what you want. Pass up

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any offers for free trials of premium services. You may have to carefully cancel these free services in a certain way to prevent a charge for them starting automatically at the end of the free period. In other words, read all of the small print. I believe Apple now only provides a free download of the QT player combined with a download of the iTunes player. You could of course dump the iTunes player later if you don't want it. The QT/iTunes player combo download is very large, and I hope you are not on dialup if you take it.

3. What is the "excessive work" required to modify Windows Media to play MOV files?

Thanks again,
Doug

"Neil Smith [MVP Digital Media]" <n...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:65ur24tji6edc08usgcv9fk9nsahhnonv@xxxxxxxxxx

On Fri, 16 May 2008 12:11:31 -0500, "Doug Mc" <dnmcNOS...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I thought Windows Media played Mov files but all I get is the sound.

No, it doesn't (at least not without excessive work).

You're really sure this is a MOV file ? When you right-click on the video file in windows explorer, choose Properties – what does the file name end in there ? My guess is it's .mp4 and Quicktime has associated it's program icon with the file.

WMP can sometimes play MPEG4 video, it depends what decoders are installed – but it can often play the audio part of the content. There are free MPEG4 decoders available such as FFMPEG and DivX for various applications.

Quicktime (any version) and Real Player 11 both support MOV files though, if it *really* is a MOV video file.

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