

Re: Codec for Flash videos

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On Jan 10, 8:49 pm, "Jean Rosenfeld" <jean.rosenf...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Try ffdshow. It will allow FLV1 types to play in WMP. For some other flv types, I have found WMP sometimes starts to play, but then crashes.

<http://www.free-codecs.com/download/FFDShow.htm>

"Joe" <J...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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I have windows XP pro sp2 and use WMP 11. What codec do I need to play a flash video that I saved from the internet, using WMP 11. Right now WMP does not recognize the .flv file.
Thanks for help

I did a little experimentation with codecs to make a .flv play on WMP 11. As you say, not all codecs will play all flavors of flv properly. There seems to be another problem for some very large flv files, which, unlike old-fashioned flash video .swf only files, often are huge files with very high resolution – I have some over 30 MB. When I try to play such big ones on the WMP 11 with any codec I have tried yet, I get a buffer overflow message from McAfee, which you can select to ignore. Overflowing a buffer can be a security concern. Likely some buffer associated with the WMP overflows. Anyway, the WMP will not play the big file. The play button remains dim, but even if you wait a long time, playing will not start.

A flv (flash video) is just one part of a flv/swf video. You encode the swf portion and the flv portion at the same time as separate files, each of which must be put on the server. The flv contains the video information and can be a huge file as in other video formats. However the .swf file contains the player that can be constructed in many ways. It can be of about any size, contain full or partial control bars, large start buttons, logos, text etc. When you play a flv/swf on the web, you link only to the .swf file in the html code.

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The .swf file contains the information to start downloading the flv file to the browser's temporary cache and to read the video information in it for use in the swf player container. Thus you never see the .flv listed in the