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colin wrote:

John,

I deliberately created my own profile, and the downloadable profiles do not work either... I think we are communicating just fine.

That said, you did post a more helpful explanation of the avi extension and how to import it. But, from the article:

"Motion JPEG files, such as those recorded by Canon's TX1 hard drive camcorder and their PowerShot cameras (such as my model SD750), also have AVI extensions. Movie Maker should be able to use them without downloading another codec."

I have a Canon Powershot A570 IS. I believe this quote applies to me, since after analyzing my avi file with GSpot v2.10a, it said the video codec is MJPG and audio codec is "PCM Audio". Recall that I have no issues with video in Movie Maker. For audio, where my problems are, GSpot says "no codec required" and uses "Default DirectSound Device".

The other link says Movie Maker versions up to 2.1 can have problems with some avi file types including mine, MJPEG. The specific MJPEG issues, whatever they may be, were not explained. First article I've seen calling this out, so thanks for that link. As a last resort, I've even toggled on and off the video filters from Canon and Nero that Movie Maker may be using to no avail. I do not understand why the app struggles with the audio part.

The issue remains unresolved, but your links (a few of which I missed in my own searches) have helped me learn a lot. Thanks for that.

The point I was trying to make at the end of my last post is that this software, while free, may not achieve the ease-of-use intended for many avi folks (i.e. those using a variety of Canon video capture devices). This file type, while perhaps not the most popular, should

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simply drop in and play without significant quality degradation. It should not require users to become quasi-experts in video editing, compression, codecs, filters and file formats.

I welcome any other ideas.

Colin

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Thanks for the explanation but I can't think of a solution for you.

Good luck.

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