

Re: Xbox Extenter Problem (no audio while watching videos)

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You can play the AC3 audio on your MCE PC because your DVD Player software most likely includes an AC3 decoder.

AC3 decoders are not free. There is a licensing fee, so that is probably the reason why they are not included in the extenders.

I've run into this problem myself, and I share your frustration. Hopefully MS or the OEMs will offer some kind of MCX CODEC upgrades in the future, but I don't know if that will happen.

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-Bob

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"BB" <BB@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:39DCE804-15EB-470B-9024-CE77D2A1B753@mi

> Todd, if MS MCE 2005 server can play it then the extender should as well. I

> have hundreds and hundreds of home video files that are recorded in mpeg-2

> format. I can not/will not convert all these files. Is there no other option?

> Are there plans to support this video/audio type? I still do not understand

> why I can play them and hear audio on my pc but not when played on the

> extender. Can you offer another suggestion? Thanks.

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> -Brian

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> "Todd Bowra [MSFT]" wrote:

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> > That particular camcorder records video with AC-3 audio, which is not

> > supported on MCX.

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> > One option to watch the videos is to transcode them to WMV 9 using the

> > Windows Media Encoder

> > (<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/9series/encoder/default.aspx>)

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> > "BB" <BB@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
> > news:AB427EAD-3C3A-449C-90E3-69B97AFA914C@microsoft.com...
> > > I just setup my MCE Xbox extender and successfully connected to my backend
> > > MCE 2005 server. It was a very straight forward and easy process. Well
> > > done
> > > MS.
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> > > Anyway, everything work great right out of the box except for one thing;
> > > which brings me to this forum. When I watch my video files from the video
> > > menu item on the xbox, I can see the video play fine but there is no
> > > audio. I
> > > do have audio when I watch live tv, recorded tv, play music, and listen to
> > > the radio from the Xbox. I just don't hear any audio when I play my video
> > > files from the xbox. The video files play fine on the backend server and I
> > > can hear the audio while watching there. The video files are .mpg files (I
> > > think mpeg2). Anyway, this is huge to me as I need to gain full access to
> > > these video files as they are family recording that I wish to access from
> > > our
> > > den. They were recorded using a Sony DVD Handycam (DCR-DVD 300). Not sure
> > > if
> > > that matters or not
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> > > Any ideas as to why I can not hear the audio while watching via the Xbox
> > > extender? Thanks in advance for any help.
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> > > -Brian
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