

How to get FLV files to play inside MediaPortal

[FLV](#) is a very popular format for web videos, especially YouTube. If you add FLV playback support to your system, then you will be able to use one of the online videos plugins which play videos located on sites like YouTube.

Download

- You need the FLVSplitter from the MPC-HC Project.
 - To get that filter, visit the [download section](#) and download the latest version of the **Stand alone Filters - Win32**
- [ffdshow tryouts](#) - *If you already have a recent build installed on your system, you do not have to download it again. Skip the ffdshow install section and go to the configuration instead*

Installation

FLV Splitter

1. Inside the **Stand alone Filters - Win32** file you downloaded, you find the **FLVSplitter.ax** file.
2. Extract that file to a location which you won't be able to delete by accident (**i.e. C:\Filters\FLV**).
3. register the **FLVSplitter.ax**

If you are not familiar with how to register filters in windows:

1. Download the [un-register helpfiles.zip](#) file.
2. Extract the **register_FLVSplitter.bat** and **un-register_FLVSplitter.bat** files into the folder where you have the **FLVSplitter.ax** stored.
3. Now right click the **register_FLVSplitter.bat** file and select **run as administrator**
4. A command prompt will open, and a message will appear that the filter was registered.

If you want to remove the filter one day, just rundle the **un-register_FLVSplitter.bat** file

Note: If you are getting the DllRegisterServer error code 0x80070005, then you probably didn't run register the filter as administrator.

If you extract the zip file to a different folder from where FLVSplitter.ax is stored, remember to edit the bat files to include the full path to FLVSplitter.ax (e.g. C:\Filters\FLV).

ffdshow

1. run the installer
2. in the screen where you are asked about which video and audio formats ffdshow should decode **DE-SELECT** everything.
3. now scroll down the list and only select the **FLV1, FLV4** and **VP6** codecs
4. click the **next** button and finish the installation with using the default values in the next screens

Configuration

ffdshow had to be installed

No further configuration required.

ffdshow was already present on the system

If you have ffdshow already present on your system then:

1. go to your windows start menu
2. select the **Videodecoder-Configuration** shortcut
3. scroll the list down until you find the **FLV1, FLV4** entry

4. change the setting from **deactivated** to **libavcodec**
5. scoll the list down until you find the **VP6** entry
6. change the setting from **deactivated** to **libavcodec**
7. close the **Videodecoder-Configuration**