

Setting a default player for various media types.

Problem:

You click on a video file but it won't play.
You're browsing a web page.
You click on a link that's supposed to play a movie.
You get sound but no picture.

Analysis:

Your computer doesn't know what program or plug-in to use to play that file type, or it's using a program that's unsuitable for that file type.

Solution:

Locate a file of that file type somewhere on your computer. (If it's on the web you might try saving that file to your computer). Notice the file extension (examples include .flv or .mov or .mpg)

Right click on the file and pull down to Properties. You'll see a window that shows what program your computer is trying to use to open that file type.

Click the Change button and find a better choice.

Click Apply and from now on your computer will try to play those kinds of files using that better choice.



Note: you may have to browse to your Program Files to find a suitable player for that file type.

<i>File type</i>	<i>Try this media player</i>
.wmv	Windows Media Player (for Macintosh download Flip4Mac)
.mov	Quicktime Player (for Windows download Quicktime)
.flv	VLC Media Player (VideoLAN)
.rm	download RealMedia Player
.mpg	Windows Media Player, VLC Player
.avi	Windows Media Player
.mp4	Quicktime, VLC Player
.swf	Flash Player
.vob	VLC Media Player, Media Player Classic