

## Installing Mplayer With Quicktime Support

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**soup4you2** writes: MPlayer is a movie and animation player that supports a wide range of codecs and file formats, including MPEG 1/2/4, DivX 3/4/5, Windows Media 7/8/9, RealAudio/Video up to 9, Quicktime 5/6, and Vivo 1/2. It has many MMX/SSE(2)/3Dnow(Ex) optimized native audio and video codecs, but allows using XAnim's and RealPlayer's binary codec plugins, and Win32 codec DLLs. It has basic VCD/DVD playback functionality, including DVD subtitles, but supports many text-based subtitle formats too. For video output, nearly every existing interface is supported. It's also able to convert any supported files to raw/divx/mpeg4 AVI (pcm/mp3 audio), and even video grabbing from V4L devices.

When most people install mplayer on a FreeBSD box they tend to use the ports. Where there is nothing wrong with this we are going to install it in a different method here. This way we will be getting the latest fixes and codec support, Such as quicktime :tup A screenshot of Mplayer in action can be seen below.

Install these ports to get the most out of mplayer. If your installing mplayer for the first time install these ports before you begin.

- /usr/ports/audio/faad
- /usr/ports/audio/vorbis-tools
- /usr/ports/multimedia/xmms
- /usr/ports/audio/lame
- /usr/ports/multimedia/libdv
- /usr/ports/audio/cdparanoia
- /usr/ports/graphics/jpeg
- /usr/ports/graphics/libggi
- /usr/ports/audio/nas
- /usr/ports/multimedia/xvid

If you installed mplayer from the ports you need to uninstall it now.

```
($:~)=> cd /usr/ports/multimedia/mplayer
($:~)=> make deinstall
```

## Getting the source

```
($:~)=> mkdir /usr/local/src/mplayer
($:~)=> cd /usr/local/src/mplayer
($:~)=> touch /root/.cvspass
($:~)=> cvs -d:pserver:anonymous@mplayerhq.hu:/cvsroot/mplayer
login
(just hit enter for the password)
($:~)=> cvs -z3
-d:pserver:anonymous@mplayerhq.hu:/cvsroot/mplayer co main
```

The above will checkout mplayers' source to main

## Getting the codecs

```
($:~)=> cd /usr/local/src/mplayer
($:~)=> cvs
-d:pserver:anonymous@cvs.ffmpeg.sourceforge.net:/cvsroot/ffmpeg
login
(just hit enter for password)
($:~)=> cvs -z9
-d:pserver:anonymous@mplayerhq.hu:/cvsroot/ffmpeg co ffmpeg
```

Now we need to remove the empty libavcodec from main and replace it with ffmpregs' version.

```
($:~)=> rm -rf main/libavcodec
($:~)=> mv ffmpeg/libavcodec main/libavcodec
```

Now go here <http://www1.mplayerhq.hu/MPlayer/releases/codecs/> and get the win32 codecs.

```
($:~)=> mkdir /usr/lib/win32
($:~)=> bunzip2 win32codec.tar.bz2
($:~)=> tar -xvf win32codec.tar.bz2
($:~)=> cp w32codec-0.90/* /usr/lib/win32
```

The last codec to get (thank god) is

<http://www1.mplayerhq.hu/MPlayer/releases/codecs/qt6dlls.tar.bz2>

```
($:~)=> bunzip2 qt6dlls.tar.bz2
($:~)=> tar -xvf qt6dlls.tar.bz2
($:~)=> cp qt6dlls/* /usr/lib/win32
```

Now go ahead and download any other codecs you might want from:

<http://www1.mplayerhq.hu/MPlayer/releases/codecs/> And copy them into the /usr/lib/win32 directory.

## Build and install mplayer

```
($:~)=> cd /usr/local/src/mplayer/main
($:~)=> ./configure --enable-external-faad --enable-gui
($:~)=> gmake
($:~)=> gmake install
```

(With the above you will be able to play quicktime, divx, vcd/svcd, and dvd and many more...)

Now we need to add in some fonts.

```
($:~)=> cd /tmp
($:~)=> fetch
http://www1.mplayerhq.hu/MPlayer/releases/fonts/font-arial-iso-8859-1.tar.bz2
```

```
($:~)=> bunzip2 font-arial-iso-8859-1.tar.bz2
($:~)=> tar -xvf font-arial-iso-8859-1.tar
($:~)=> mv font-arial-iso-8859-1/font-arial-14-iso-8859-1/*
/usr/local/share/mplayer/font/
```

Time to test this baby out! Goto

[http://www.apple.com/trailers/newline/the\\_two\\_towers-teaser/](http://www.apple.com/trailers/newline/the_two_towers-teaser/) and download the trailer in zip format.

```
($:~)=> unzip twotowers.zip
($:~)=> mplayer -vo xv twotowers.mov
```

Quicktime baby!

You should have something similar to this:

From now on whenever you want to update mplayer all you have to do is:

```
($:~)=> cd /usr/local/src/mplayer/main
($:~)=> gmake clean && gmake distclean
($:~)=> cvs login
($:~)=> cvs update -dP
```

## Tweaks..

- compile the following into your kernel:

```
options CPU_ENABLE_SSE
options USER_LDT
```

*Please take note USER\_LDT is not a valid option under FreeBSD 5.1, That has been replaced with MAXUSERS*

- put the following in /etc/sysctl.conf:

```
kern.ipc.shmmax=67108864
kern.ipc.shmall=32768
```

- also make sure you have the following in /boot/loader.conf:

```
hw.ata.atapi_dma=1
```

If you use the GUI dont forget to download Skins off Mplayers Site or visit

<http://themes.freshmeat.net/search/?q=mplayer&section=projects>

And place the skins in /usr/local/share/mplayer/Skin/

## References Used

[BSD Forums](#)

[Freshmeat.net](#)

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