How to Play Streaming Media Files

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Introduction

You may need to open files with the URL similar to mms://somename/wmv. These are file hosted on Cal Maritime's streaming media server and are in the .wmv (Window Media Video) file format. These files are currently only accessible while you are connected to the Cal Maritime network. All Lab computers on the Cal Maritime campus have the appropriate media players to play these files.

If you would like to access these files on your personal computer, you can download the appropriate media player detailed in the Links list below. Instructions for each are as follows:

Streaming with the VLC Player

Select Media →Open Network Stream

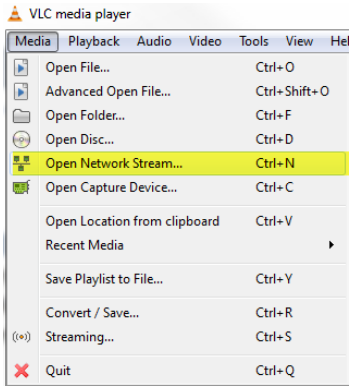


Figure 1: VLC Media Menu

Copy the URL into the Network Protocol field and select *Enter*

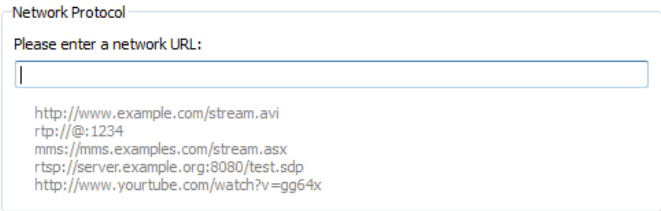


Figure 2: Network Protocol Field

Streaming With Window Media Player

If using Internet Explorer, the Windows Media player plugin may already be enabled. In that case you copy the URL into your browser address bar and your media will automatically play.

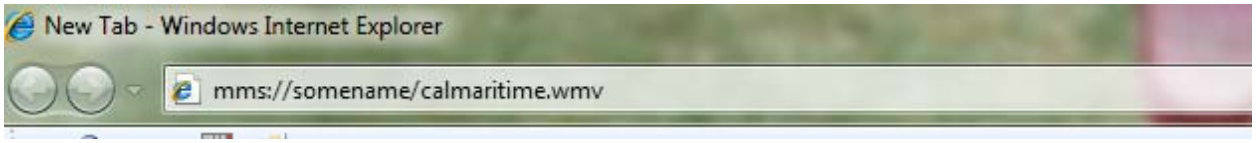


Figure 3: Internet Explorer Address Bar

If not, Open Windows Media Player (Search Program and Files → Windows Media Player in Windows 7)

Once Windows Media Player is open, make sure the Menu bar is showing. Right click anywhere on the menu at the top of the screen and place a check next to *Show menu bar*. You can also select *Cntrl+M*

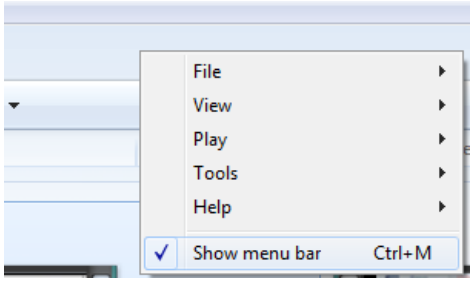
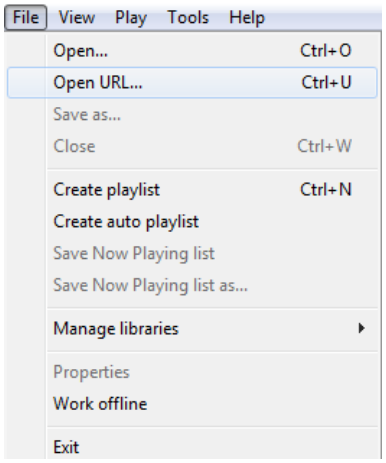
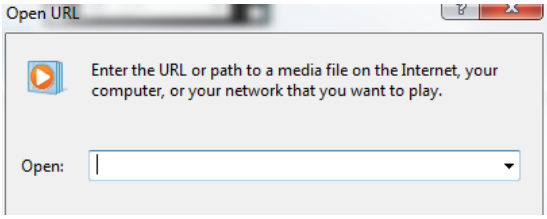


Figure 4: Window Media Show menu bar

Once the Menu is shown select File -> Open URL… and paste the URL into the URL field.





Links

- Download VLC - http://www.videolan.org/vlc/#download
- Get Window Media Player - http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows/downloads/windows-media-player
- The Wireless Network at Cal Maritime- http://www.csum.edu/web/faculty-and-staff/it/faq/wireless