



Multimedia in Fedora

Why we can't have all the nice things?

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Agenda

or why we're here

- About me
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- The things we can't have (yet)
- The nice things we do have
- How You can help

About me

or why should You listen to this guy?

Open source contributor

- 25+ years of open source contributions
- Multimedia software (MPlayer, FFmpeg, libdvd*, XMP)
- Scientific software (CP2K, MDAnalysis, GROMACS, ELPA, Gabedit, InChI)
- Fedora Linux (FPC, FESCo, SciTech SIG, Multimedia SIG)

Unix admin, System and Security Engineer

- 20+ years of IT experience
- University of Warsaw
- CERN
- Citi

The story so far

or how we got here

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Apr 2023	OBS Studio
Jun 2023	Multimedia SIG
Aug 2023	MAC, Openshot
Dec 2023	VLC, Kaffeine
Apr 2024	SMPlayer
May 2024	MPC-QT, QMPlay2
Jun 2024	Flowblade, Shotcut
Sep 2024	GPAC
Dec 2024	Olive
May 2025	OpenAPV, MPEG-5
Jun 2025	Flock to Fedora

The things we can't have (yet)

distributed as part of Fedora, at least

- Video codecs
 - H.264/MPEG-4 AVC extensions (SVC, MVC, ...)
 - H.265/MPEG-H (HEVC)
 - H.266/MPEG-I (VVC)
 - VC-1*
- Audio codecs
 - HE-AAC
 - aptX*, aptX HD*
 - DTS-HD*, DTS++*

The nice things we do have

out of the box

- Media libraries and frameworks (FFmpeg, GStreamer, QtMultimedia, ...)
- Video players (MPV, VLC, Kaffeine, Clapper, MPC-QT, QMPlay2, SMPlayer, Totem, ...)
- Audio players (AmaroK, Audacious, Decibels, Lollypop, QMMP, Rhythmbox, XMMS2, ...)
- Video editors (KDEnlive, Olive, Openshot, Pitivi, Shotcut, ...)
- Audio editors (Audacity, Ardour, traverso, ...)
- Subtitle editors (Aegisub, Subtitleeditor, ...)
- DLNA servers (MiniDLNA, Rygel, ...)

How You can help

Yes, You!

- Promote unencumbered codecs (AV1, VP9, Opus)
- Join the Multimedia SIG
- Help with getting missing codecs into Fedora
- Package new apps and move existing eligible packages from third-party repos
- Work with upstreams
- Test and report issues

Questions?



Thank you!



**“Reinventing the wheel certainly
is annoying, but as long as all
other wheels are square...”**

Reimar Döffinger

Source: