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How to Play MKV Videos Smoothly by [Allison John](#)

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As an alternative to popular AVI and MP4 formats, MKV is frequently downloaded by many people nowadays. Those people try to play MKV with media player software they have installed on their system. Unfortunately, most of time they fail to play MKV files. That's why you are here.

At first, it is important to understand exactly what MKV files are.

MKV (the abbreviation Matroska Multimedia Container) is an open standard free container format, a file format that can hold an unlimited number of video, audio, picture or subtitle tracks in one file. The streams are likely compressed and have been produced with an encoder. In order to play these streams a codec is required.

Codec, as a word is an abbreviation of Coder / Decoder. The video stream located in the MKV file has been "coded" by the source and now it must be "decoded" by the end user who wishes to play MKV.

So to summarize, MKV is a container format file that stores multiple streams (video, audio and subtitles). These streams may require you to install decoding software to playback. blu-ray software is an excellent MKV player helps you smoothly play MKV files.

Step 1Download MKV Player

Download mkv player, and follow the wizard to install it. And then run it.

Step 2Load MKV file

To add MKV files you would like to play, you can click either the "Media Manager" button or the "Open" button. This media player will automatically play your video by default. .

Step 3Customize the file

If you are not satisfied with the video effects, you can click "AV Center" to customize the file when playing, such as setting the brightness, contrast, hue or saturation.

Step 4Control video playback

With this mkv file player, you can fully control your viewing journey. Click the "Pause" button if you want to stop video playing temporarily. Right-click and select "Full Screen" if you want a full screen playback. Click the "Forward" button two or more times to fast forward your MKV video.

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