

Helping your latest Linux release work with media

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I thought I'd take a bit of a break from the desktops (we'll come back to a new alternative desktop soon) and help the users out with getting both Ubuntu 10.04 and Fedora 13 working with some of the popular media types.

Unfortunately Linux is hindered by licensing issues. This is why you will be hard-pressed to find a major distribution that ships with pre-rolled in MP3 support. It's frustrating, but it's a reality when dealing with licenses. Does that mean you have to go without listening to MP3's and other file formats? No. You can still enjoy them, you just have to install support for those tools yourself (or allow the system to install them).

Auto-install

This is especially true for Ubuntu 10.04. When you try to use a new media type in one of the players (such as Rhythmbox or Banshee), Ubuntu will attempt to install the necessary files, applications,. and/or codecs in order allow that media player to work with said multi-media file. This works most of the time. It's only during those occasions which it doesn't work that will have you frustrated because you can't use that multi-media. Fear not.

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