

# Don't download the wrong VLC

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I love VLC. It is one of the programs I install on all my systems, whether Windows, or Linux. BUT, some evil, nasty dewds are making the good name of VLC a ?hook? to get you to download a modified mailware infested version! Grrrr!

?Ask any geek for a media player recommendation that runs on Windows, Mac, or Linux, and you?re guaranteed to hear VLC mentioned quite often. It?s free to download and use, includes support for just about any video format you?d want to watch, and has a dedicated team of developers behind it.

The problem is, while VLC is developed as a not-for-profit open source project, other companies are taking advantage of its popularity to distribute adware and spyware.

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