ActiveProLearn

Enseignement digital

Installation Guide

Module MPlayer

Installation

This plugin installs the standard way:

- 1. Unzip archive into the 'mod' directory of Moodle
- 2. Browse to administration notifications to finish installation.

Global settings

The global settings mostly deal with default values for many advanced parameters.

Media Player	
Player mplayer default_player	Flowplayer V Default: Flowplayer
Show debug code mplayer showdebugcode	Default: No
Authors can choose mplayer allowchoice	No Default: No If enabled, authors can override the site level technology choice per instance.
Width mplayer default_width	100% Default: 100%
Height mplayer default_height	570 Default: 570
Skin (JW Player) mplayer default_skin	Default: Empty
Show Icons mplayer default_icons	true Default: true

General settings

Player (technology)

Chooses the default technology used when creating a new instance. Both player may not provide exactly the same options, JW Player, f.e., natively is provided to play YouTube streams, but uses Flash technology. flowplayer is provided in html5 technolgy, but may not support adaptative bitrate.

Show debug code

Special feature for the full javascript API player setup (flowplayer). Displays the complete JS script for debugging prupose.

Teachers can choose

If enabled, the teacher in the course may be allowed to switch the player technology for the instance.

Width

Player expected width. Some external constraints such as theme or other layout situation may force this with not to be maintained.

the value should be compatible with a CSS width: attribute, in percent or pixels.

Height

Height, in pixels (no relative nor percent).

Skin (JWPlayer only)

the default skin of the JW player.

Show icons

Shows or hides video control commands and icons.

Control Bar mplayer default_controlbar	bottom V Default: bottom
Front Color mplayer default_frontcolor	Default: Empty
Back Color mplayer default_backcolor	Default: Empty
Light Color mplayer default_lightcolor	Default: Empty
Screen Color mplayer default_screencolor	Default: Empty
Auto Start mplayer default_autostart	false
Full Screen mplayer default_fullscreen	true

Control bar location

If player allows to, will change the location of the controls on the player interface.

Foreground color

If player allows to, changes the foreground color of the video GUI.

Background color

If player allows to, changes the background color of the video GUI, f.e. the backgorund when no vido nor poster is playing.

Light color

If player allows to, changes the light color of the video GUI, tis usually afects the player control texts.

Autoplay

If enabled, new player instances will autoplay media as a default.

Full screen

If enabled, the full screen switch is available for users as a default for new instances.

Stretching (JW Player) mplayer default_stretching	uniform 🖌	- 1
	Default: uniform	
Volume mplayer default_volume	100 ¥	
	Default: 100	
Native fullscreen controls (flowplayer) mplayer default_native_fullscreen	false 🖌	
	Default: false	

Scaling content (JWPlayer)

Modes of image adjustement to outbounds of the player.

Volume

Default volume for new player instances.

Native full screen controls (flowplayer)

Some devices have some special behavious with the full screen feature. Usually those device provide a simulation of standard full-screen behaviour, rather than device native. If you experience some difficulties with the full screen among your users, this may help to fix some inadequate behaviours.

Extra Configuration with a streaming server

The MPlayer module can cooperate with a defered video stream player. When feeding Moodle with videos, the media file is first upladed in moodle the standard way, then it is mooved to the remote storage and replaced locally by a manifest text file.

For this configuration to work, you will need locally mounting a remote volume from the media server filesystem.

Till now we worked in two opensource/community directions:

- Wowza server
- Apache pseudo-streaming using H264 additional module (https://www.apachehaus.net/modules/mod_h264_streaming/)

HTTP media server player httpmediaserver	Default: Empty
HTTP media path mplayer httpmediapath	Default: Empty
HTTP storage dir rer httpmediacontentdir	Default: Empty
IP Streaming source mplayer wowzaserver	Default: Empty
treaming application layer wowzaapplication	/vod Default: /vod
Content Directory	Default: Empty

HTTP Pseudo streaming parameters

Server url

Main domain for the HTTP access to media .mp4

Relative media path

Relative media path. this will be append to the server URL.

HTTP Storage dir

Give the local mount path for the remote storage volume. this needs to be an absolute path in your local system (mount point).

Wowza parameters

Media flow server url

The rtmp url of the flow server. In case the server exploits HLS (over HTTP) or is using an H264 over apache distribution, this setting is not relevant.

Stream server application

Many streaming server propose several applications: VOD (video ondemand) is the standard application when reading a stored video, and live streaming when the stream comes from an active camera.

Remote media storage (wowza)

Give the local mount path for the remote storage volume. this needs to be an absolute path in your local system (mount point).

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