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# VLC Media Player for Mac

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## CNET Editors' review

by: [Chris Page](#) on July 01, 2013

### • CNET Editors' Rating:

Excellent

### • Average User Rating:

VLC Media Player for Mac is the all-around reliable, works-out-of-the-box media player that you might never have heard of, though that's no reflection on the app, itself.

We installed the latest update for VLC Media Player for Mac on our test machine without problems. We quickly downloaded the DMG, and then copied VLC to

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## Quick Specs

- Version:  
2.0.8
- File size:  
27.98MB
- Date added:  
July 29, 2013
- Price:  
Free
- Operating system:  
Mac OS X 10.6/10.7/10.8
- Total downloads:  
4,984,320
- Downloads last week:  
9,485
- Product ranking:  
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- Additional Requirements  
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Applications, overwriting our previous installed version. As longtime users of this software, we were happy to see that not much has changed. The interface remained the same, with standard buttons for playback, forward, and back. Advanced controls are available for more options, as well. The player supports a wide variety of audio and video formats, natively, meaning no forced installation of third-party codecs to make it work is needed. We tested VLC Media Player for Mac out on a variety of video files such as MOV, MP4, MKV, and AVI, and had no problems viewing any of them. In addition to playing just about every type of media you can feed it, this player also features some tools for editing and recording media. We boosted saturation, hue, and contrast during playback of a video until the color was more to our liking. We were also able to record a video stream, as it came in live, from over the Internet. There are many more features, but for the majority ease of playback is reason enough to use this player.

VLC Media Player for Mac has been the media player of choice for many for a long time, even if it doesn't have the name recognition of other media players. It's versatile, powerful, and easy to use, eliminating video compatibility issues that often plague one player or another.

VLC Media Player:

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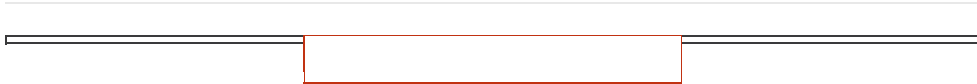
From [VideoLAN Project](#):




VLC (initially VideoLAN Client) is a highly portable multimedia player for various audio and video formats, including MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4, DivX, MP3, and OGG, as well as for DVDs, VCDs, and various streaming protocols. It also can be used as a server for unicast or multicast streams in IPv4 or IPv6 on a high-bandwidth network.

What's new in this version:


- small update that fixes some regressions of the 2.0.x branch of VLC.
- fixes numerous crashes and dangerous behaviors.
- fixes ISDB-S tuning and some OSX issues.





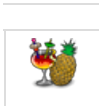
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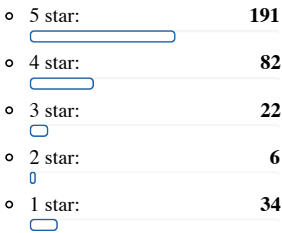
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## "Latest version unstable. Rating for this version only."

August 23, 2013 | By [ibib2](#)

Version: VLC Media Player 2.0.8

### Pros

Normally this is a fantastic video tool. Been using it for years.

### Cons

Latest version (v2.0.8) simply will not run on my mid-2009 MacBook, OS 10.8.4.

### Summary

VLC has always worked very well for me for years, playing virtually all video formats I asked it to. Updates have always been painless. However, after installing the update to v2.0.8, this version will not run. It 'unexpectedly quits' every time I try to launch it. Had to revert back to my last previous version (v2.0.3) which still works just fine. Even with this hiccup, I still support VLC, and I'm confident it will be fixed in a new update soon.

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## "Better than it says on the tin"

August 18, 2013 | By [kashi63](#)

Version: VLC Media Player 2.0.8

### Pros

One thing that I wanted, and isn't mentioned here, is the ability to change playback speed (having lost that in Quicktime now that my 'pro' is no longer).

VLC can change playback speed.

Excellent!

### Cons

none found yet

### Summary

Looks good, works great ... nice!

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## "Version 2.08 "quits unexpectedly" Don't upgrade!"

July 31, 2013 | By [PaulKB](#)  
Version: VLC Media Player 2.0.8

### Pros

This has been a very good "Swiss Army Knife" for playing almost any video, using almost any codec. I had to revert to 2.04. I don't want to bad mouth VLC, but read my comments below.

### Cons

VLC version 2.08 will not run on my late 2006 iMac running 10.7.5 Lion. VLC will appear to launch properly, opening the "drop video here" window. Within 10 seconds the program will quit with the message that the program quit unexpectedly.

### Summary

VLC is a very good video program. I have used it for years with few problems. Something must have slipped by the developer. I am not giving up on VLC. My comment is that for my Mac setup version 2.08 is unstable and unusable.

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## "It Plays Every Video Which I want. Very Nice Freeware"

July 30, 2013 | By [Irsh4](#)  
Version: VLC Media Player 2.0.8

### Pros

Easy To Use

### Cons

Not Having Facility for VIA Graphic Card

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