

# Problem Stopping mplayer

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I start mplayer from mozilla and listen to a radio station not available locally – works perfectly.

There is a hitch though. If mozilla is stopped there is no longer a window for mplayer. I stop it from a console by getting its pid and killing it. This works but shouldn't there be a better way?

Before the recent dist-upgrades of testing I used Realplayer which opened a small window on top of the mozilla navigator window. From its window Realplayer could be started, stopped and minimized. If mozilla was stopped the Realplayer window remained with controls to stop and to close the window.

In contrast, mplayer takes over the current mozilla window displaying play/pause/stop buttons in the lower left corner of an otherwise blank window. To continue accessing the web it is necessary to open another navigator window. Then if mozilla is stopped all the windows are closed and so access to the mplayer controls is lost.

I tried to start Realplayer but found this now launches a non-functioning mplayer window.

Since I can stop mplayer by killing it this is not a big problem but I would like a better way if anyone knows of one.

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