

Setting Up and Using RealNetworks® Helix™ - Basic Streaming Server on MS Windows

The RealNetworks® Helix™ - Basic Streaming Server (henceforth referred to as the Helix™ Server) is RealNetworks®' free streaming server supporting up to five simultaneous RealAudio® 10 or RealVideo® 10 streams. This offering is meant for occasional light use where the expected number of users is expected to be very low, such as on a small corporate LAN or on a school's website.

INSTALLATION

1. Double-click on the installation file.
2. A licence file must be supplied, which will have been sent via e-mail after completing the download process. Supply the destination for the licence file.
3. Accept the default settings.
4. When installation is complete there will be an Internet Explorer shortcut on the desktop (Figure 1) which when clicked displays the Helix™ Server Administrator interface. It is a good idea to write down the exact URL that appears when this shortcut is clicked on, as the port number (the number following the colon at the end of the URL, e.g. **http://www.myhost.com:123456**) can be difficult to find again if the shortcut is accidentally deleted.

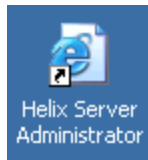


Figure 1. Shortcut icon.

5. To test the server installation, open the shortcut to the Helix™ Server Administrator interface, navigate to the 'Server Setup' section and click on the link to 'Media Samples'. Clicking on this link displays a page with links to various media types on the Helix™ Server. The Basic version of Helix™ Server is only licensed to stream RealVideo® and RealAudio® content; the other types listed will all return an error of some sort if an attempt is made to access them.

To access Real Media, the RealOne® player must be installed first. This can be downloaded for free by following the link to the 'Free Player' at the top of the web page at **http://www.realone.com**.

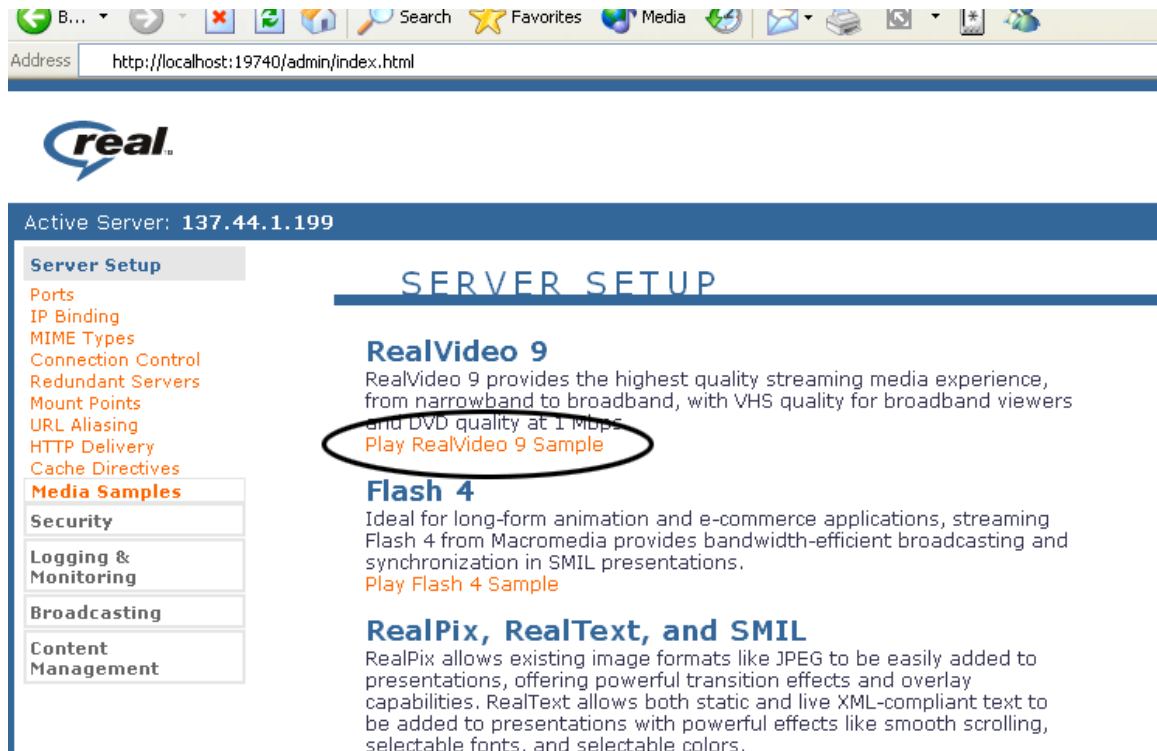


Figure 2. Testing the server installation.

6. Assuming that the RealVideo 9 sample video clip appears without an error (Figure 2), content can now be loaded onto the server.

Content is stored by default in the following directory (assuming that the default installation location was accepted during setup):

C:\

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