The Dragon Player Handbook

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Abstract

Dragon Player is a simple video player by KDE.

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Introduction
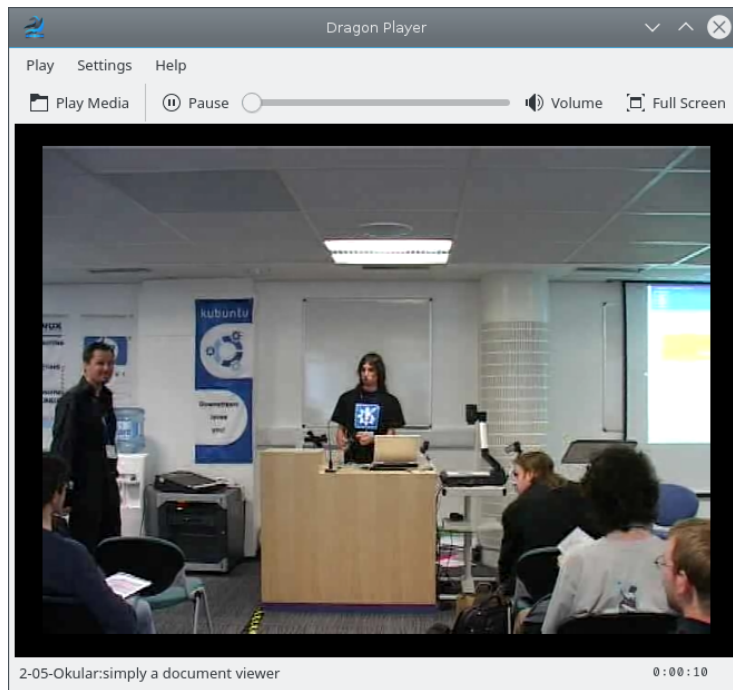
Dragon Player is a simple media player using Phonon technology. Dragon Player is a no frills media player that excels at playing DVDs and movie files without getting in your way.

Chapter 2

Select a Media

If you start Dragon Player from the application launcher or use **Play Media** (**Ctrl**+**O**) from the toolbar or from the **Play** menu this window is displayed:
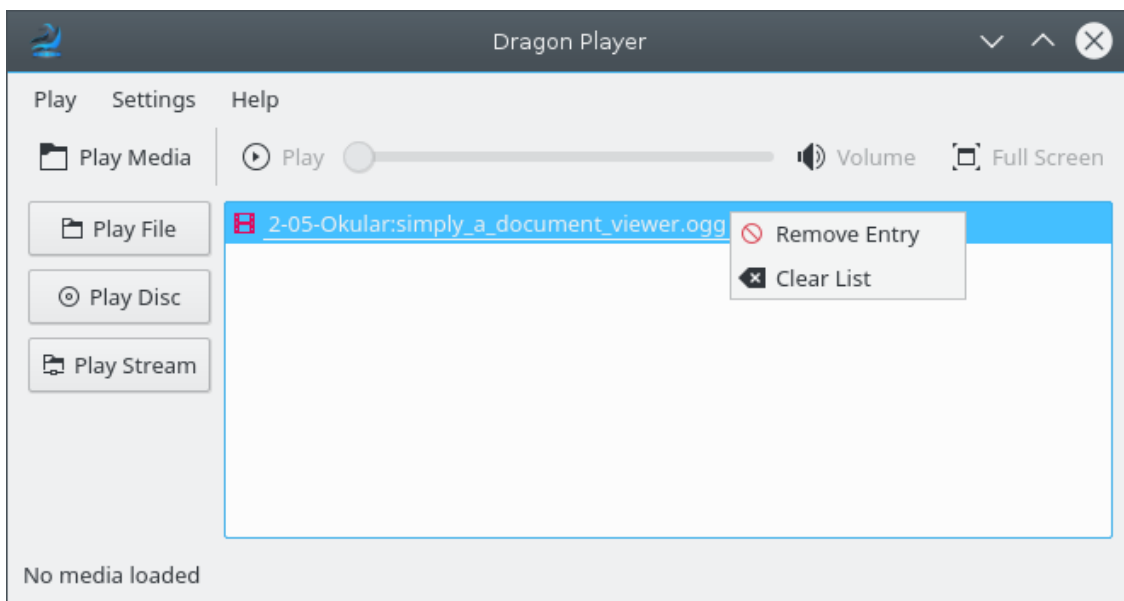
There are three ways to play a video file:

Play File opens the file dialog and allows you to select a file to play.

Play Disc to play a CD or DVD.

Play Stream opens a dialog to enter an address of some multimedia stream.

Double click on an entry in the play list with recently opened files to start playing it. The context menu of the play list shows actions to remove a selected entry or clear the whole play list. Any file you played will be automatically added to the list.

Chapter 3

Features

Full Screen Mode

While playing a movie, you can enter full screen mode. This uses the entire monitor to display the movie. Moving the mouse shows a toolbar at the top of the screen in full screen mode. Toggle the full screen mode using the **Settings** menu, the action in the toolbar, double click on the video or use the shortcut **F**.

Video Settings

Select this action from the **Settings** menu to adjust **Brightness**, **Contrast**, **Hue** and **Saturation**. These settings are stored together with the playback position for each video file. This enables you resume playing a video with the selected video settings and the position where you stopped playing.

Navigation

The shortcut **PgUp** brings you 10% forward / **+** 10 seconds forward and **PgDown** brings you 10% backward / **-** 10 seconds backward. Use **Settings** → **Menu Toggle** (**R**) to switch to the video menu and select another chapter to play. **Play** → **Play/Pause** (**Space**) allows you to pause and resume playback if a movie is loaded. **Play** → **Stop** (**S**) stops playback. Go to the previous or next chapter of a video with **Previous Chapter** (**,**) or **Next Chapter** (**.**) from the **Play** menu.

Volume control

If you play videos with a hidden toolbar, you can use the shortcut **M** to mute or unmute the sound; and the shortcut **V** to toggle the display of the volume slider right to the video.

Settings → **Aspect Ratio**

This menu lets you pick the aspect ratio of the playing movie. The aspect ratio is width of movie compared to the height.

Subtitles and Audio Channels

These menu items from the **Settings** menu are active if there are any subtitles or additional audio channels (e.g. with different languages) available from the currently playing movie. Note that it may take a few seconds of playback before the subtitles or audio channels become available.

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