
Subject: Re: high quality videos with idlffvideowrite?
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My favorite source for 'kitchen sink' builds of FFmpeg is <http://ffmpeg.zeranoe.com/builds/>

FFmpeg is constantly being worked on and updated, but they only increment that number in the libraries' filenames when they make a change that would make them incompatible with older versions. So unfortunately you do have to stick with an older version for now, but the next release of IDL will use a much newer version.

I think this one (from Jan 2012) ought to work for you:

<http://ffmpeg.zeranoe.com/builds/win32/shared/ffmpeg-git-01fcbdf-win32-shared.7z>

I developed your version of IDLffVideoWrite with FFmpeg 0.8.3, which came around Sept 2012.

I really wish we could distribute files like that so you didn't have to go through all this, but video technology is a minefield of copyright and patent issues and there's a lot of features in there we just can't distribute.

I'm not sure why your videos wouldn't be working in Quicktime Player. If you're using one of the lossless presets, it may not support those files. You might try out VLC Media Player (<http://www.videolan.org/>) just to see that the files are valid- VLC is remarkably good about being able to play just about anything you throw at it.

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