

## Linux - Watch Movies in ASCII Text Mode With mplayer

Submitted by ingram on Sun, 06/02/2013 - 10:05pm

Linux - Watch Movies in ASCII Text Mode With mplayer

Other than showing off a cool trick, I can't think of a legitimate reason to do this. But for those interested, you'll need mplayer installed to play a video in ASCII text mode. If you don't already have it installed, run the following command to install it:

*Ubuntu:* **`sudo apt-get install mplayer`**

*openSUSE (If you haven't added the packman repositories, you'll have to do that first[here](#)<sup>[1]</sup>):*

**`sudo zypper install mplayer`**

If you are looking for a video to test this out on, check out the trailer for [Big Buck Bunny](#) <sup>[2]</sup>. You can download it by running the following command:

```
wget http://mirror.cessen.com/blender.org/peach/trailer/trailer_400p.ogg
```

To play the video in ASCII Text mode, run the following command:

**`mplayer -vo caca trailer_400p.ogg`**

Linux - Watch Movies in ASCII Text Mode With mplayer 1

Linux - Watch Movies in ASCII Text Mode With mplayer 2

.

[Privacy Policy](#)

support @ itswapshop . com

---

**Source URL:** <http://itswapshop.com/tutorial/linux-watch-movies-ascii-text-mode-mplayer>

### Links:

[1] [http://en.opensuse.org/Additional\\_package\\_repositories](http://en.opensuse.org/Additional_package_repositories)

[2] <http://www.bigbuckbunny.org/>