

# Smoke Ranch Media Player Users Guide

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## ***Introduction***

The Smoke Ranch Media Player module for DotNetNuke is a robust module that offers many features beyond the basic capabilities of DotNetNuke. These features include:

- Categories – organize and display media by categories.
- Ratings – allow users to rate media. Ratings are collected on a ten point scale and displayed for each media item. This feature can be available to all site visitors, restricted to only registered users, or turned off completely.
- Advanced display settings – fine tune the options for displaying your media, such as whether or not to display video controls, whether to start videos automatically, looping, and more.
- Support for Windows Media, Quicktime, Flash, and static images.
- Very simple to configure and use!

If you encounter any issues with your module, you can obtain tech support by sending email to [support@smokeranch.com](mailto:support@smokeranch.com). If you require customization of your module, or related custom development, please send details to [info@smokeranch.com](mailto:info@smokeranch.com). For more information, visit <http://www.smokeranch.com>.

## ***Installation***

1. Login as Host
2. Go to "Host" > "Module Definitions"
3. Choose "Upload New Module"

4. Browse to the \*.zip file containing the module. (Note: If you purchased the source code version of the file, you will need to extract the zip containing the PA first – the PA zip is the file you upload here).
5. Click "Add"
6. Click "Upload New File"
7. Configure your portal for the file types you require (see Configuration section below).

That's it! Now you can add the module to any location in your portal that you wish to display media.

## **Configuration**

### **Portal configuration**

Before uploading media to your portal, you need to ensure that your portal will allow the desired file types. To modify the list of allowable file extensions, follow these instructions:

1. Login as Host
2. Go to Host > Host Settings > Advanced Settings
3. Add your file extensions to the list in the File Upload Extensions text box

### **Module Settings – General**

The following are a description of each configuration option in the General Player Settings. These settings can be found under Module Settings > Media Player Settings.

#### **Get Remote File Size**

This setting causes the module to calculate the size of files hosted on remote servers. Checking this setting may increase the Add File processing time.

#### **Use Default Media**

This setting causes the module to load one of the media files automatically when the view page is loaded.

#### **Default Media**

This setting contains the media file that will be automatically loaded if the Use Default Media setting is checked.

### **Use Preview Image**

This setting will cause the module to display preview images in the file listings.

Note that the Preview Image control is hidden for image type media files. The file entered in the Media File textbox is also used for the preview image.

Only the following file types may be used for preview images: jpg, gif, png, bmp.

### **Preview Image Width**

This setting controls the width of the preview images when they are displayed in the file lists.

### **Expand Categories By Default**

If this box is checked, the list of media will be fully expanded when the page is loaded. Otherwise, the list will be collapsed to display only the list of categories, allowing users to expand each category as they browse.

### **Allow User Ratings**

If this box is checked, visitors to the site will be able to assign a rating to each media item. The average rating and total number of ratings are displayed next to each media item. If the box is not checked, users cannot rate media and no rating information is displayed.

### **Allow Downloads**

If this box is checked, visitors to the site will be able to download the media files.

### **Only Logged-In Members Can Add Ratings**

If this box is checked, then a user must be logged in to the portal in order to rate a media item. Otherwise, any visitor can rate items. Note that checking this box is the only sure way to prevent a single user from rating an item multiple times. If this box is not checked, cookies are used to prevent multiple ratings from a single user; however, this system is not foolproof to those with a knowledge of web-based cookies.

Note that if the Allow User Ratings box is not checked, then this setting has no effect.

### **Allow Downloads**

This setting determines whether the Download hyperlink is visible.

### **Display File Size**

This setting determines whether the media file size is displayed beneath the title.

### **Display Description**

If this box is checked, the description will be displayed for each media item (if a description has been entered for the item).

### **Player CSS Settings**

This setting contains the CSS class used to render the player container.

### **Item CSS**

This setting contains the CSS class used to render media file items in the file listings.

### **Alternate Item CSS**

This setting contains the alternate CSS class used to render media file items in the file listings.

### **Item Title CSS**

This setting contains the CSS class used to render the item titles in the file listings.

### **Item Size CSS**

This setting contains the CSS class used to render the media file size in the file listings.

### **Item Rating CSS**

This setting contains the CSS class used to render the media rating in the file listings.

### **Item Description CSS**

This setting contains the CSS class used to render the media description in the file listings.

## **Windows Media Player Settings**

The following are a description of each configuration option in the Windows Media Player Settings. These settings apply only to media that is played in Microsoft's

Windows Media Player. These settings can be found under Module Settings > Media Player Settings.

### **File Types**

This setting contains the file types to be associated with the Windows Media Player control.

This setting must be in the following format: [extension][[extension]]...

This setting defaults to: asf|aif|aifc|aiff|au|avi|mid|midi|mpe|mpeg|mpg|mpv2|mp2|mp3|m1v|rmi|snd|wav|wm|wma|wmv

### **Show Controls**

This setting determines whether the Windows Media Player controls will be displayed.

### **Auto Start**

This setting determines whether the Windows Media Player will automatically start playing.

### **Loop Playback**

This setting determines whether the Windows Media Player will loop the playback of the mediafile.

### **Loop Count**

This setting determines how many times the Windows Media Player will play the media file. This setting is only used if the Loop Playback setting is checked.

### **Height**

This setting determines the height of the Windows Media Player control.

### **Width**

This setting determines the width of the Windows Media Player control.

## **QuickTime Player Settings**

The following are a description of each configuration option in the Quicktime Player Settings. These settings apply only to media that is played in Apple's Quicktime Player. These settings can be found under Module Settings > Media Player Settings.

### **File Types**

This setting contains the file types to be associated with the QuickTime Player control.

This setting must be in the following format: [extension]|[extension]|...

This setting defaults to: `mov|qt`

### **Show Controls**

This setting determines whether the QuickTime Player controls will be displayed.

### **Auto Start**

This setting determines whether the Windows Media Player will automatically start playing.

### **Height**

This setting determines the height of the Windows Media Player control.

### **Width**

This setting determines the width of the Windows Media Player control.