DVB EPG Data

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Overview

How to get EPG data directly from your aerial, cable or satellite provider via your DVB tuner.

Introduction

DVB (Digital Video Broadcast) channels can receive program information embedded in the signal-stream. This system is called EPG (Electronic Program Guide).

The information received depends on the TV broadcaster. Some channels include very detailed EPG information, some only a very basic EPG and some don't transmit EPG at all.

Note: IF DVB EPG is not supported in your region (e.g. North America which uses ATSC) - use XMLTV EPG Date or WebEPG Data

Setup

1. Run TV-Server Configuration using the desktop shortcut.
2. Click on the DVB EPG menu.
3. Enable CRC Check - Depending upon your service provider, you will want to ether enable or disable the "" option. E.g.:
   - UK Freeview (DVB-T/T2) does not need this option
   - UK Freesat (DVB-S/S2) does need this option to work.
   - If you are using a combination of DVB-T/T2 AND DVB-S/S2 then enable it to make sure you fill all your EPG data.
4. Always try to fill holes - Enable
5. EPG grabbing while recording/timeshifting - Enable
6. EPG grabbing while idle - Disable
   - you can try re-selecting this option once you have got the EPG grabbing working
7. Expand the DVB EPG menu and click on the Radio EPG Grabber menu.
   - EPG data is sent via these radio channels
   - Note: the red and green scrambled/free-to-air symbols are erroneously opposite on this screen, but this will not cause any problems with your setup.
8. Store data only for selected channels - Enable
   a. Check the channels you want EPG for, either one by one or by one or by using the options in blue below.
      Usually a provider will send EPG data for all channels from that provider with each channel. This means that you will only need to check one channel from each provider. So checking a channel here will decide which channel you want to retrieve EPG from.
   b. Grab EPG for the following languages - Select All, None or check the languages you wish
9. Click on TV EPG Grabber menu.
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11. Click OK to exit the TV-Server Configuration and run MP.

Your EPG data will start downloading as you watch TV.

What's Next

Now you have a nicely populated TV Guide - but you probably would like to add Channel Logos.

Related

- TV Guide Setup - EPG