

ComSkip Launcher

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Overview

The ComSkip launcher plugin allows the recorded TV Program to be analyzed for commercials so they can then be skipped during playback.

Requirements

Requires[Comskip]<http://www.kaashoek.com/comskip>] to be downloaded and installed.

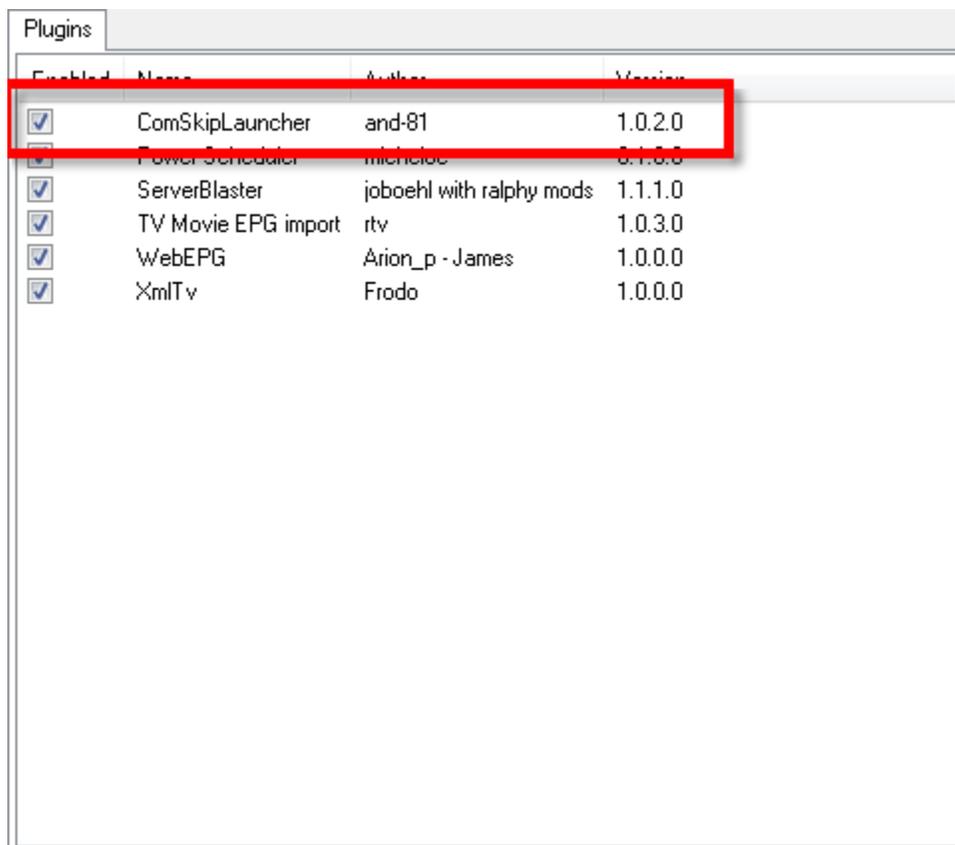
Comskip launcher TV-Server plugin is already included when you install TV-Server (i.e. select Use TV during MediaPortal Installation).

Alternatively you can install the Comskip Monitored plugin from [here](#). This can limit the number of instances of comskip running at one time, to avoid overloading your system .

Note: If you want to process H264 recordings you need the \$10 donate version of comskip, donation can be made [here](#).

Enable the Plugin

Placing a check mark against ComSkipLauncher will Enable the plugin. Removing the checkmark will disable it.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Plugins" with a table of installed plugins. The "ComSkipLauncher" plugin is highlighted with a red box, indicating it is enabled. The table has columns for "Enabled", "Name", "Author", and "Version".

Enabled	Name	Author	Version
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ComSkipLauncher	and-81	1.0.2.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Power Scheduler	michelo	3.1.3.3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ServerBlaster	joboehl with ralphy mods	1.1.1.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TV Movie EPG import	rtv	1.0.3.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WebEPG	Arion_p - James	1.0.0.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	XmlTv	Frodo	1.0.0.0

Configure the Plugin

The following is an explanation of the plugin specific configuration menu.

When to launch

Recording Start Recording End

What to launch

Program:
ComSkip.exe ...

Parameters:
"{0}" ?

Test

... Test

Comskip is a free commercial detector. It's a windows console application that reads an mpeg file and analyses the content based on a large amount of configurable parameters. After analysis it can remove the commercials detected from the file.

Get ComSkip here:
<http://www.kaashoek.com/comskip/>

When to launch

(Default: Recording start) -Sets whether Comskip should run while recording to be done by the time your recording is finished or to run after it has finished. If Recording Finished, this will save on processing power and disk writes while recording and recommended for slower or process loaded machines.

What to launch

Program (Default: C:\Program Files\Comskip\Comskip.exe)

- Set to the location where you installed [Comskip](#).

Parameters (Default: "{0}")

- Comskip at minimum requires a filename to process but can also be given other info on the command line (press the ? button for more info)
- You can add **-t** to indicate that the input file is a transport stream

Test

- This section allows you to ensure the configuration is correct. Input a filename (including path) or browse using "...". Then click the "Test" button to ensure Comskip starts processing the file.

Usage Guide

When [Comskip](#) has finished (possibly before finished, needs checking) processing your recording and you play back the recording the next chapter and previous chapter buttons will skip to the next commercial/program boundary, just press next chapter every time a commercial break starts (next/previous chapter: F7 and F8)

Troubleshooting

- For versions of MediaPortal earlier than 1.2.0 Beta, there is no 'out of the box' support for viewing via TV Recordings however a workaround can be applied. Please see this forum thread for more information: <https://forum.team-mediaportal.com/tv-server-plugins-294/comskip-how-single-seat-server-client-76719/>
 - If not skipping at all ensure there is a .txt file located in the same location as the recording. If there is not, then Comskip is not configured correctly or failed. Check the parameters field for correct settings.
- Note: You have to restart the TvService after enabling the plugin or changing the settings!**
- If not detecting the commercials correctly, Comskip tuning may need to be refined. Please visit the [Comskip Site](#) and view the manual and tuning guide there.
 - On Windows 8 and newer the non-donator's version of Comskip 81_069 (and newer???) is blocked on first run by Windows' smart screen security filter. This security filter needs to be configured to allow Comskip to run, otherwise TV Server will encounter serious problems starting and stopping recordings. See [this thread](#) for more information. To configure the filter:
 - Run Comskip.exe manually. You should see a "your computer is being kept secure" dialog. If you do not see the dialog then the filter is already configured appropriately and no action is required.
 - Select "more information".
 - Select "run anyway".