

# Install hevc codec for .mkv video on Linux Mint

Given how complete Linux Mint is out of the box, I'm surprised to have experienced this problem even after installing all extra codecs from the repositories after initial installation.

Upon attempting to play the latest .mkv episode of Silicon Valley, I received the following error in VLC Media Player.

*“unable to decode hevc, there's nothing you can do about this error”*

Or words to that effect. I'd include a screen-shot of the error but I've fixed it now, so am sharing the fix with you instead. I'll keep it succinct.

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sudo apt-add-repository ppa:strukturag/libde265
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sudo apt-get update
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sudo apt-get install gstreamer0.10-libde265
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sudo apt-get install vlc-plugin-libde265
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