

How to use the Streaming Media Service at Cambridge

The University of Cambridge Streaming Media Service, run by the University Computing Service at Cambridge, is an unique, free, and highly effective permanent store of films and audio recordings. It is also a very efficient way of streaming or downloading films for various devices.

Here are a few tips about how to use it effectively.

When you are taken to the page with the film you want, you can do various things.

You can watch it in the format it comes up in. Or, if you want to watch it in full screen, start to play the film and you will find an full-screen icon on the bottom right.

If you want to watch it in other formats, suitable for slower broad band, or for mobile devices, or just in audio, or if you want to download the film, press on the 'Formats' tab.

If there is a text associated with the item, as with the Interviews, then press the 'Transcript' tab below the picture.

You can search of other films in the collection with various search fields above the film.

If you want to see other films in the particular collection you are looking at, look at the metadata below the film and you will see an item 'Collection', with a clickable text (in green) beside it.

All the films held on the Streaming Media Service are automatically archived permanently on the University of Cambridge Digital Space Archive (DSpace).

Other help and advice can be found at:

<https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/service/email-telephony-and-collaboration/av-media/sms/sms-faqs>

The home page of the service can be found at: <https://sms.cam.ac.uk>