

Using The New FLVPlayback 2.5 Component in Flex

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Alongside the recently released **Flash Media Server 3.5** and its Dynamic Streaming and DVR capabilities Adobe have also pushed out an **updated version of their FLVPlayback component**. As **Andrew Shorten explains**, this component can be used in both Flash or Flex since it is not based on UIComponent. In short, **FLVPlayback** brings a more fully featured video component to Flex (dare I say finally), and while most of us have a love-hate relationship with this baby it's certainly good news for the platform, and you no longer have to 'port' your Flash based FLVPlayback component to Flex now (as **I did here**).

I gave the component a quick test drive and wrapped it into a **Flex project** that you can **download** and try yourself. The demo below uses FMS for streaming, the downloadable project uses a progressive download. Note that I'm using Oleg's excellent **Swfobject 2.1 Flex template** and I added the allowFullScreen parameter for this example and removed the history management (not really needed for a plain video player). **Sources here**.