

REDUCE VIDEO FILE SIZE WITH VLC

Before sending a video over the internet you should always make sure that the file size isn't too big. Big files will take longer to transfer, and most file transferring services have a strict limit on file sizes you can upload.

Luckily there's a lot you can do to reduce your file size. The tool we will use called VLC Media Player. It's completely free and open source, and also very easy to use. You can download it from their website

www.videolan.org.

Open VLC, and go to *File > Convert / Stream*

(*Arkiv > Konvertera / Strömma* if you have the program set to Swedish.)



Drag and drop your input file to the big arrow, or click *Open media* and navigate to it.

Click *Customize* to configure the output settings.

The recommended settings are as follows:

Encapsulation: Mp4/Mov.

Video Codec: H.264.

Resolution width: 1920 or 1280. (lower value means smaller file size)

Bitrate: 8000 if your width is 1920, 4000 if your width is 1280.

Audio Codec: MPEG Audio (leave the rest of the audio settings at default)

Click *Apply*, then save as file. Click *Go!* and wait for the progress bar in VLC to reach the end. Look at the size of your new file. If it's still too big, try again with a lower bitrate and resolution.