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Finding the streaming URL to add as a custom station

There are a number of different ways to extract the audio stream URL from a website - with some methods being easy (for the novice user), to more complex methods (requiring strong computer experience) - depending on the type of stream it is.

The easiest way to extract a stream URL is when the stream opens and plays in a stand alone media player like Windows Media Player. If WMP is playing a stream, you will see the name of the stream listed in the right hand side of player under 'Now Playing'. Right clicking on the name and choosing 'Properties' will reveal the streaming URL address under 'Location'.

If the stream is being played by Real Player, then you can view the streaming URL by selecting 'View Clip Info' under the menu bar 'File' option.

If the stream you want is being played by an embedded player built into the website you may still be able to extract the streaming URL but it's more likely that the URL will not be able to be played by your radio. It is worth a try though.

Depending on the type of embedded player being used, you can sometimes right click on the player and view the properties of the stream in a similar way to if it was playing in a stand alone player (see above). If the embedded player doesn't offer you the 'properties' option, you may have to view the actual webpage code to obtain the URL. Selecting the 'View Source' option in your web browser tools menu will allow you to see the page in text form, which may reveal the URL to you.

Another way to reveal streaming URL's is to use software which attempts to look at any URL address currently streaming on your computer. Programs like URLSnooper2 offer this level of information, but would only be recommended for use by experienced computer users.

 **Tip!** Obtaining any streaming URL doesn't always guarantee the stream will be able to be played on your Flow radio. The stream will still need to be in a recognizable format that your Flow radio supports.