ArtistScope Portable Media Reader

View protected media archives while offline.

About ArtistScope Portable Media (APM)

ArtistScope Portable Media (APM) archives are viewed in a web browser via APM software. Non-DRM archives may be password/expiry protected but they can be viewed in the default web browser. However DRM protected archives can only be viewed in the ArtistScope web browser, the browser recommended for copy protected web-style content.

Regardless of DRM status, all ArtistScope Portable Media archives can be viewed while offline (not requiring Internet). If DRM has been applied the author of the media will have provided an *Access Token* (corresponding certificate file).

Non-DRM Media Archives

Media archives not protected by DRM do not require *Access Tokens* and can be viewed in your default web browser. However they may password protected or otherwise limited by expiry date.

DRM and Access Tokens

If DRM is applied to a media archive then an *Access Token* will be required before the Reader can open it. Tokens are provided by the media author and assigned per individual user (cannot be shared). Before an author can provide an *Access Token* your Computer ID must be known. *Access Tokens* can be delivered by email or downloaded from your APM subscriber account. For an Access Token to be recognized it needs to be copied to the folder storing the media archive that it is for.

APM Subscriber Account

The online location of your APM portal can vary as some authors may be managing APM from their own web site while mothers may be using a portal provided by ArtistScope. APM subscriber accounts can only be provided by media authors after you subscribe to their paid video service or correspondence course. Non-author members of an APM portal must always use the ArtistScope web browser to log in before collecting Access Tokens assigned to them.

ArtistScope Web Browser

The ArtistScope browser is the only web browser that is properly designed to protect web-style media and support real browser plugins so that authors can extend the protection of their media by preventing copy/save after media has been exposed for display.

Licensing

The ArtistScope Portable Media (APM) Reader is free to use by everyone and can be distributed on disk with media archives providing that its installer remains intact.

APM Media Support

The ArtistScope Portable Media (APM) Reader runs as a mini web server to be able to display media on web pages. Any media that can be displayed on a web page can be viewed via the APM Reader. However the media type still needs to be supported on your computer.

Video

If an author has used Flash to display video then your computer will need to have the latest version of Flash installed.

Some authors may use an embedded Windows Media Player (WMP) to display video such as ASF, AVI and WMV video files and you should not have a problem with these file types. However WMP video depends upon the Windows Media Player browser plugin that is installed by default on all Windows computers. But installing a new or different media player will change your computer's file associations and WMP may no longer be linked.

PDF

If vanilla PDF documents (unprotected PDF) have been included ten the Adobe Reader will be required to view them. However if the author has protected PDF by using the CopySafe PDF solution then the CopySafe PDF Reader will be required to view such PDF.

Other files

Other file types may have been protected by using the CopySafe Web solution. CopySafe Web browser plugins are automatically installed with the ArtistScope web browser for seamless exploration of such archives.