

How can I download TV shows on my Mac?

OVERVIEW:

The internet is the perfect distribution model, but for what?... for TV!

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Anyone interested in being able to decide when and where you watch TV.

Anyone who is sick of watching 20 mins. of commercials for every 40 mins of content.

What you need:



Azureus

http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/azureus/Azureus_2.4.0.2_OSX.dmg?download



VLC player

<http://www.videolan.org/vlc/download-macosx.html>



DivX player (optional)

<http://www.divx.com/divx/mac/download/>

TOTAL COST:

\$0.00

Steps



Download
Torrent



Download
Movie File



Playback
Movie

How to do it

STEP 1, DOWNLOAD TORRENT

The first step in downloading videos is to get a "torrent" file. A "torrent" file is basically just a pointer that tells Azureus where to get the actual video file (or files) that you will end up watching on your computer.

Although there are many "tracker" sites, my favorite site for downloading torrents of the latest TV shows is eztv @ efnet, <http://www.eztv@efnet.org/>.

The screenshot shows the website #eztv @ EFNET with a list of torrents. The highlighted torrent is:

Filename	Size
Added on: 27 June 2006	
Fear Factor S06E12 PDTV XviD-DIMENSION [eztv]	350
Hells Kitchen S02E04 PDTV XviD-LOL [eztv]	350
The Daily Show 06.26.06 (DSRip-FQM)[VTV]	175
The Colbert Report 06.26.06 (DSRip-DIMENSION)[VTV]	175
Treasure Hunters S01E03 PDTV XviD-FQM [eztv]	350
Fast Inc S01E04 DSR XviD-LOK [eztv]	176
My Fair Brady S02E05 DSR XviD-UMD [eztv]	174
Added on: 26 June 2006	
Saved 1x03 (HDTV-LOL)[VTV]	350
Saved S01E03 HDTV XviD-LOL [eztv]	350
Kyle XY S01E01 DSR XviD-UMD [eztv]	340



Hells Kitchen S02E04
PDTV XviD-LOL [eztv].torrent

The downloaded "torrent" as it will appear on your desktop.

eztv@efnet's homepage lists all the current torrents.

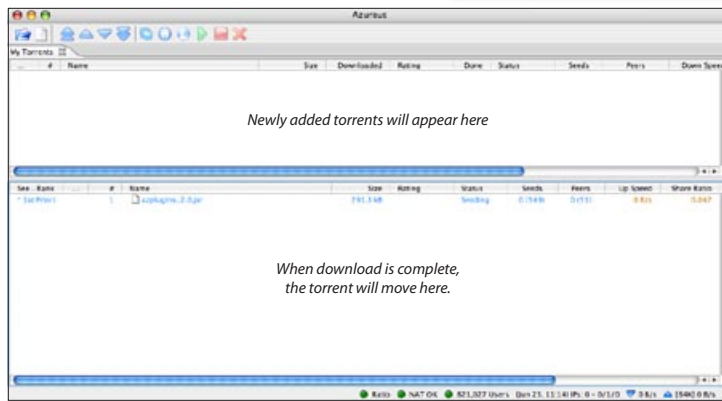
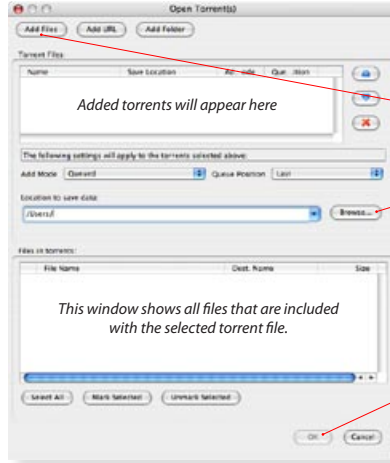
Click on a show title to download the torrent file

STEP 2, DOWNLOAD MOVIE FILE

Now that you've installed Azureus you are ready to download your first TV show. From the "File" menu choose, "Open > Torrent File...". Then select a torrent file from your computer.



Choose "Open > Torrent File..." from the "File" menu.



Azureus Main Window

STEP 3, PLAYBACK MOVIE

Because the majority of files available via bittorrent are saved as XVID movies, you will not be able to view them using Quicktime. Instead you will need an XVID-compatible player such as VLC Player.

