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Turn "Burn Subtitles" on permanently?

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Is there a way to turn "Burn Subtitles" on permanently? I always watch with subtitles and hate when they're not burned in so go in a do it manually every time I watch something, but curious if there's a way to automate it.



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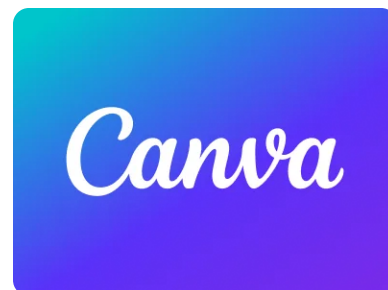
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When you say you, "hate when they're not burned in so go in a do it manually every time", do you mean you just want to have a subtitle track selected automatically, or are you actually talking about burning in subtitles, which is the process of adding the subtitles to the video itself (forcing a [transcode](#)) instead of them being displayed over the video as a separate layer? If it's the former, you can adjust your [subtitle preferences in your account settings](#) to always show subtitles in your preferred language if they're available. If you're talking about the latter, most clients have a setting that allows you to choose how aggressive Plex is about burning in subtitles (e.g. in the web app, Settings > Plex Web > Player > Burn Subtitles > Always: <https://i.imgur.com/G9p8BO2.png>).



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The latter. And thanks! Looked around in the settings but couldn't find it. Will try this in a bit.



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Why do you prefer burning them? That's a bit unusual.

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EmptyInTheHead • 5mo ago

No OP, but I like the Plex burned in subtitles because they use a better font and don't have a black background. They look much better.

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AlanShore60607 • 5mo ago

Like impossible to turn off?

This is known as **hardsubs** and they are **part of the picture**. That's something that has to be done as the file is being created or edited to add them.

I actually like them for some things, as there are certain pieces of media where there's an artistic vision behind them, like *Night Watch* (2004) where a hardsub is actually animated into the image in multiple artistic styles to evoke comic books, or the Apple+ Series *Pachinko* (2022) where 3 colors of subtitles are used to distinguish languages. Or *Star Trek: Discovery* (2017) as they play games with the subtitles in the first scenes of the show.

I remember several years ago I re-encoded some .mkv files with the subtitles turned on to make them permanent, but that was in my pre-Plex days when I was playing off of sticks in the usb port of my TV. But I don't do that anymore because Plex does subtitles pretty well.

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Mastasmoker • 5mo ago

Set up PlexAutoLanguages (PAL) in docker. I also have it where subs are always enabled for foreign audio to english through plex, but if you have other users, setting up this way can be annoying to them

PAL automatically adjusts your subs and audio for shows based on only setting it up one time for them, for all users. I always watch with subs on, too, except for stand up comedy or comedy shows (dont want to ruin punch lines). PAL is great for this.

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sv_procrastination • 5mo ago

Isn't the result the same whether you turn subtitles on or burn them in?

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stream. For letterboxed content a client can put the subtitles in in the black space and not cover up the video when **not** burned in. If burned in it will always be overlayed on the video image (granted that the black space can actually be part of the video) see example of both here <https://imgur.com/a/QvDVcTQ>.

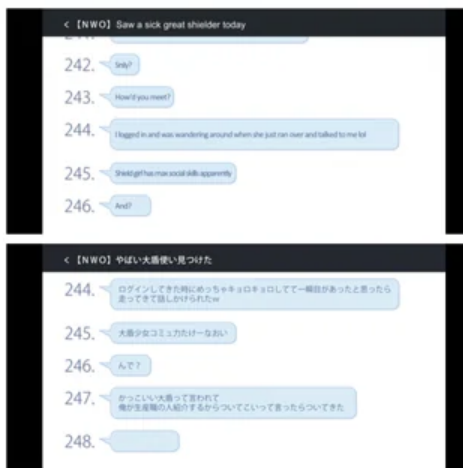
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DirtyPandaBoi • 5mo ago

Specifically in anime, some releasers will stylize the subtitles so it seamlessly covers things on the screen that are in a different language (building signs, stat sheets, books/papers, etc). If it is not burned in, it'll either show up at the bottom of the screen, or random gibberish will show up.



The good ones will make it look seamless and was actually part of the production.

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Bgrngod • 5mo ago

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Sometimes clients render subs differently when handling directly. They can use slightly different screen placement or colors etc compared to how the server handles burning them in.

The differences are usually very small though. I can't imagine why anyone would prefer a burn over a direct play.

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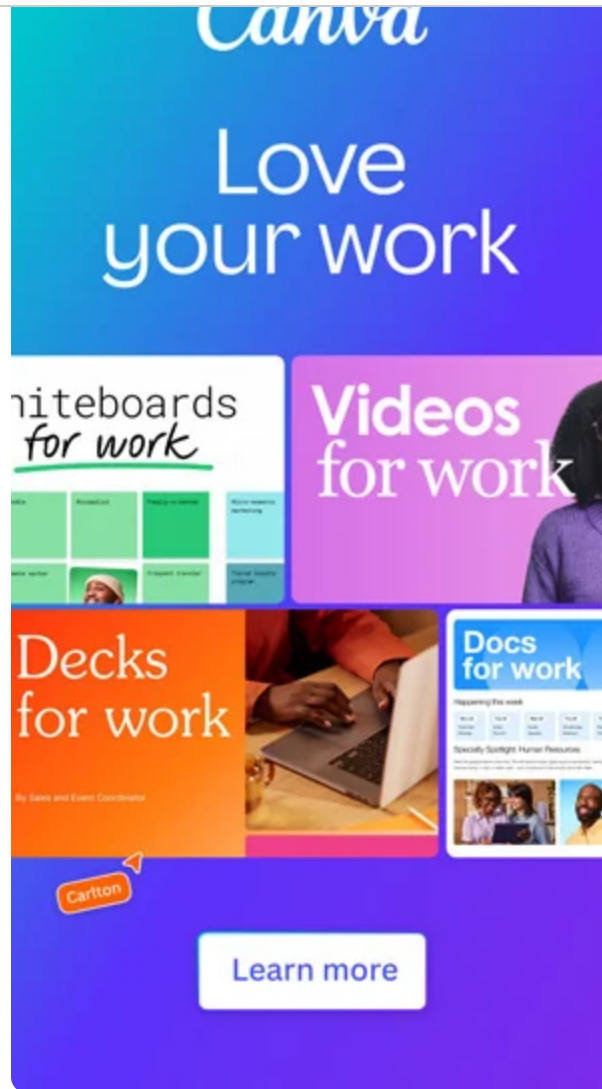
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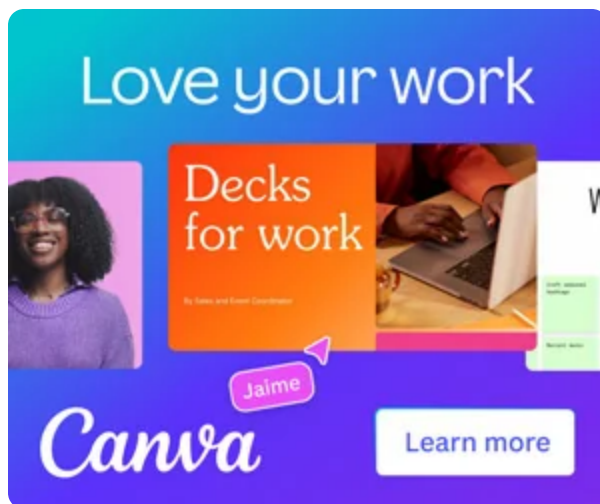
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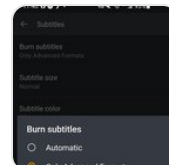
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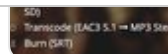


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Is there any way to automatically enable subtitles for only ten seconds when skipping back ten seconds on the Apple TV app?

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