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Help me understand NVENC vs NVDEC and what this means if I want to do hardware transcoding

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If I understand correctly, the most important one is NVENC because I'll be encoding into a new format for the purposes of transcoding. Is this right? If so, would NVDEC really come into play at all?

I'm eyeing cards and specifically with HEVC support, it seems more robust for encoding rather than decoding. Just want to make the right purchase decision.

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Transcoding is two things at the same time. Decoding of the source file, and encoding of the target file. Basically, converting what you got on your HDD, which the client can't play, to something being sent to the client that it can play. They both would be helpful because they would combine to handle both halves of transcoding.

But, HEVC encoding is not relevant to Plex. Plex does not encode to H265. Decode, definitely. Encode, nope. Since NVENC handles all kinds of encoding and not just H265, it would still be helpful for transcoding to H264.

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some reason you have an older and/or lower power cpu. It not critical, but it doesn't matter because you generally won't find good nvdec without nvenc.

if you are thinking about transcoding 4k/hdr bluray rips, you should just keep a separate 4k library and not share it with remote/non-4k users.

keep duplicate smaller 720 rips for everything non-4k.

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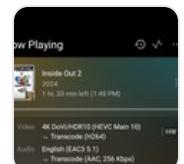
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