

How to View the Episodes!

- Are you trying to work out what you need to do to watch the New Voyages / Phase II episodes at home on your computer or DVD recorder?
- Have you downloaded our files and then received an error message?
- Are you confused by terms like DivX, Xvid, WMV, SRT, etc?

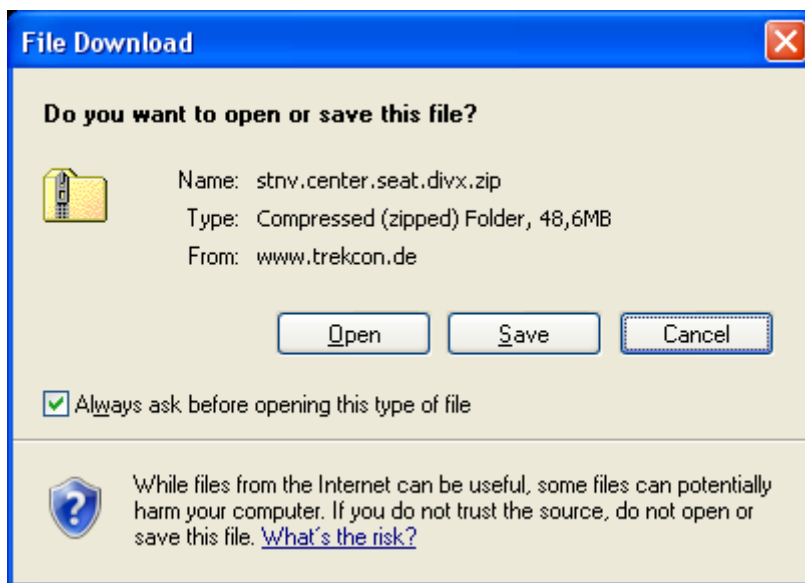
If you have answered “yes” to any of these questions, then read on, we will do our best to explain these things for you in simple terms which you just need to follow exactly.

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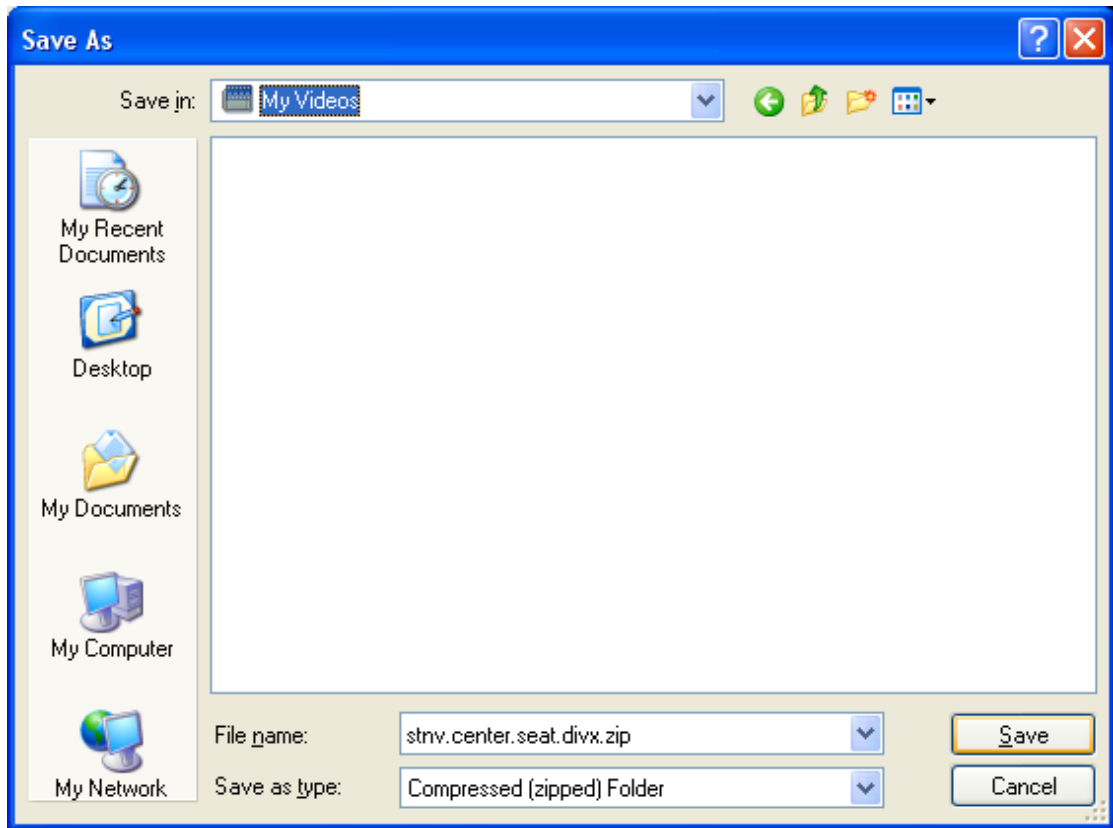
How do I download and unpack the episodes?

Just follow the following instructions.

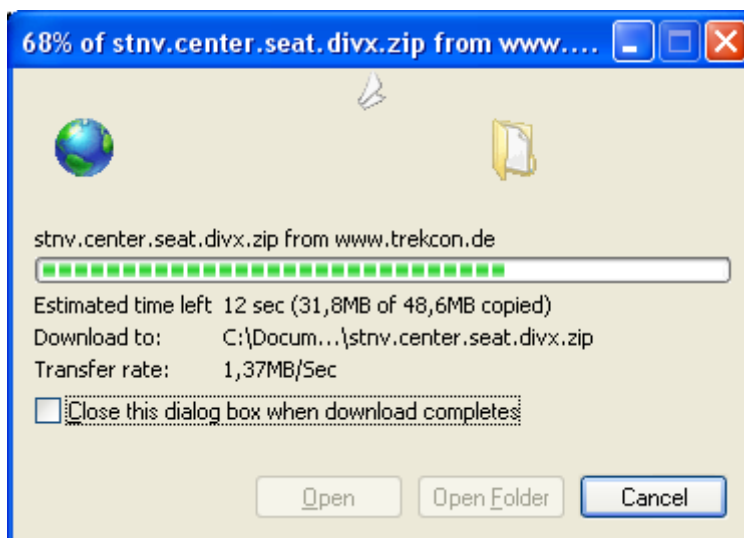
1. Decide which episode you wish to download and display that page in your internet browser, e.g. http://www.startrekphase2.de/en/center_seat.html
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page until you see the Downloads section
3. Look for a link containing the term DivX (or XviD) and click on it.
4. You are asked if you wish to Open or Save this file. Click on the Save button.



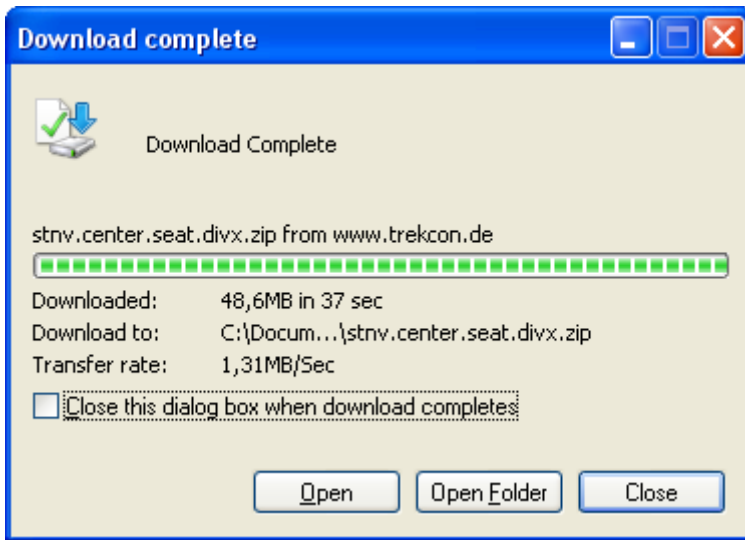
5. You are asked where to save the file. We suggest you save it in “My Videos” which is a subdirectory of “My Documents” (click on “My Documents” first and then on “My Videos”). Click on the Save button to save the file.



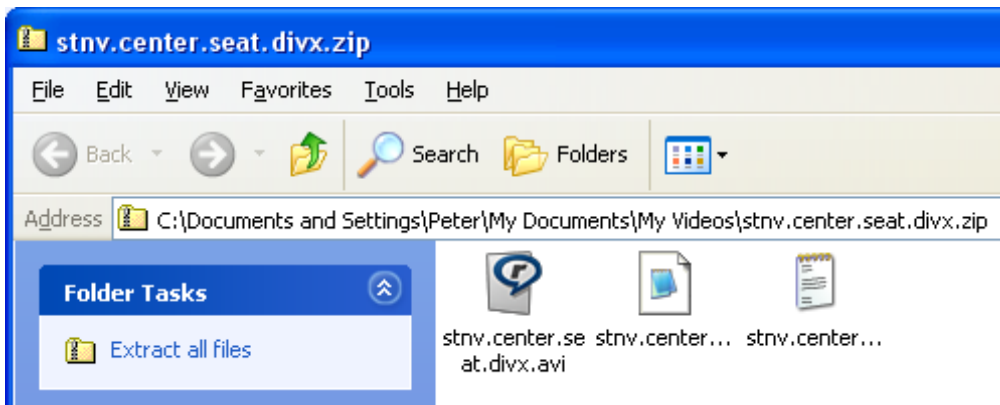
6. The file will now download, depending on the speed of your internet connection, this can take some time. While the file is downloading, remove the tick mark on “Close this dialog box when download completes”



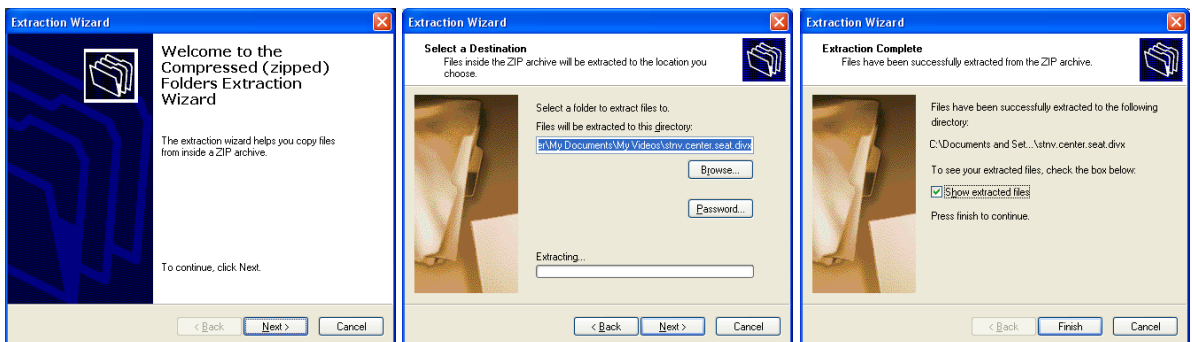
- Once the download has completed, click on “Open”.



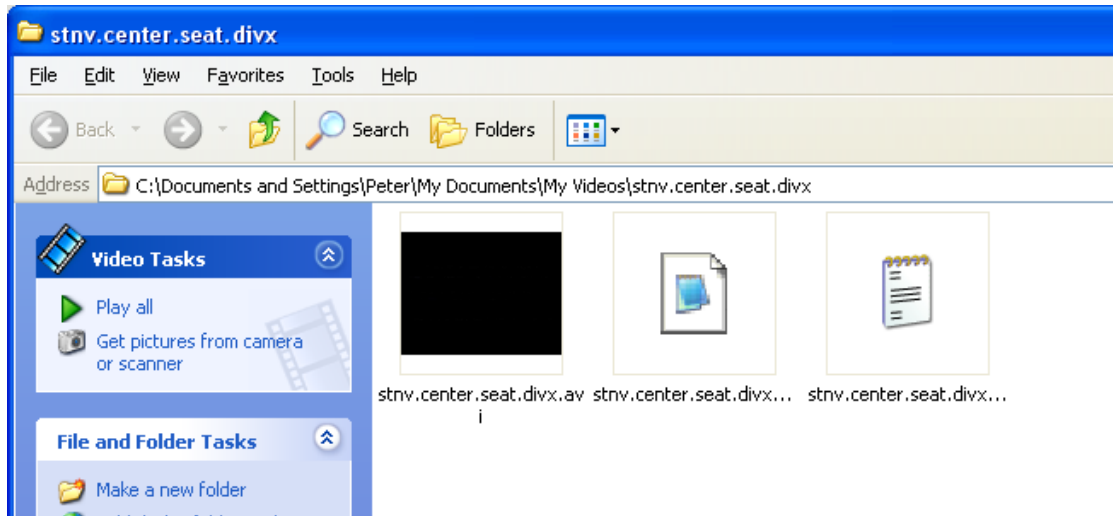
- A new window opens and shows 3 files. Click on “Extract all files”.



- A wizard appears - just click on “Next” twice and then finally on “Finish” as shown. After the files have been extracted, you can delete the .zip file.



10. A new window opens showing 3 files:



The *.avi file contains the actual video. Click on this to start the film.

The *.srt file contains the German subtitles. If you do not need German subtitles, you can simply delete this file (see the subtitle section to learn how to use the subtitles).

The *.txt file contains some information about the film. This file can be viewed and deleted as required.

11. Now double click the *.avi file (“stnv.center.seat.divx.avi” in this example). If your system is already capable of showing DivX files, the film will start. If you receive an error message stating that the video format can not be recognised, you will need to install the DivX driver first (see below).

12. If you have a DVD player that can play DivX files (the user manual will tell you this, often “DivX Certified” is written on the unit as well), you can also simply burn this file onto a CD and watch the film on your television. We recommend using Nero to burn the files on CD, remember to put an empty CD into your CD/DVD drive.

What are DivX and Xvid?

Most people are aware that the tracks of an Audio-CD can be converted into much smaller files in the so-called MP3 format, which can then be played on MP3 players, etc. Whereas an Audio-CD will only play about 80 minutes, a CD of the same size will store many hours of sound, of similar quality, in MP3 format.

The MP4 standard is basically the counterpart for video where you can convert a movie on a DVD to the MP4 standard, for example, to allow the same movie to fit on a CD, while maintaining the same high picture quality. MP4 is the standard format used by Quicktime for example.

DivX and XviD are two popular video formats which are based on the MP4 video standard. DivX is a commercial video format whereas XviD is a free open source variant and this means that, anything which plays DivX will also play XviD so the differences can be ignored. In the rest of these instructions, we will simply refer to both formats as “DivX”.

DivX has become a highly popular format as it allows high quality films to be stored in reasonably small file sizes – this makes it an ideal format for distributing films like our New Voyages episodes via the Internet. Downloading a 400MB DivX file takes a lot less time than a 4.7GB DVD image would, for example.

How do I play DivX files?

A number of the latest DVD players can already play DivX files. All you need to do is burn the DivX files onto a CD or DVD, insert them into your DivX compatible DVD player and enjoy the show. If you are unsure if your DVD player will play DivX, have a look at the operating instructions. If it tells you it can play DivX or MP4 files, then our episodes should play properly.

In order to play DivX files on a computer, you will need to install a DivX driver first. Once installed, you can use any application like the Windows Media Player, Real Player, etc. to play the videos – just click on the .avi file name (e.g. “stnv.center.seat.divx.avi”).

Before trying to install the DivX driver, try starting one of our videos to see if it works. If you get an error message, then you will need to install the DivX player on your computer. The DivX player is free and can be downloaded here: <http://www.divx.com>

Please note that in order to play subtitles, you will also need additional software (see below).

Alternatively, you can install the VLC Media Player, which will also play the subtitles without any additional software. The VLC Media Player is free, will play almost anything, and is easy to use.

It can be downloaded from here: <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/>

Or simply click this to install directly:

<http://www.videolan.org/mirror-geo.php?file=vlc/0.8.6f/win32/vlc-0.8.6f-win32.exe>

Installing the VLC Media Player is the easiest method of viewing our DivX files with subtitles.

How Do I see Episodes with German Subtitles?

Currently, subtitles are only available when the episodes are viewed on a computer. We plan to offer the episodes in a format which will work on DVD players in the near future.

The subtitles are stored in the .srt file which needs to be in the same directory and have the same file name as the video file.

e.g. in our Center Seat example, the file names look like this:

stnv.center.seat.divx.avi	(Video file)
stnv.center.seat.divx.srt	(Subtitle file)

The .srt file is a simple text file and can be opened with Windows Notepad, for example.

If you do not want German subtitles, you can simply delete this file or rename it to something else.

If you are using the VLC Media Player to view the video, the subtitle file will be recognised automatically and played with the video. You can switch off the subtitles within the program as desired.

If you have installed the DivX player and subtitles do not work, you will need to install a small driver so that subtitles will work on your system.

The DirectVobSub driver can be downloaded from <http://www.divxmovies.com/subtitles/>

Or simply click this to install directly: http://download.divxmovies.com/VobSub_2.23.exe

Once installed, you can view the video with Real player, Windows Media Player, etc. and the subtitles should appear automatically.

The .srt file works with most players, provided DirectVobSub has been installed.

Note: Most stand-alone DivX capable DVD Players will not recognise .srt files.

What is a WMV file?

Files with the .wmv extension are Windows Media Video files and should play well on any current Windows based computer. We use .wmv files primarily for trailers and some previous New Voyagers episodes were initially released in this format. Just click on the file and it should play immediately without problem.

We hope this document has helped you to better understand how to play our videos. Please check the information section on www.startrekphase2.de for updated versions of this document. If you subscribe to our RSS feed, we can inform you automatically when updates are made.

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