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Audio and video discovery should be produced in an industry standard format that is playable on all/most platforms.

FTR used to support Mac/OS X with a desktop app. Then it went to only an online player for Macs. In the last week, that option was removed. FTR now only supports Windows.

In Clackamas, a fair portion of the video we receive is only playable as a .exe file, meaning it also is only supported on Windows. While some of these do have a standard .mp4 file buried in the folder that is playable, many do not.

This is all a conscious software choice not to render the files in .mp3 and/or .mp4 formats, which are industry standards.

While we can't expect to legislate what private companies, such as Fred Meyer do with their video, FTR files are produced by and distributed from the court. To a lesser degree, body cam and dash cam are purchase by the state. The fact that most of them are in .mp4 format implies that they could all be readily produced in .mp4 format.

Again, .mp3 and .mp4 are industry standard. The defense has to pay have files in other formats rendered to .mp3 and .mp4 in order to use them.

Written documents are all produced in .doc or .pdf. We don't allow the DAs to produce police reports in a format only they can read.

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