

How to Install the media server emby on top of NGINX

This is a documented procedure for the installation of **emby** a media streaming server used as a target for the DEiC Distributed Denial of Service Project. The media server hosts a number of interesting videos, among one 12 hour long video of a analog clock with hands. The purpose of the installation is to demonstrate a service under attack.

Notice that the following commands require root privileges.

Start by installing an Ubuntu 14.04 LTS server with an SSH daemon. Reboot and install patches:

```
apt-get -y update  
apt-get -y dist-upgrade
```

Reboot if required.

Install the local developed packages from SSI:

- `cmod_1.1-2.deb` : modules (not essential)
- `dailybuandupdate_1.6-1.deb` : automated patch and backup. Patches are installed on a daily basis, the host reboots if required.
- `grouproot_1.2-1.deb` : shared administrator environment (not essential)

Next install [NGINX](#):

```
apt-get -y install nginx
```

Then install the [emby](#) media server:

```
apt-key adv --keyserver keyserver.ubuntu.com --recv-keys 0A506F712A7D8A28  
echo 'deb http://download.opensuse.org/repositories/home:/emby/xUbuntu_14.04/  
/' > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/emby-server.list  
apt-get -y update  
apt-get -y install emby-server
```

You may have to start it manually:

```
service emby-server start
```

The emby server is now running on TCP port 8096.

Next configure NGINX to proxy port 80 to port 8096:

```

test -f /etc/nginx/sites-available/default.org || {
    /bin/cp -v /etc/nginx/sites-available/default \
        /etc/nginx/sites-available/default.org
}

cat << 'EOF' > /etc/nginx/sites-available/default
#
# emby as default server
#
server {
    listen 80 default_server;
    listen [::]:80 default_server ipv6only=on;

    root /usr/share/nginx/html;
    index index.html index.htm;

    # Make site accessible from http://localhost/
    server_name localhost;

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:8096;
    }
}
# HTTPS server
#
#server {
#    listen 443;
#    server_name localhost;
#
#    root html;
#    index index.html index.htm;
#
#    ssl on;
#    ssl_certificate cert.pem;
#    ssl_certificate_key cert.key;
#
#    ssl_session_timeout 5m;
#
#    ssl_protocols SSLv3 TLSv1 TLSv1.1 TLSv1.2;
#    ssl_ciphers "HIGH:!aNULL:!MD5 or HIGH:!aNULL:!MD5:!3DES";
#    ssl_prefer_server_ciphers on;
#
#    location / {
#        proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:8096;
#    }
#}
EOF

```

Then reload the nginx configuration:

```
nginx -s reload
```

The emby server is now running on TCP port 80.

1. Local host security

The server has to be secured. As everything has been installed as packages and all patches will be applied on a daily basis we just need to apply general IP address filtering and brute force login mitigation. The installation and configuration of a host-based intrusion detection system is outside the scope of this document. See e.g. [OSSEC](#).

1.1. IP filtering

Enable the build in [ufw](#) IP firewall - the commands may block your access:

```
ufw enable  
ufw default deny incoming  
ufw default allow outgoing
```

Then open for *forskningsnet* addresses:

```
for CIDR in 95.128.24.0/21 130.225.0.0/16 130.226.0.0/16 192.38.0.0/17 185.1.5  
7.0/24  
do  
    ufw allow from ${CIDR} to any port 22  
    ufw allow from ${CIDR} to any port 80  
    ufw allow from ${CIDR} to any port 443  
done
```

And check the rules has been enabled:

```
ufw status numbered
```

A comprehensive introduction to *ufw rules* on Ubuntu 14 is available at [digitalocean](#).

1.2. Application firewall

While the *ufw* rules limits access to *forskningsnet* addresses, it doesn't prevent brute force attacks.

[fail2ban](#) is an intrusion prevention software framework that protects computer servers from brute-force attacks. Written in the Python programming language, it is able to run on POSIX systems that have an interface to a packet-control system or firewall installed locally, for example, iptables or TCP Wrapper. It may be installed with:

```
apt-get -y install fail2ban
```

And an configuration for the emby media server added with:

```

cat << EOF > /etc/fail2ban/filter.d/emby.conf
# Fail2Ban filter for emby

[INCLUDES]

# Read common prefixes. If any customizations available -- read them from
# common.local
before = common.conf

[Definition]

_daemon = emby-server

failregex = Info HttpSession: HTTP Response 401 to <HOST>.*authenticatebyname
           Info HttpSession: HTTP Response 500 to <HOST>.*mediabrowser/Users/None
one

ignoreregex =

# Invalid username or password entered
# DEV Notes:
#
# Matching on http 401 with a trailing url including 'authenticatebyname' to
# catch incorrect passwords
# Matching on http 500 with a trailing url including 'mediabrowser/Users/None'
# to catch incorrect usernames
#
# From: https://emby.media/community/index.php?/topic/31362-fail2ban-custom-em
# by-filter/
EOF

```

The configuration is enabled by adding a section to `/etc/fail2ban/jail.local` which may or may not exist already.

```

test -f /etc/fail2ban/jail.local.org || {
    /bin/cp /etc/fail2ban/jail.local /etc/fail2ban/jail.local.org
}
touch /etc/fail2ban/jail.local.org

(
    cat /etc/fail2ban/jail.local.org > /etc/fail2ban/jail.local
    cat << EOF >> /etc/fail2ban/jail.local
    [emby]
    enabled = true
    port = 8096
    filter = emby
    logpath = /var/lib/emby-server/logs/server-*.txt
    maxretry = 2
    EOF
)

```

Finally the service has to be reloaded:

```
service fail2ban reload
```

2. Emby configuration

The configuration is done through the Web-UI, but requires data to be added in advance.

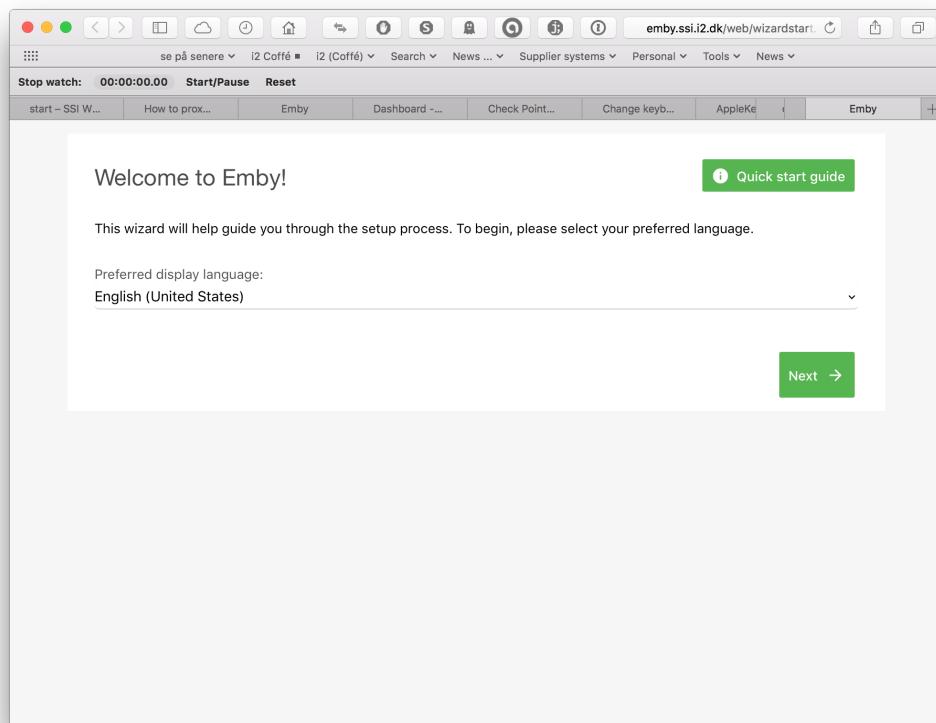
2.1. Data - lots of clocks but no cats

```
mkdir -p /home/media/Movies
```

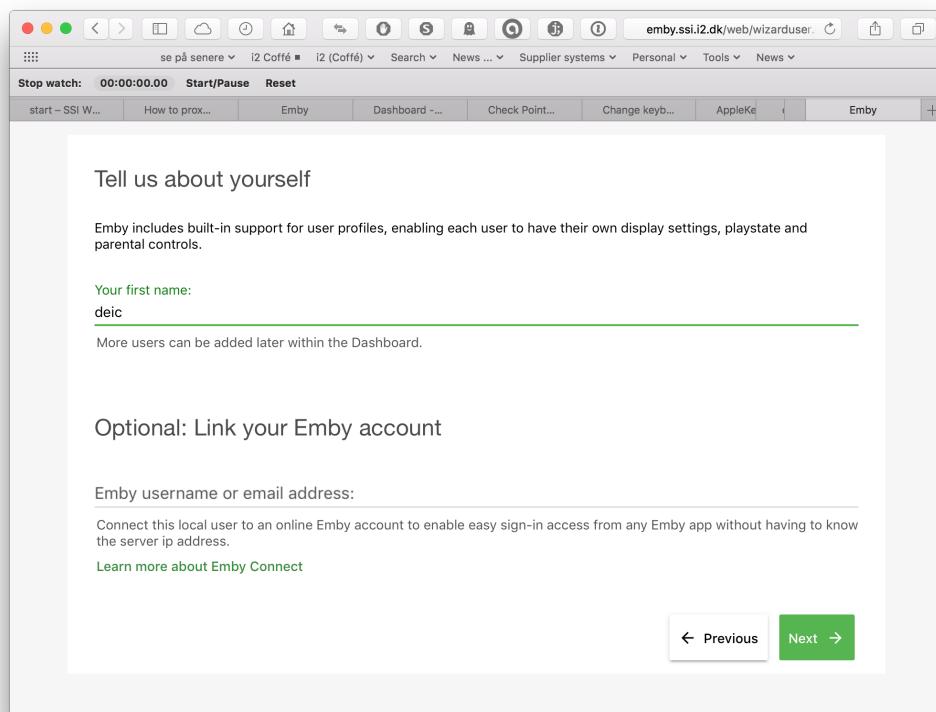
Upload relevant information from `/lan/ssi/shared/docs/emby-test-data`

2.2. Configuration

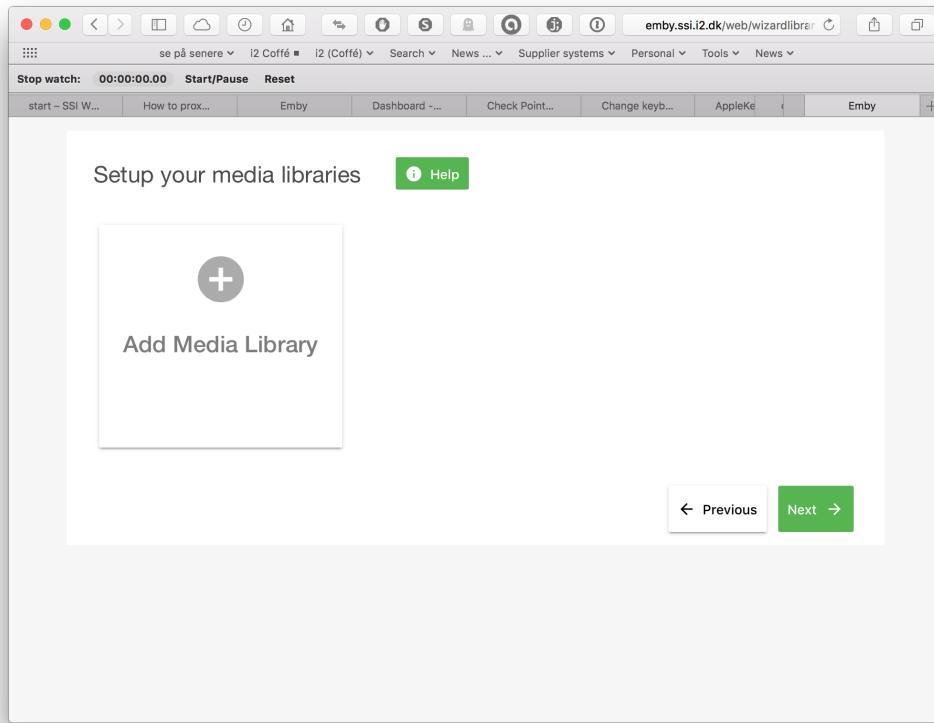
The goal is to have one user - deic - and manual login with username and password on the main web page and no anonymous data collection. The Web-UI configuration is done this way; select language



well come



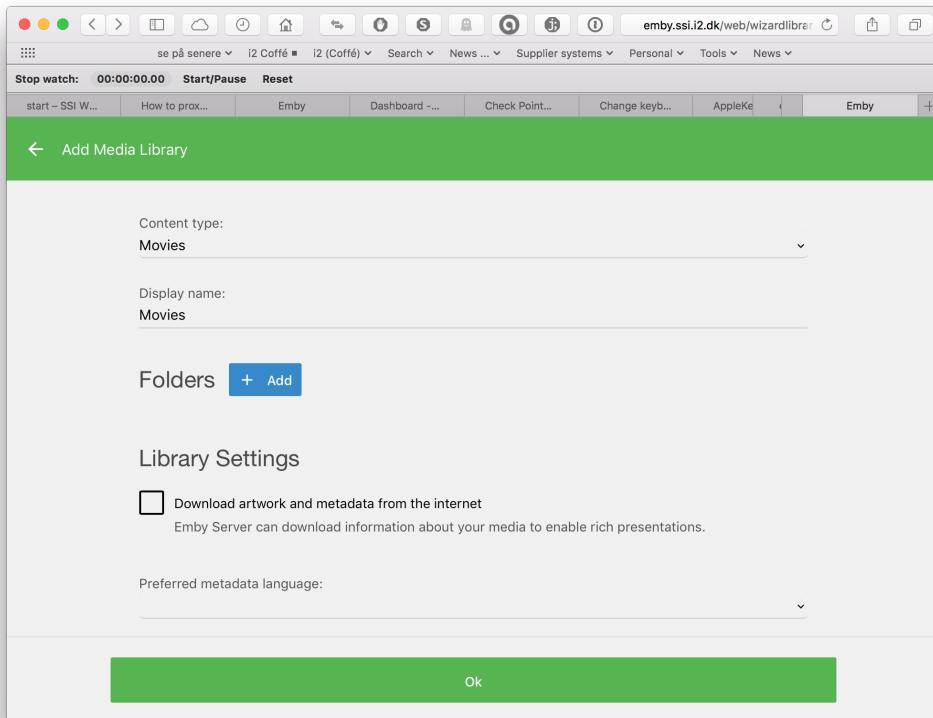
create a user



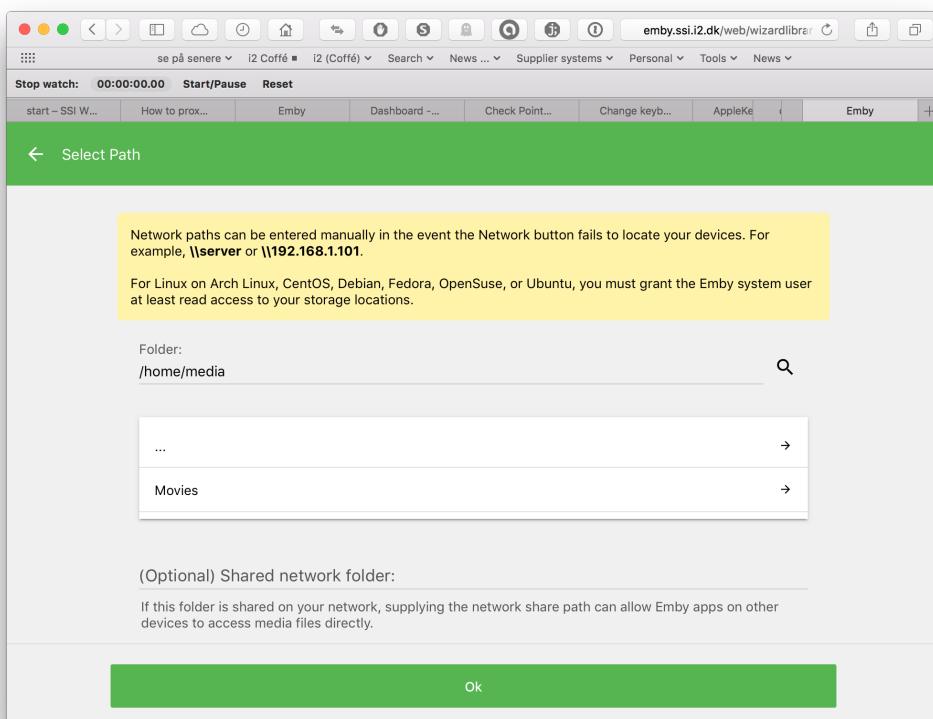
add media libraries - Movies

A screenshot of the 'Add Media Library' configuration page. The title bar says 'Add Media Library'. The main form has a 'Content type:' field set to 'Movies' and a 'Display name:' field also set to 'Movies'. Below this is a 'Folders' section with a blue '+ Add' button. Underneath is a 'Library Settings' section with a checked checkbox for 'Download artwork and metadata from the internet', followed by a descriptive note: 'Emby Server can download information about your media to enable rich presentations.' At the bottom is a large green 'Ok' button.

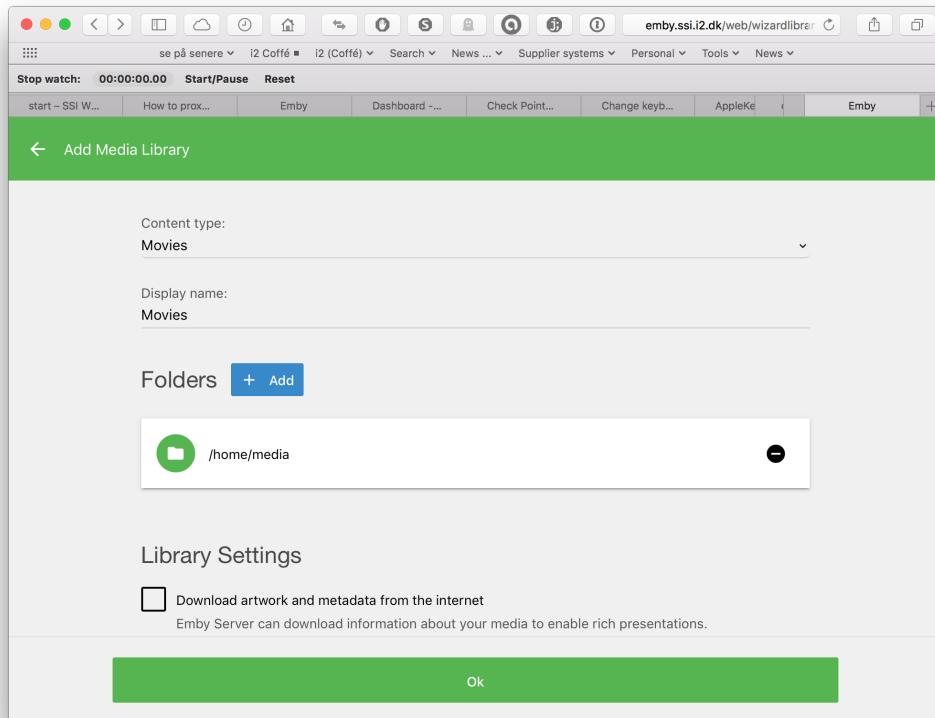
select folders



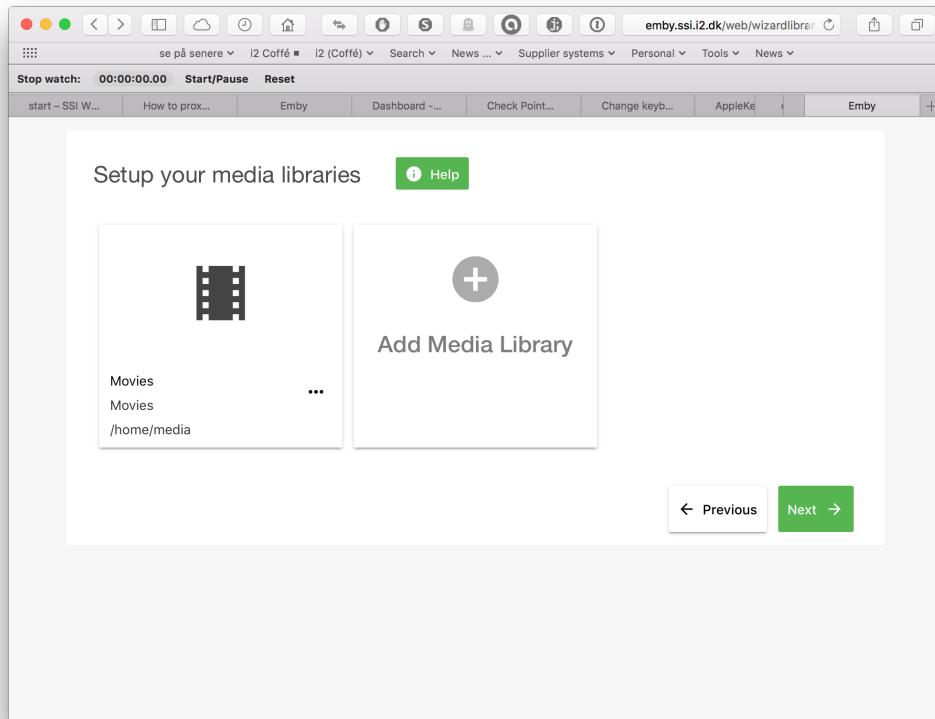
Add - and don't download information from the Internet



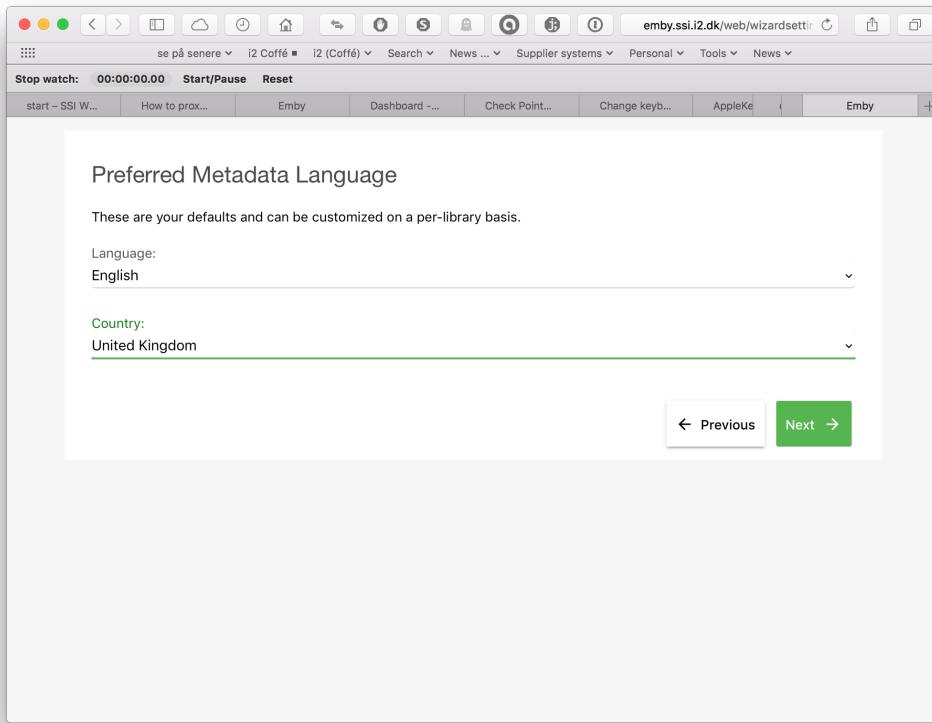
Local filesystem navigation



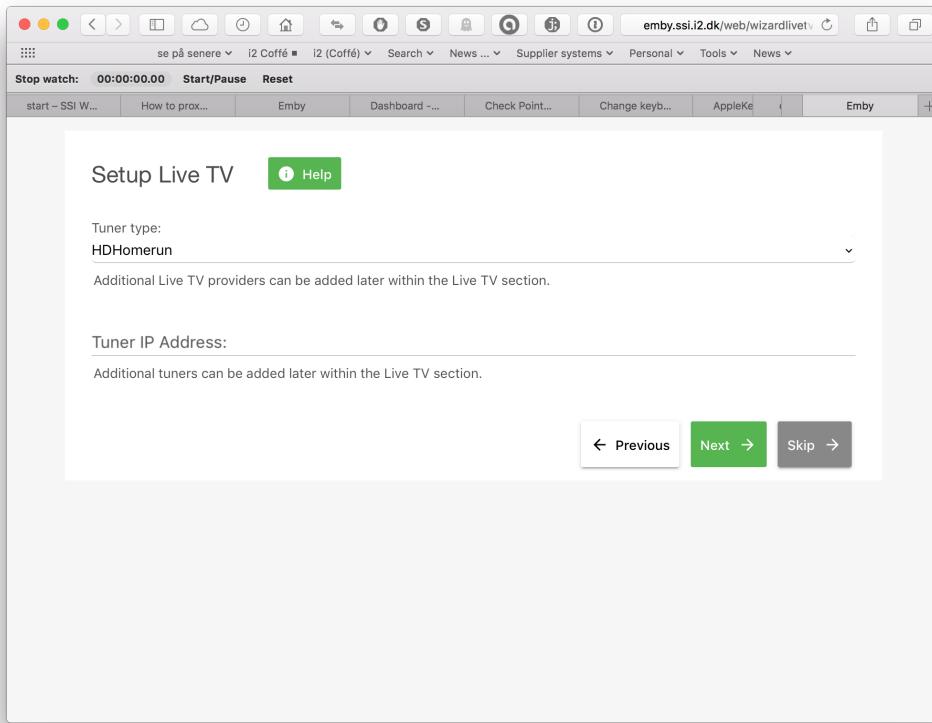
click ok



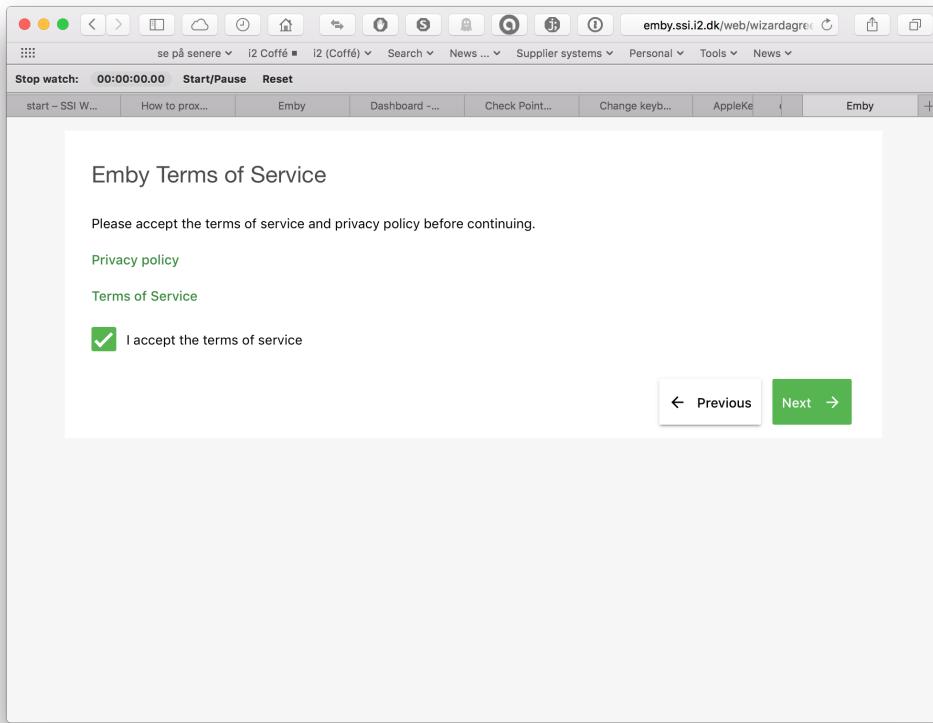
Next



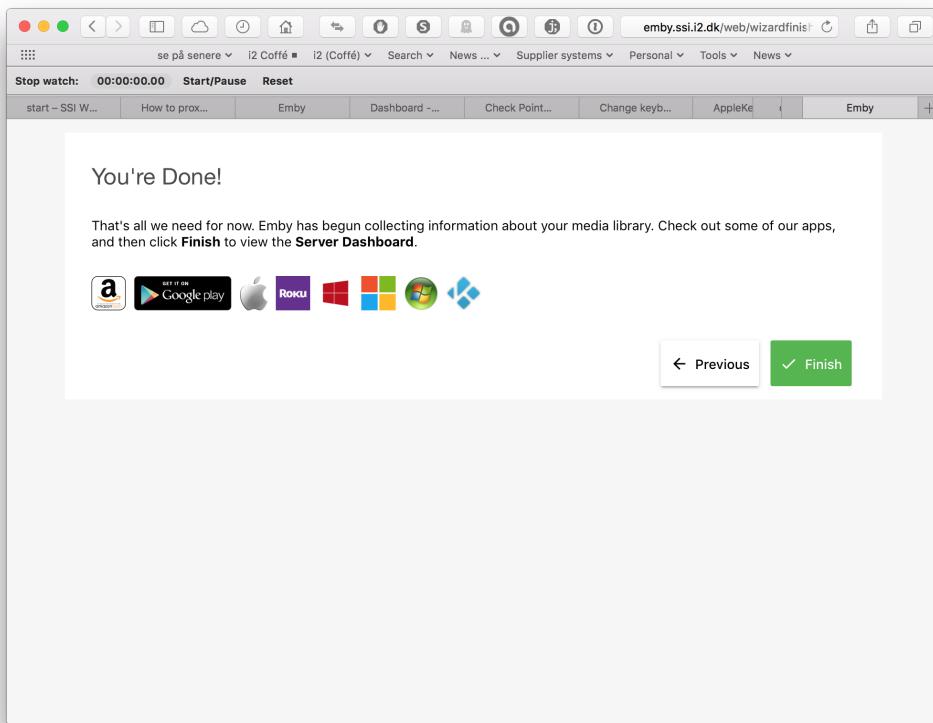
Select Language



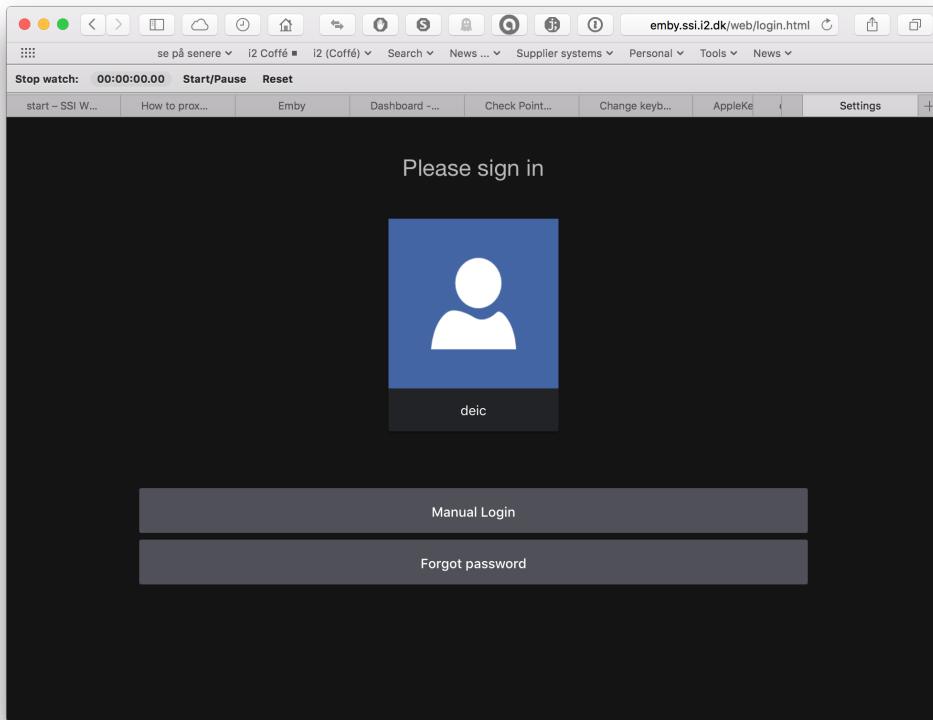
Disable Live TV



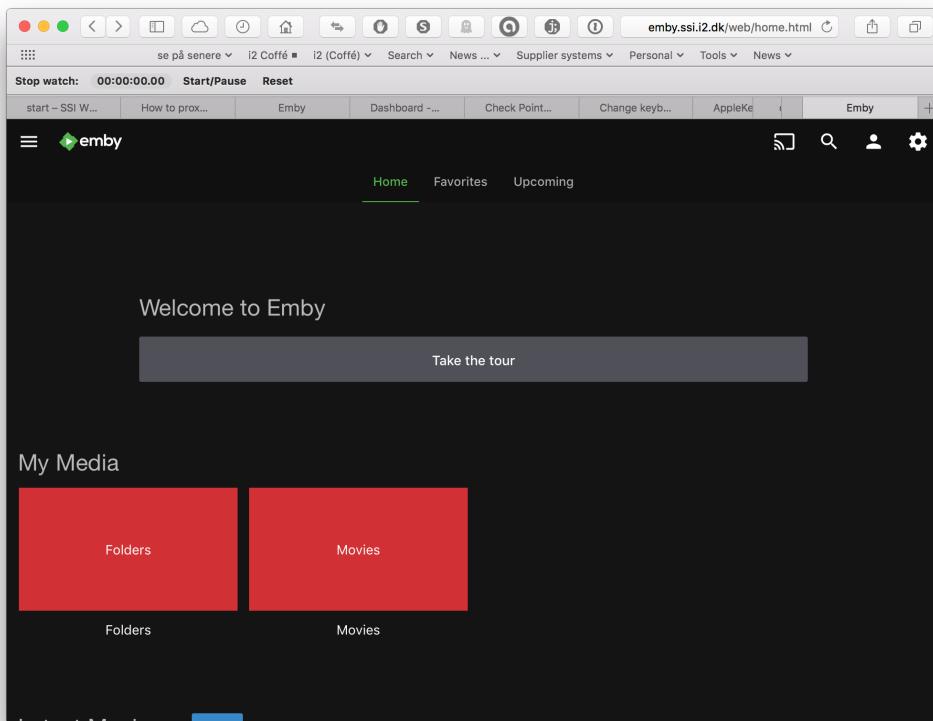
Accept Terms of Service



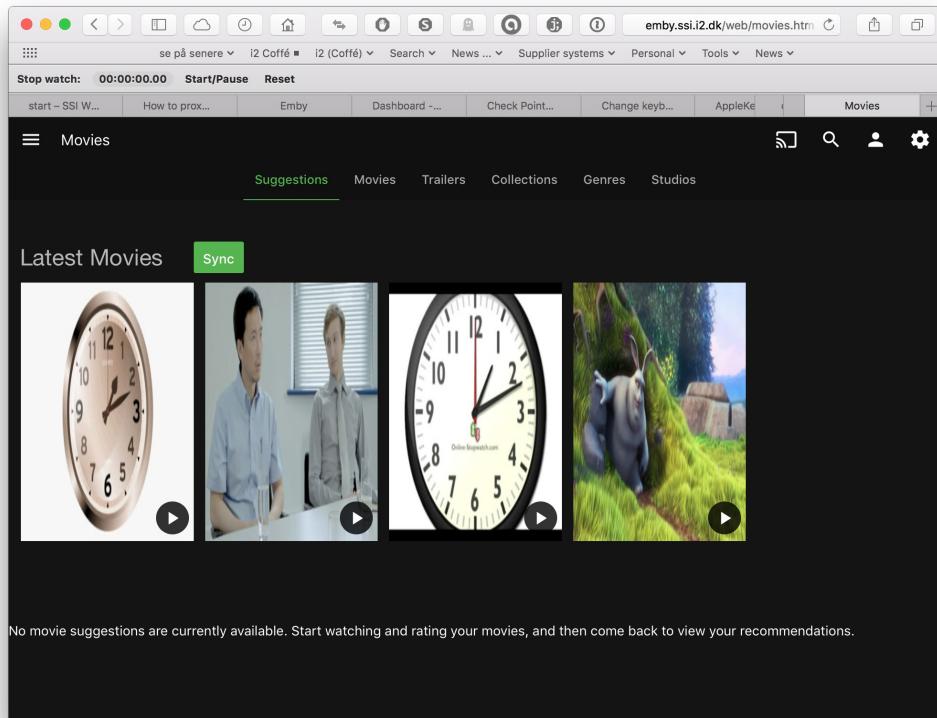
Finish



Sign in



Check movies



Select movie

A screenshot of the Emby item details page for a video titled 'big_buck_bunny'. The page has a dark theme. At the top, it shows the movie cover, title, duration (0 mins), and end time (3:36 PM). Below this are buttons for 'Play', 'More', 'Delete', 'Check', and 'Heart'. At the bottom, there are technical details: 720P, H264, 5.1, AAC, and the date added (3/6/2017 3:32 PM).

big_buck_bunny
0 mins Ends at 3:36 PM

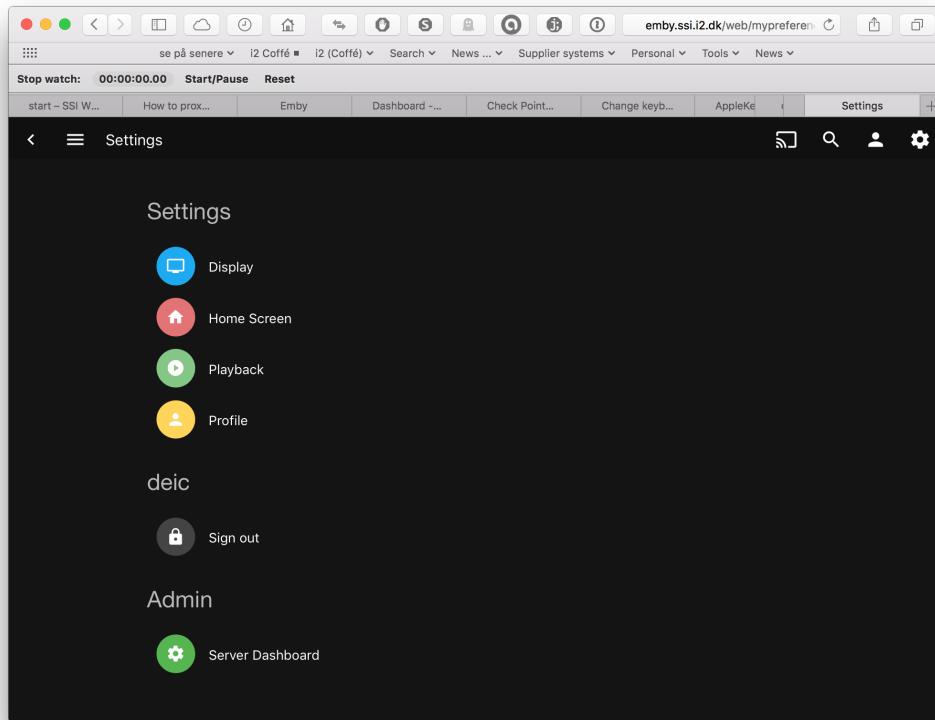
Play More Delete Check Heart

720P H264 5.1 AAC Added 3/6/2017 3:32 PM

Media Info

Video	Audio
Codec H264	Language und
Codec tag avc1	Codec AAC
AVC Yes	Codec tag mp4a
Profile Main	Profile LC
Level 31	Layout 5.1
Resolution 1280x720	Channels 6 ch
Aspect ratio 16:9	Bitrate 384 kbps
Anamorphic No	Sample rate 48000 Hz

Play shortest movie



Select settings (top right corner)

A screenshot of the Emby Settings page. The left sidebar shows categories like Server, Library, Extras, and Expert, with "Settings" currently selected. The main content area has a green banner at the top right encouraging support for the Emby Team. It displays the "Preferred display language: English (United Kingdom)" and a note about translating the software. A checkbox labeled "Enable anonymous usage reporting" is present, with a detailed description below it. The "Advanced" section is collapsed. At the bottom is a large green "Save" button.

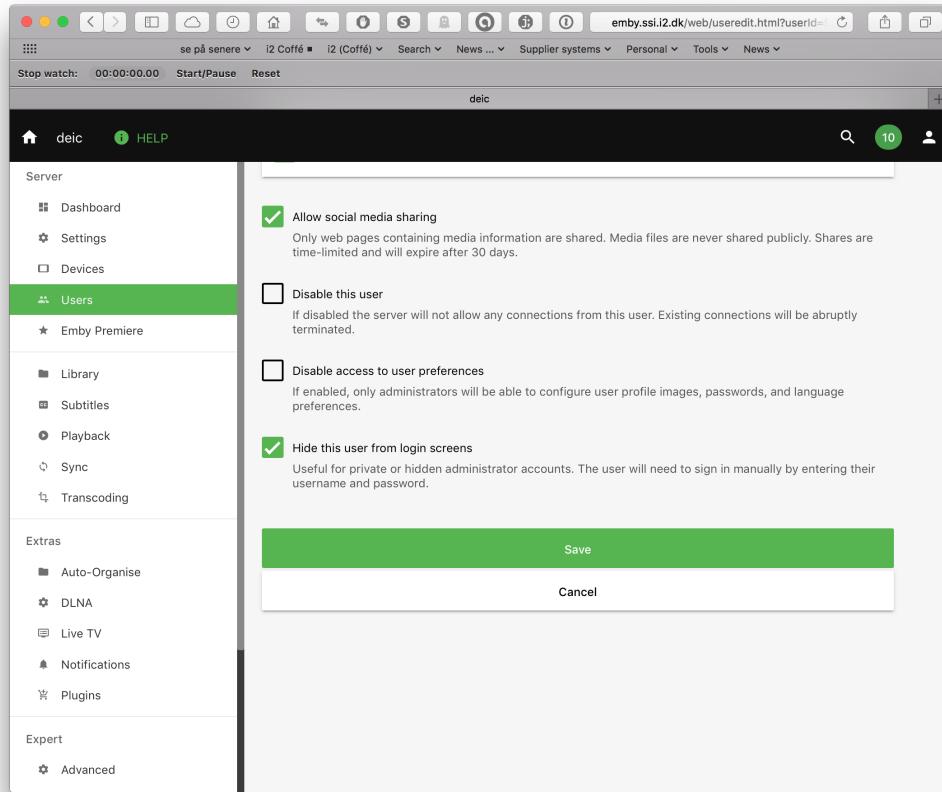
Disable anonymous usage reporting

The screenshot shows the Emby web interface with the URL `emby.ssi.i2.dk/web/useredit.html?userId=1`. The main navigation bar includes links for Stop watch, Start/Pause, Reset, and various system menus like Search, News, and Tools. On the left, a sidebar menu lists Server (Dashboard, Settings, Devices), Users (Emby Premiere, Library, Subtitles, Playback, Sync, Transcoding), Extras (Auto-Organise, DLNA, Live TV, Notifications, Plugins), and Expert (Advanced). The 'Users' section is currently selected. The right panel displays the 'Profile' tab of the user 'deic'. It shows the user's name 'deic' and a note about connecting to an online Emby account for easy sign-in. A checkbox 'Allow this user to manage the server' is checked. Under 'Feature Access', several checkboxes are checked: Allow media deletion, Allow media downloading, Allow Live TV access, and Allow Live TV recording management. At the bottom, there is a 'Media Playback' section.

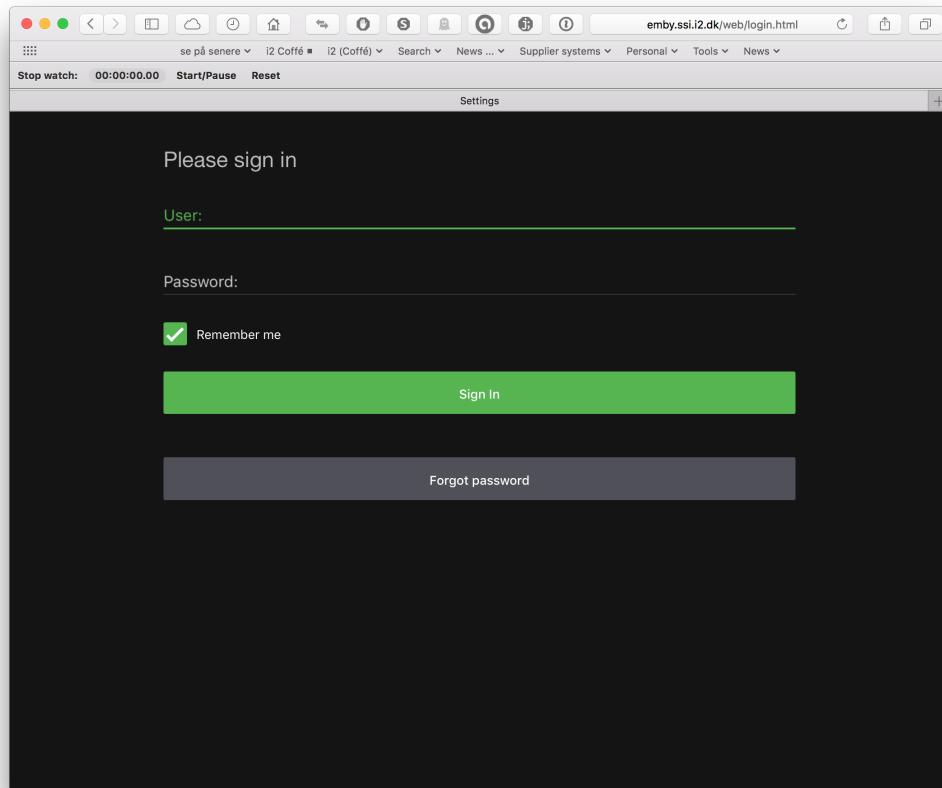
Users->deic

This screenshot shows the 'Password' tab of the user 'deic' configuration page. It features fields for 'New password:' and 'New password confirm:', both of which are currently empty. A large green 'Save' button is positioned at the bottom of the form. The left sidebar and overall interface are identical to the previous screenshot, showing the Emby server configuration and other user options.

Set password (1qazxsw2)



scroll down and disable from login screen then sign out



check login screen

That should be it, we now have a media server suitable for target testing.

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