

Kodi beginner's guide



Kodifi (formerly known as XBMC™) is an award-winning **free** and **open source** (GPL) software media center for playing videos, music, pictures, games, and more. Kodi runs on Linux, OS X, Windows, iOS, and Android, featuring a 10-foot user interface for use with televisions and remote controls. It allows users to play and view most videos, music, podcasts, and other digital media files from local and network storage media and the internet.

In this guide from kodi-xbmc.com, we'll give you all the basics required to master and enjoy your Kodi media center and turn it into a streaming station. In order to do so, after briefly detailing its main features, we'll show you how to install Kodi on your computer, which add-ons to set-up, along with a few tips and tricks to enhance your experience.

Disclaimer : please remember that streaming movies and TV shows might be against your local laws.

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Features



Music

Kodi can play all your music including AAC, MP3, FLAC, OGG, WAV and WMA formats. It has cue sheet, tagging support, MusicBrainz integration, and smart playlists for ultimate control of your music collection.



Movies

Kodi can do movies too! Supporting all the main video formats and sources, including streamable online media, ISOs, 3D, H.264, HEVC, WEBM. Kodi can import these movies with full posters, fanart, disc-art, actor information, trailers, video extras, and more.



TV shows

The TV shows library supports episode and season views with posters or banners, watched tags, show descriptions and actors. Video nodes/tags and smart playlists can further organize your library for special interests, making specific screens for sci-fi, anime, etc.



Pictures

Import pictures into a library and browse the different views, start a slideshow, sort or filter them all using your remote control.



PVR and Live TV

Kodi allows you to watch and record live TV all from the GUI interface. It works with a number of popular backends including MediaPortal, MythTV, NextPVR, Tvheadend, VDR, Windows Media Center, and more.



Add-ons

Take Kodi to a whole new level with the vast selection of community created add-ons that are available through our repositories. There are add-ons for videos, music, changing Kodi's behavior, popular web services, adding more artwork, controlling your lights, and much much more. See which ones are currently available: [Add-ons](#)





Skin

Kodi allows you to completely change the whole GUI. Thanks to the highly customizable skinning engine you are able to change every aspect of Kodi. Choose from dozens of community created skins, each with their own set of options, or create your own dream UI. See which ones are currently available: [Skins](#)



Metropolis



UPnP

With UPnP compatibility you can stream to and from any other Kodi instances and play to other UPnP compatible devices in your home with ease. Have one UPnP master device and use other Kodi instances as clients which automatic keeps you watched status and library up-to-date. You can also now import from uPnP sources to synchronize your data inside instances of Kodi.



Web Interfaces

Interact with Kodi using its JSON-RPC based remote interface. This brings loads of possibilities for remote controls, web browsers and 3rd party tools to take Kodi to the next level.



Remote Controls

With [support for hundreds of remote controls](#), CEC-compatible TVs, or one of the new [Smartphone and Tablet Apps](#), Kodi allows you to control your media your way.

Install Kodi : an easy process

Installing Kodi is a very easy process that can be accomplished in just a few steps.

1. Browse to the official website downloads page : <http://kodi.tv/download>
2. Select the version of your liking (Windows, Mac, Linux, etc).
3. Install it, like any program you would install on your system.



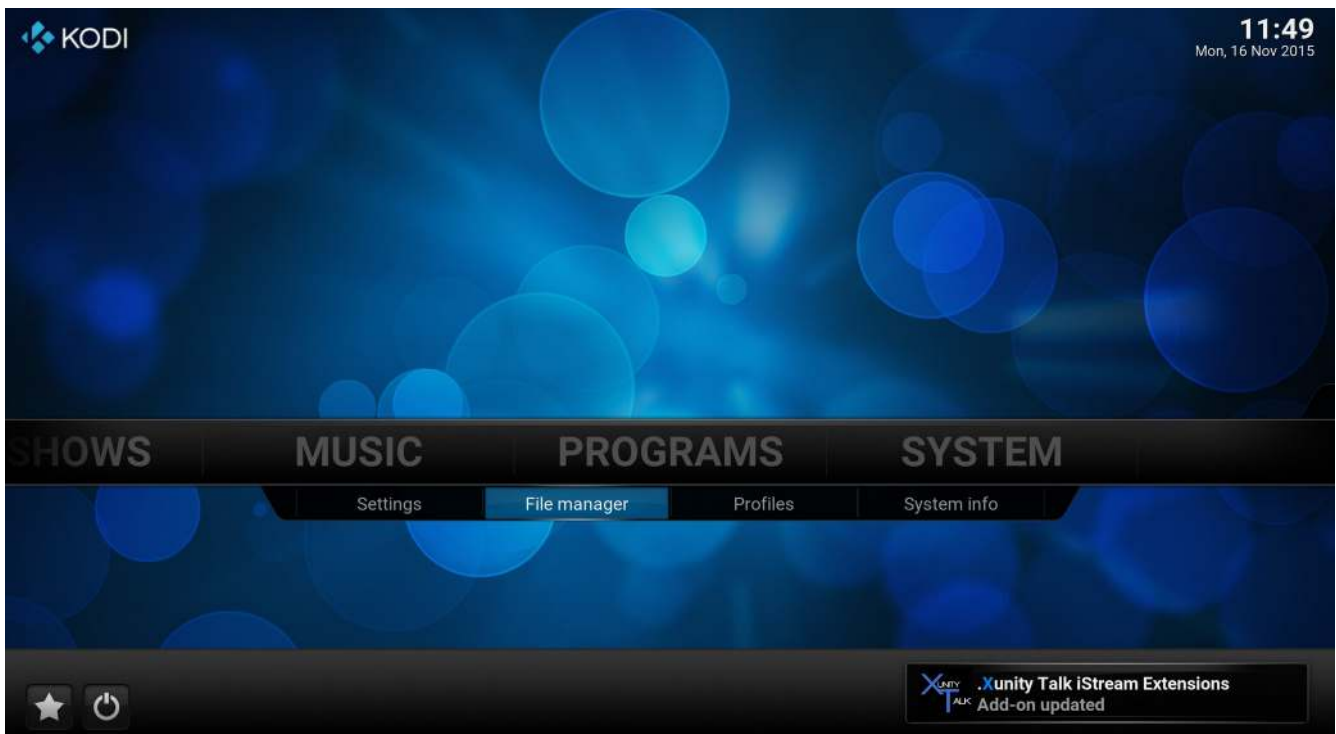
Check our [Youtube Channel](#) in order to see install videos.

Installing add-ons : the easy way

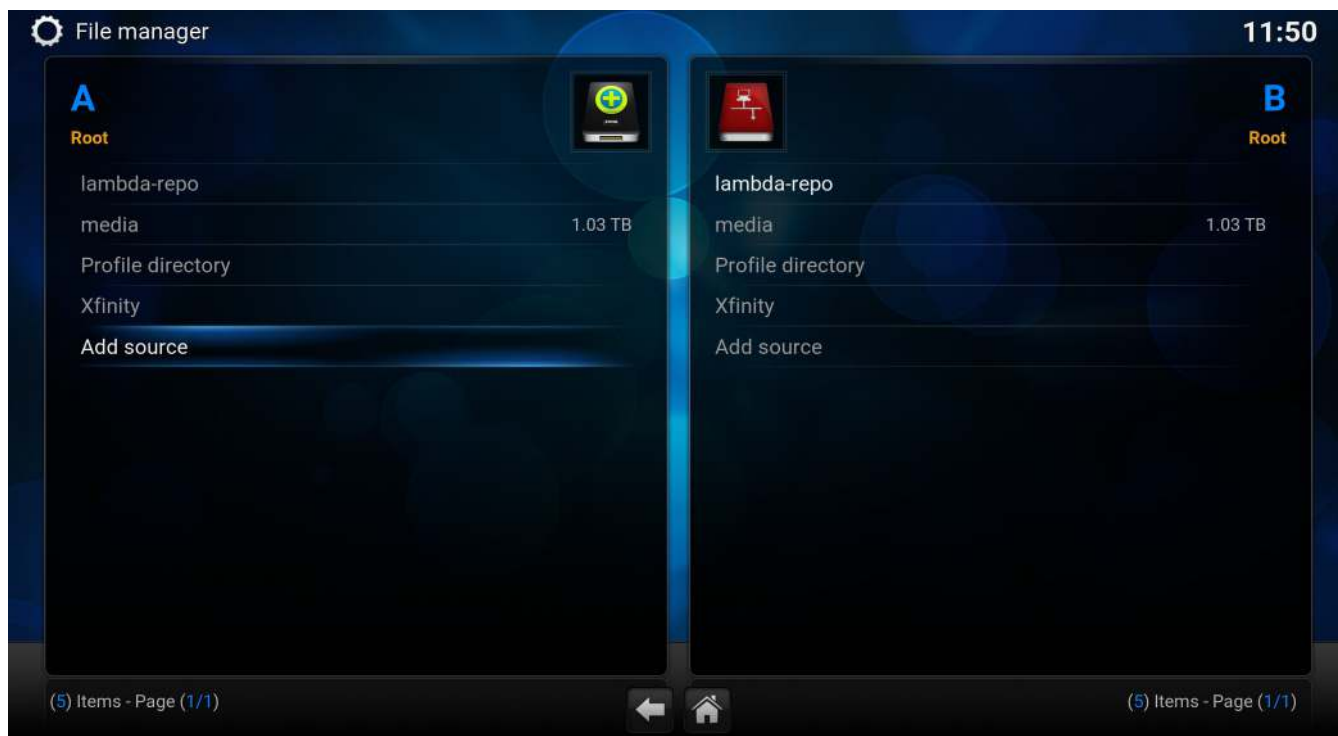
Best way to configure Kodi is by using the SuperRepo. It is a repository containing thousands of up-to-date add-ons for Kodi, enhancing its features.

Setup SRP

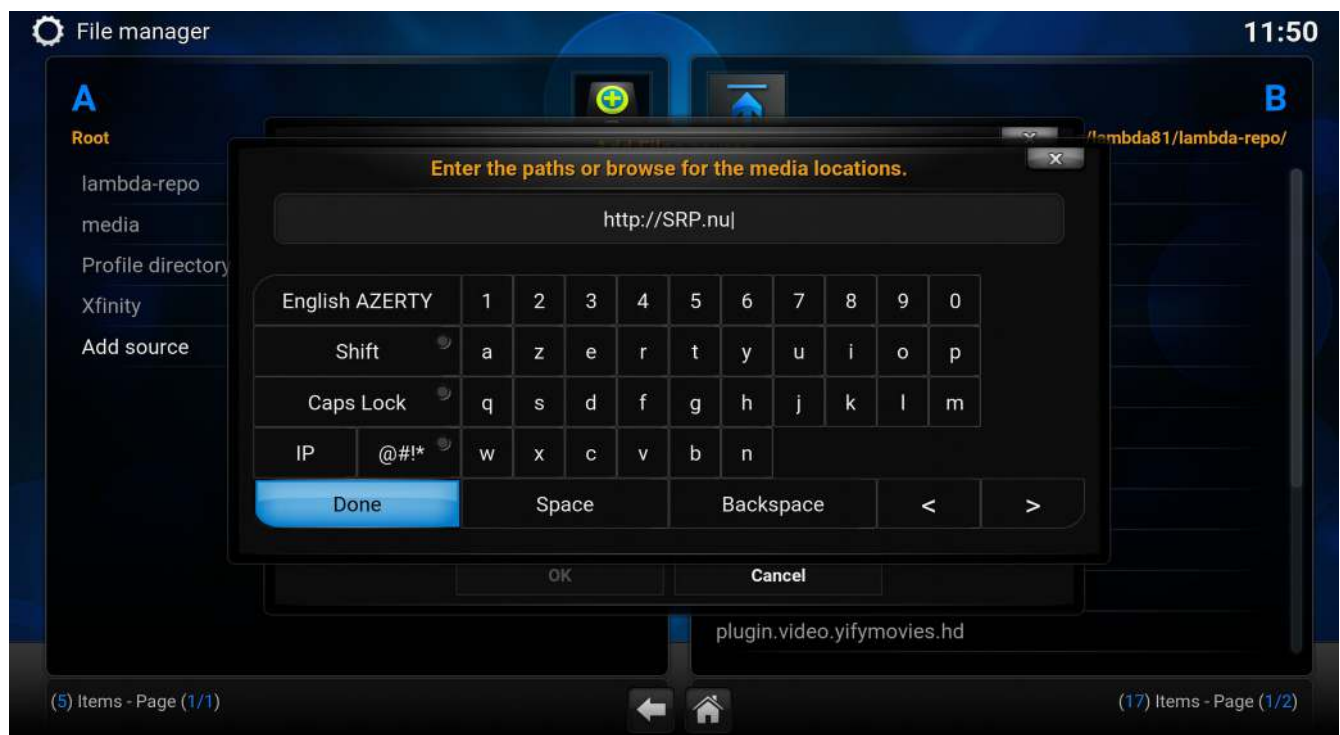
Go to Kodi Settings > File manager :



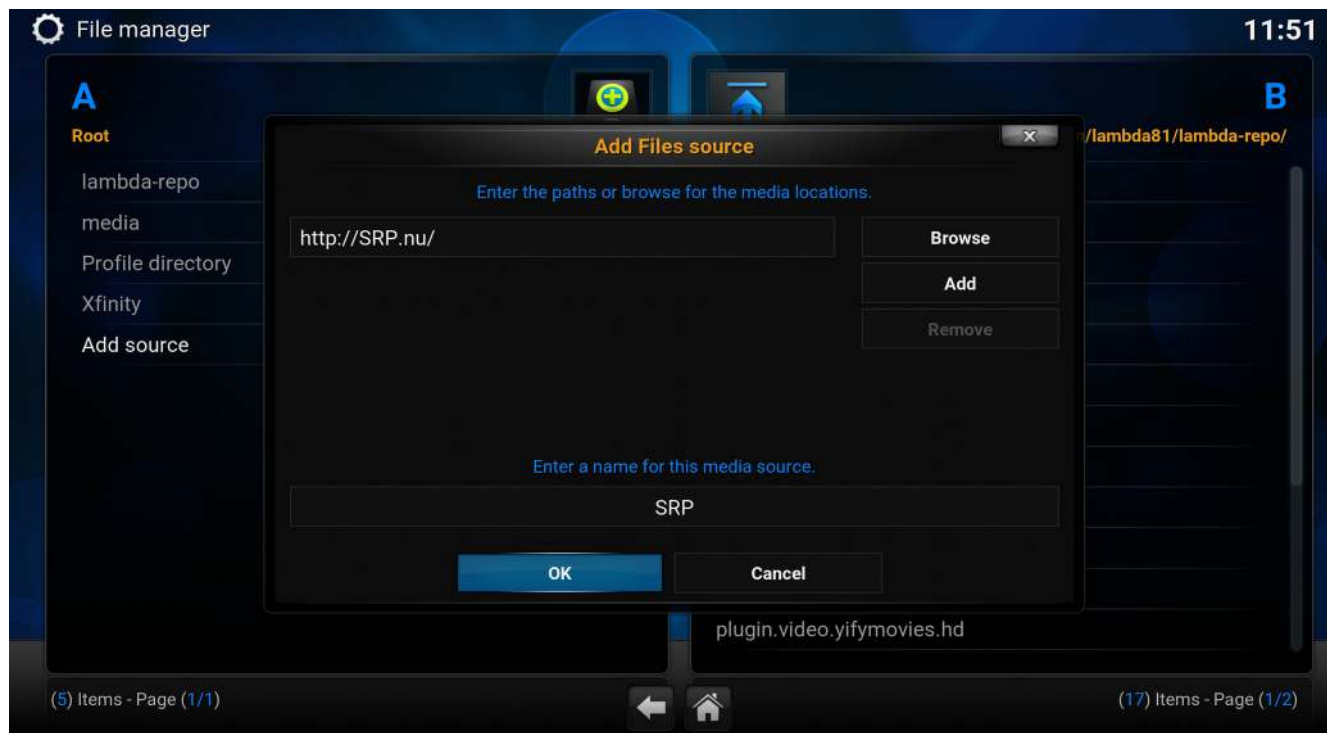
Select Add source :



Enter the following URL, "http://SRP.nu" (without quotes) :



Once done, it should look like this (notice SRP as name of media source) :



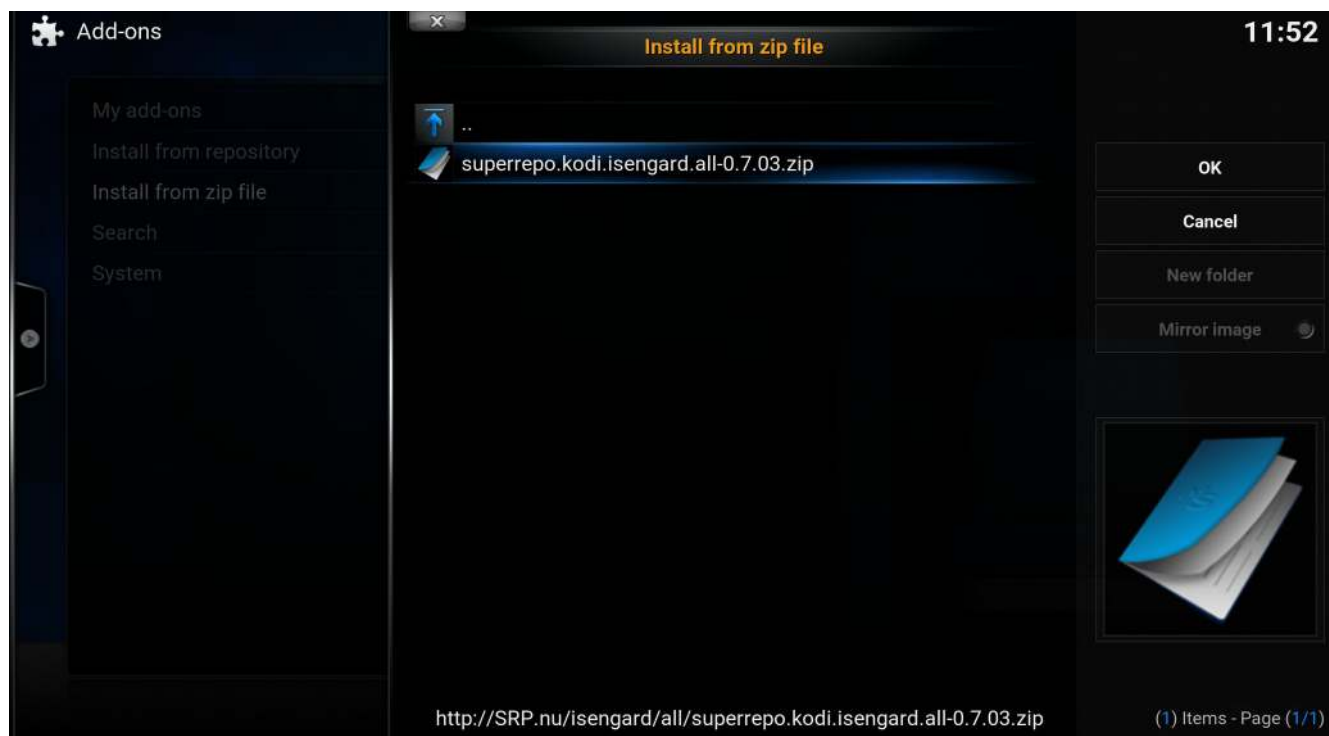
Now go to Settings > Add-ons :



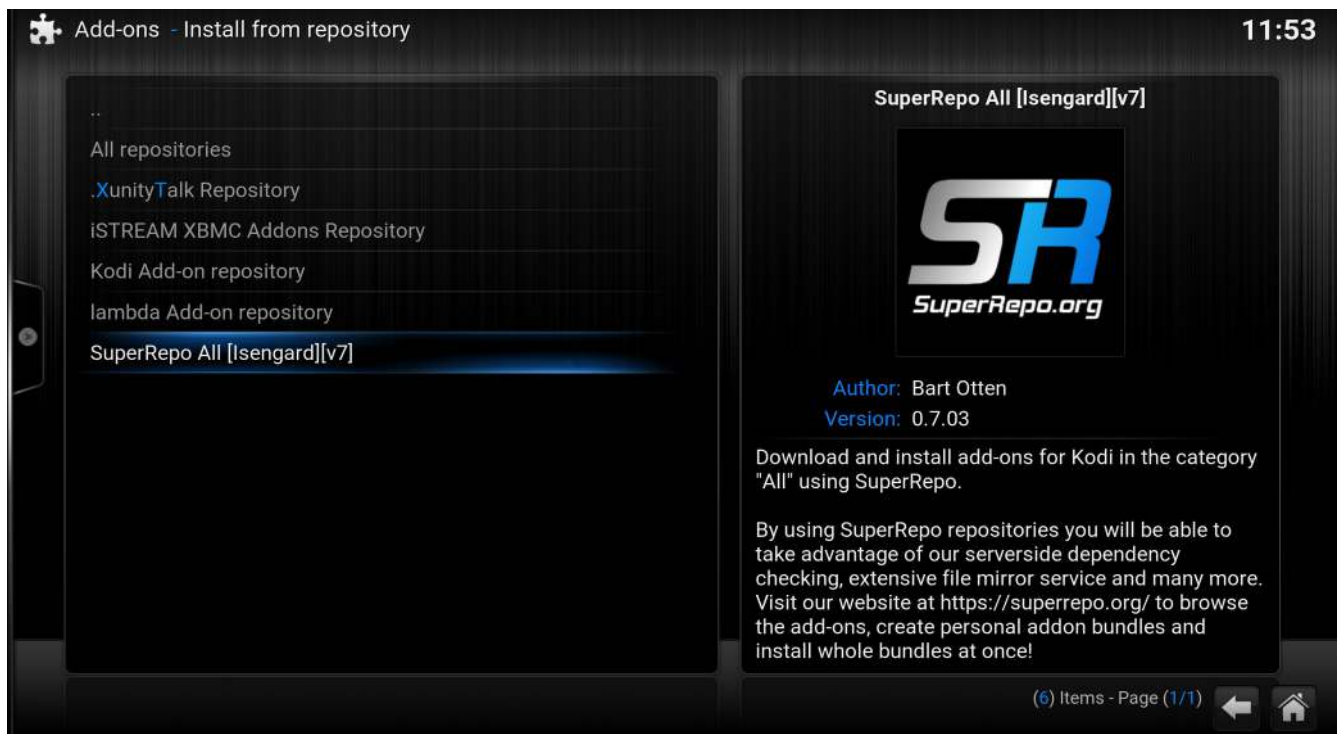
Then choose Install from zip, browse to the SRP repo you just added :



Select your correct Kodi version (ie, Isengard, Jarvis, etc) then the « all » zip file :



Allow it some time to install the Add-on, once it is done, you should see it under Add-ons > Install from repository, as shown in the picture below :



That's it, SuperRepo is installed!

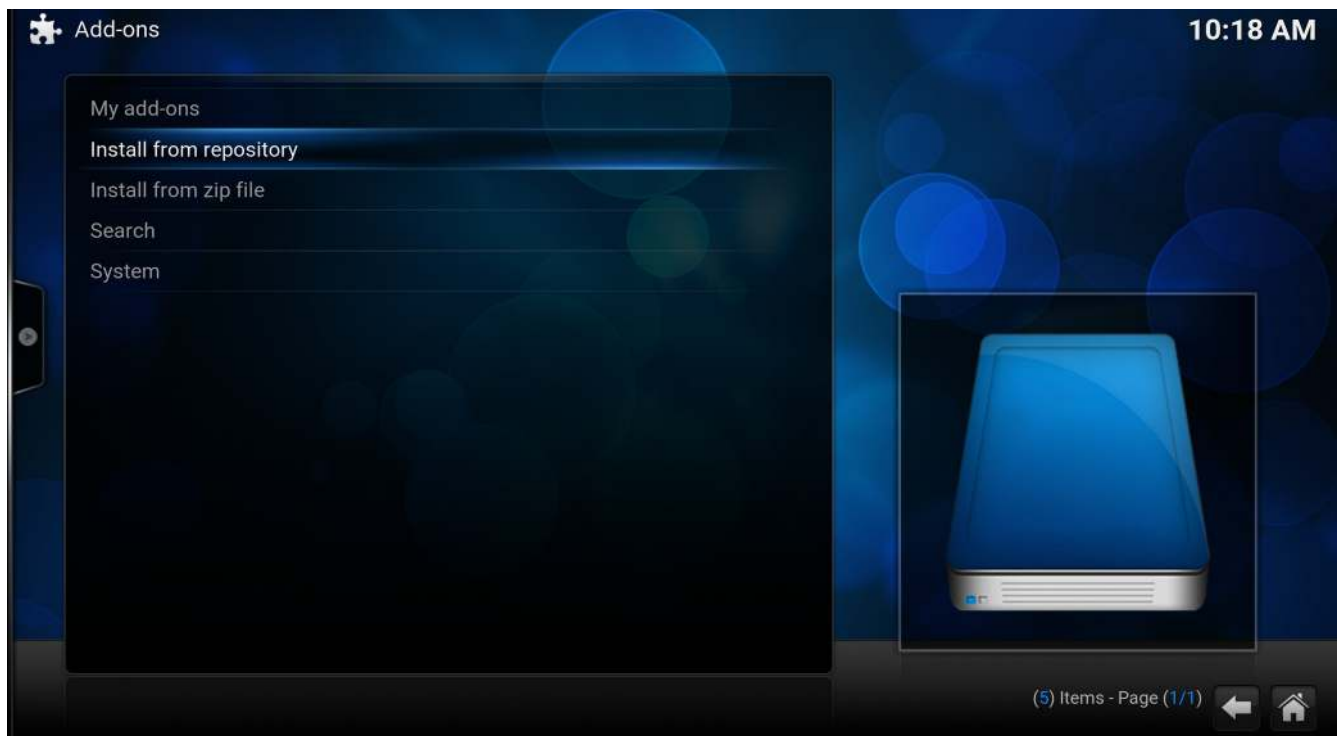
Install the right add-ons

Now that SuperRepo is installed, you can start installing "real" add-ons to Kodi. In order to do that, browse to Add-ons > Install from Repository and select SuperRepo [All] .

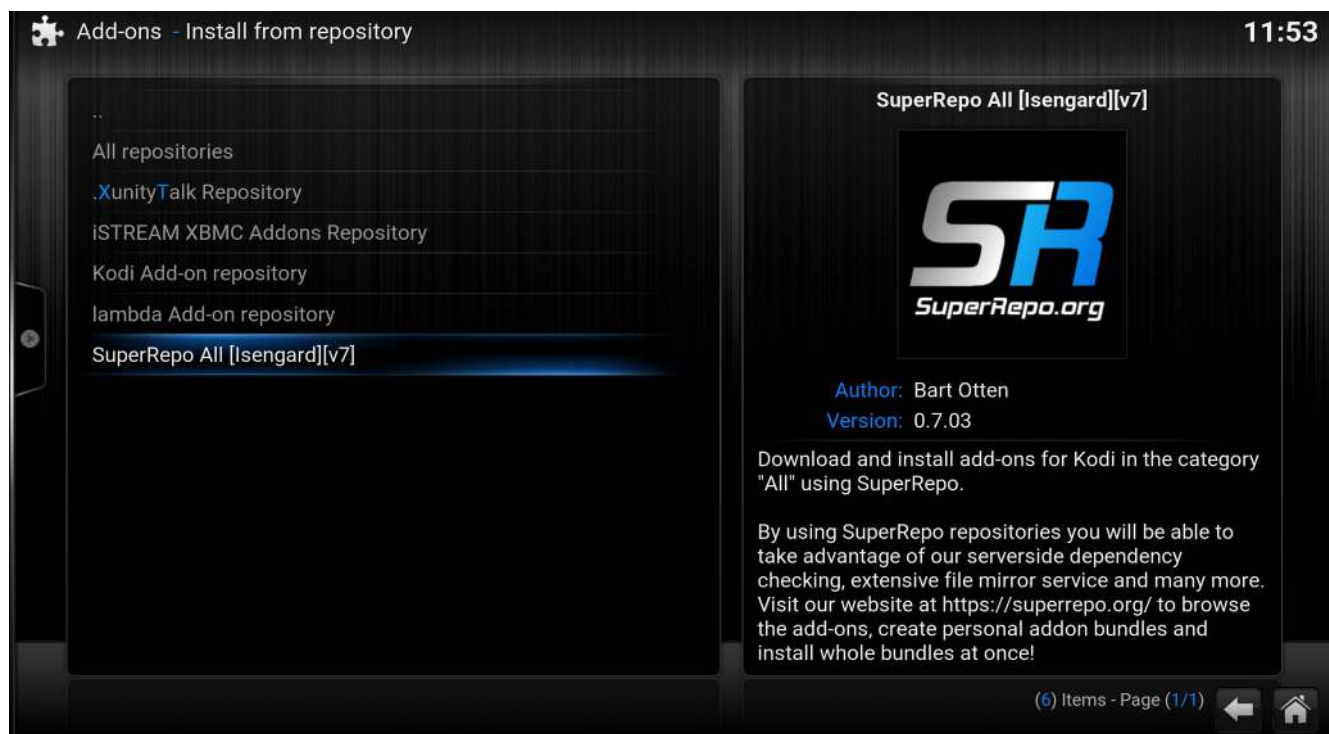
From here, all the add-ons are sorted by categories, like video, music, subtitles, etc. You browse the list and install add-on you like. In order to install an add-on, just browse until you find it's name (they are alphabetically ordered) in the right category, highlight it, press Enter and select Install.

Let's install a great streaming add-on : « [Genesis](#) »

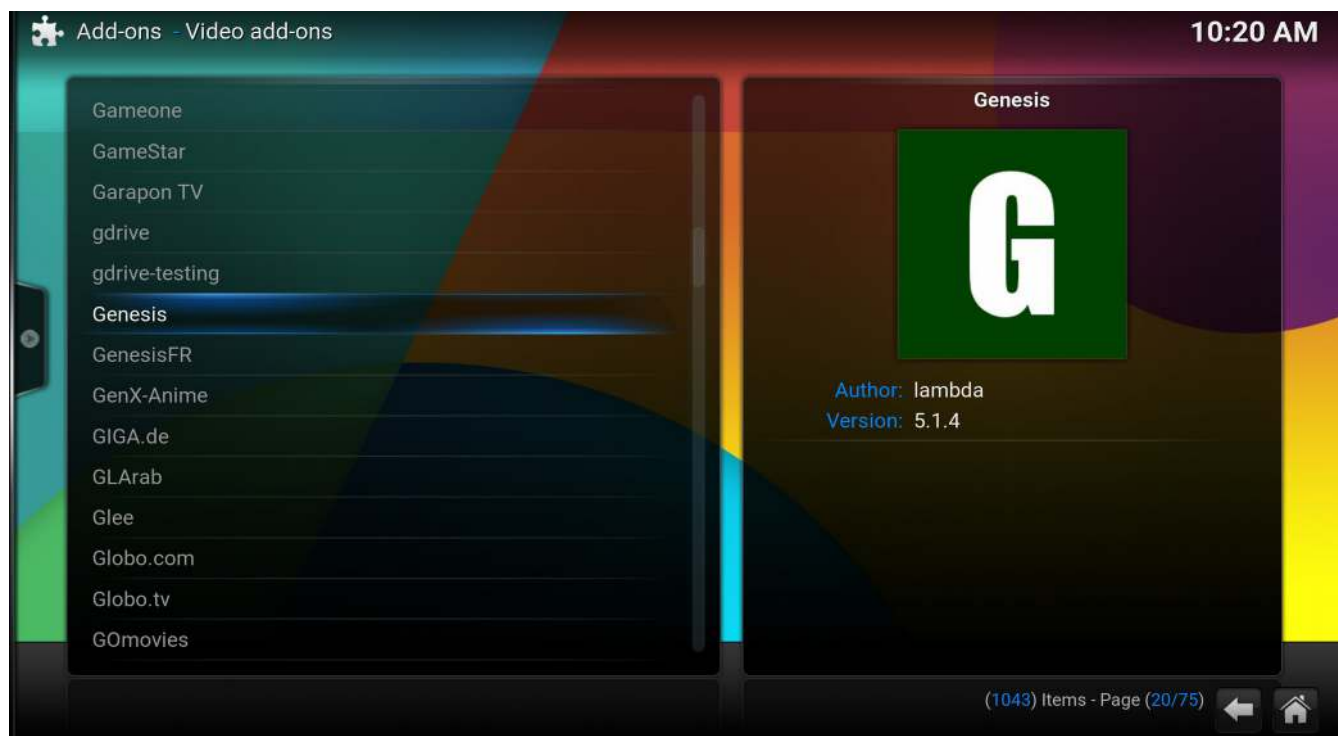
Browse to System > Settings > Add-ons and select Install from repository :



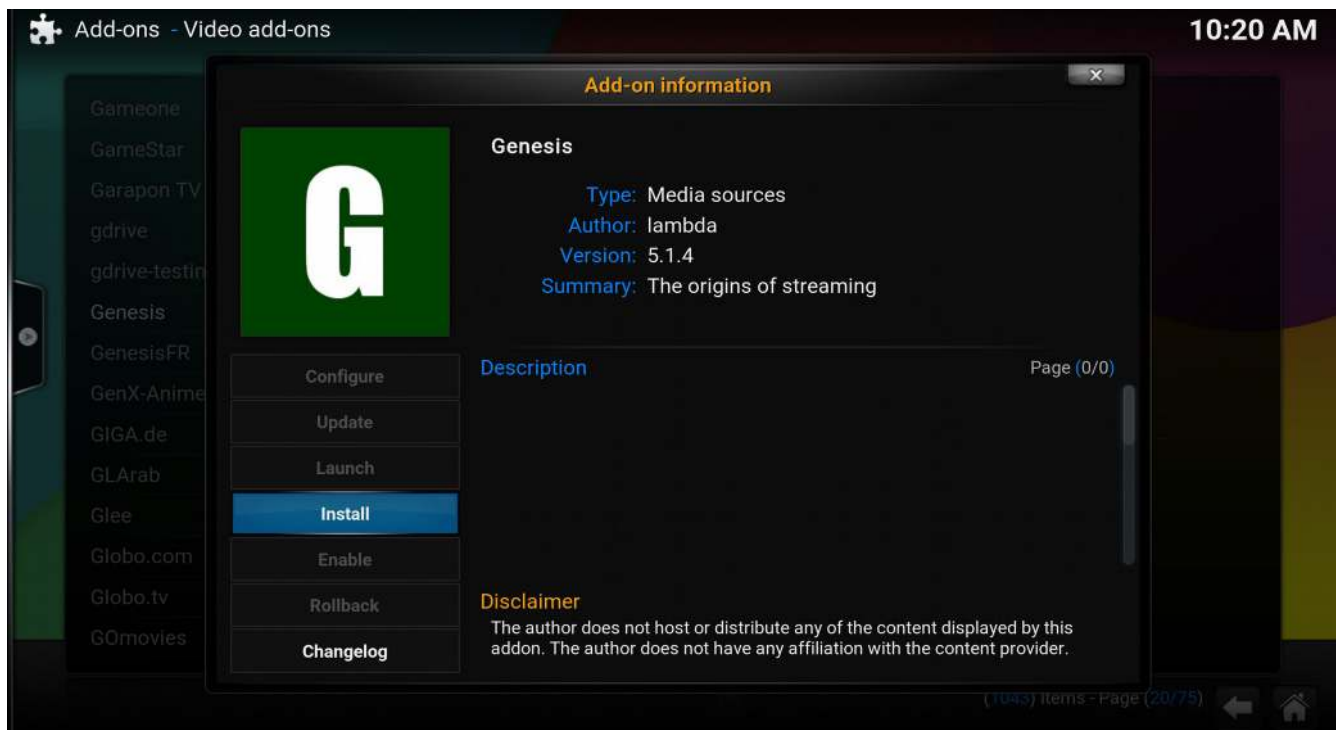
Select the SuperRepo All Repository :



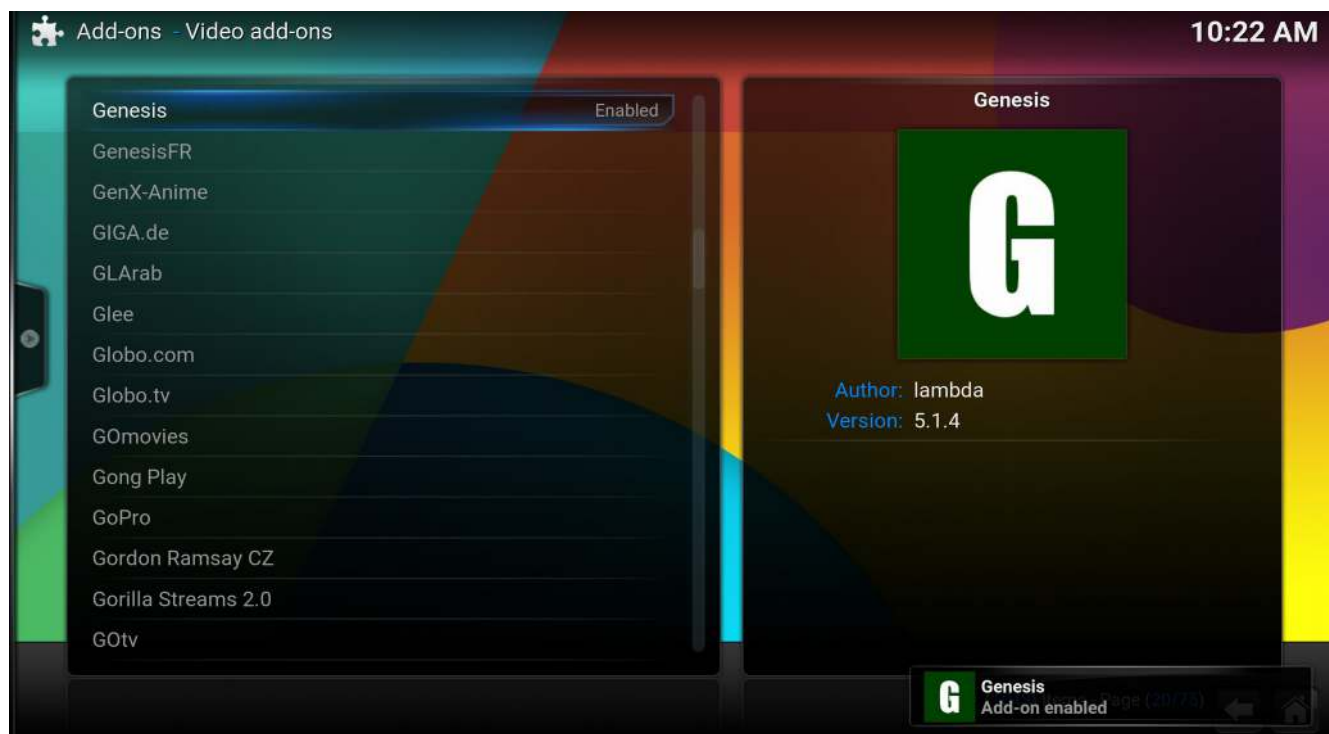
Go to Video add-ons and scroll down to Genesis :



Hit enter while highlighting the add-on and select Install :



Wait for the little pop-up in the bottom right corner. It'll confirm you that Genesis has been successfully installed :



Repeat those steps for all the add-ons you want to install.

Our favorites add-ons

Please find below a list of our favorites add-ons, we use at Kodi-XBMC.com. Please note that some are in SuperRepo, and others in the official Repo that is installed by default. This means, you should browse Add-ons by using the « All repositories » menu entry :



- Video Add-ons → Genesis
- Subtitles → OpenSubtitles (Unofficial)
- Subtitles → Popnapisi (with following credentials : login : « asdasd », password : « asdasd », without the quotes)
- Subtitles → Addic7ed

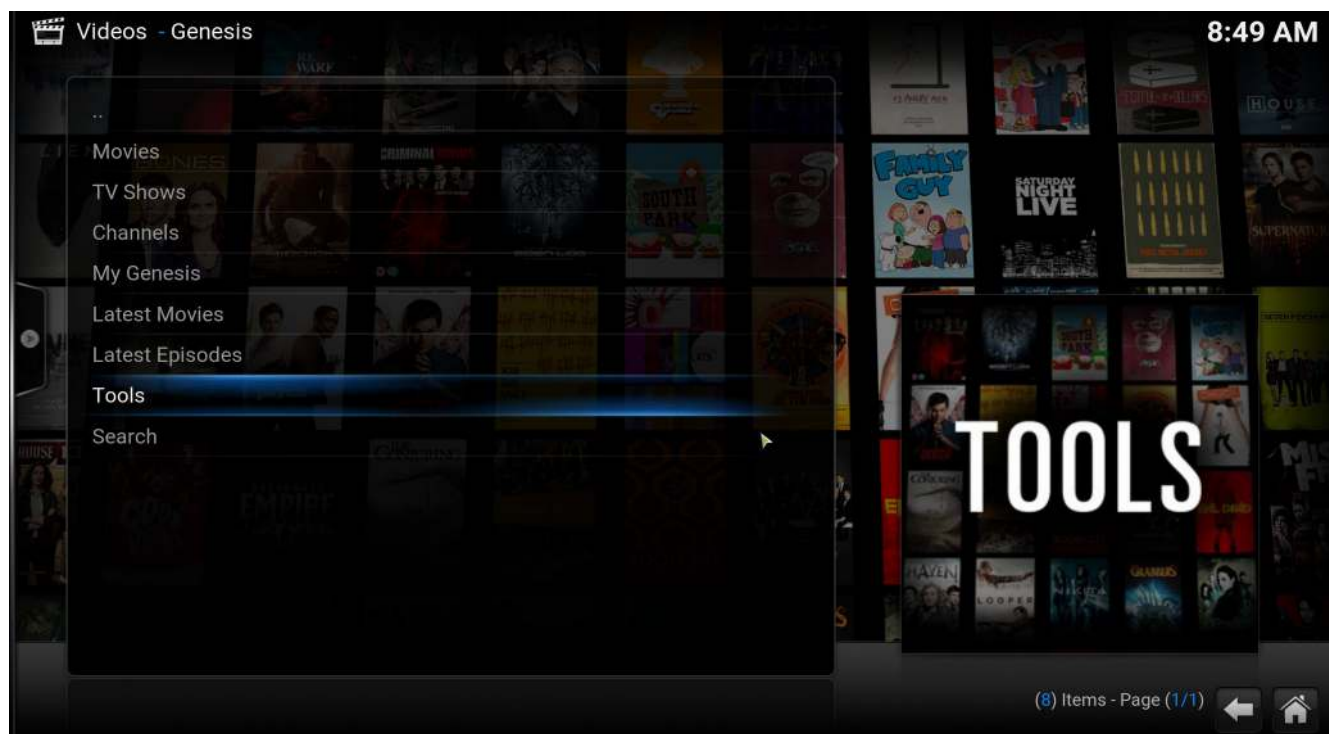
Genesis : easely stream your media

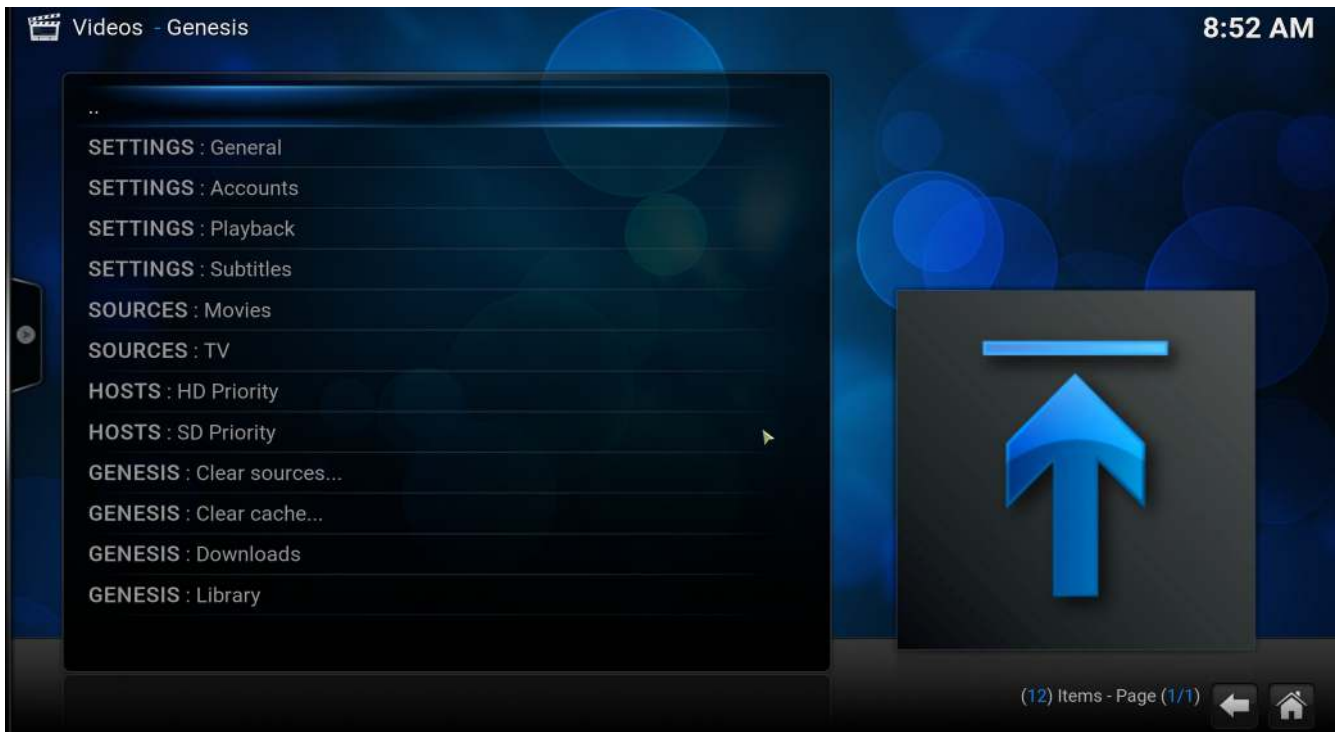
Genesis is a great add-on that let's you stream movies and TV Shows under Kodi, let me share with you some great Genesis tips and tricks.

Genesis subtitles

Did you know that you could enable automatic subtitles in Genesis? Yup! In order to do so, just navigate to the Video Add-ons > Genesis > Tools, this is the where Genesis is configured, and

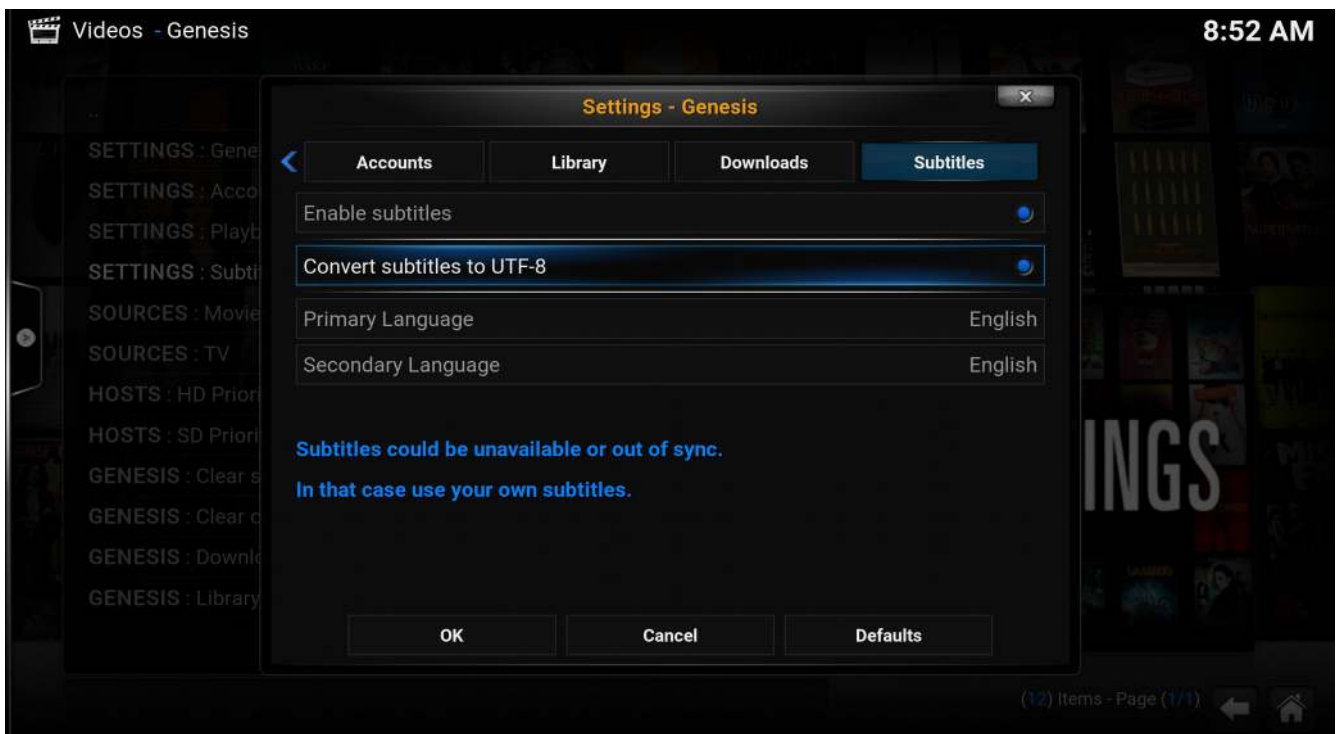
tweaked.





When we talk about Genesis settings, this is the right place, and it looks like the picture below.

Now select the Settings : subtitles line, and configure it to suit your likings.

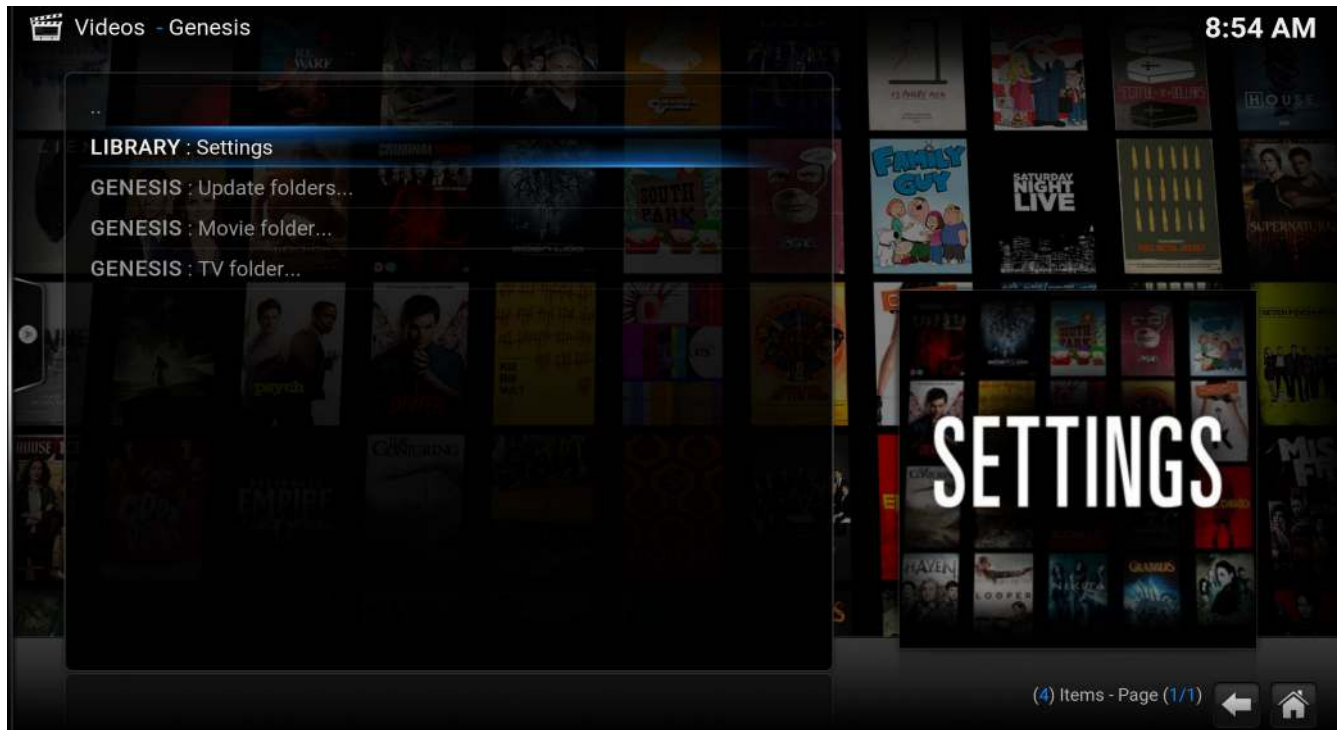


Share Genesis library across devices

If you are using Kodi on several devices, then you might consider sharing your Genesis library across several devices. This is really easy, let's do it!

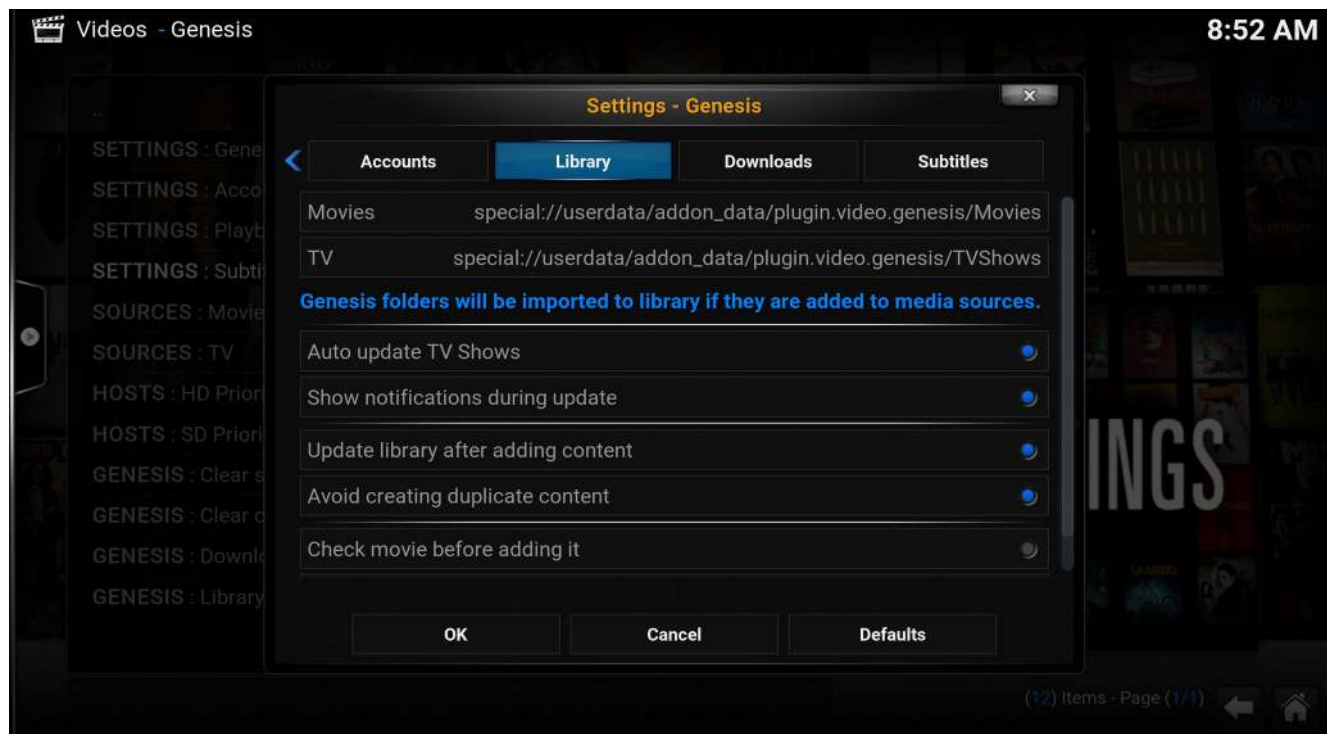
Go to Genesis settings, as explained above.

Then, Library Settings,

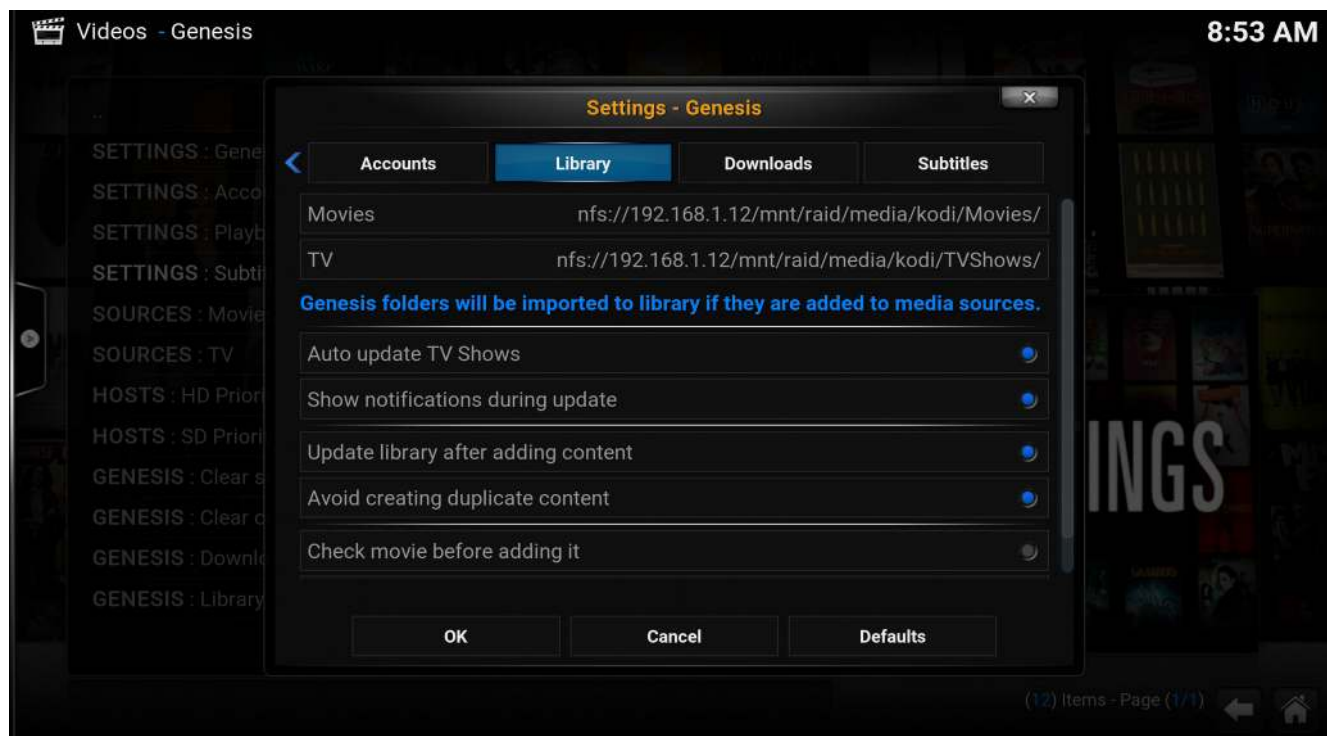


and edit the Movies and TV Shows paths in order to use a network location (eg. your NAS), as shown below with before / after picture.

Before change (please note the default path: special://...):



After change (please note that we are using NFS share on a [NAS](#)):



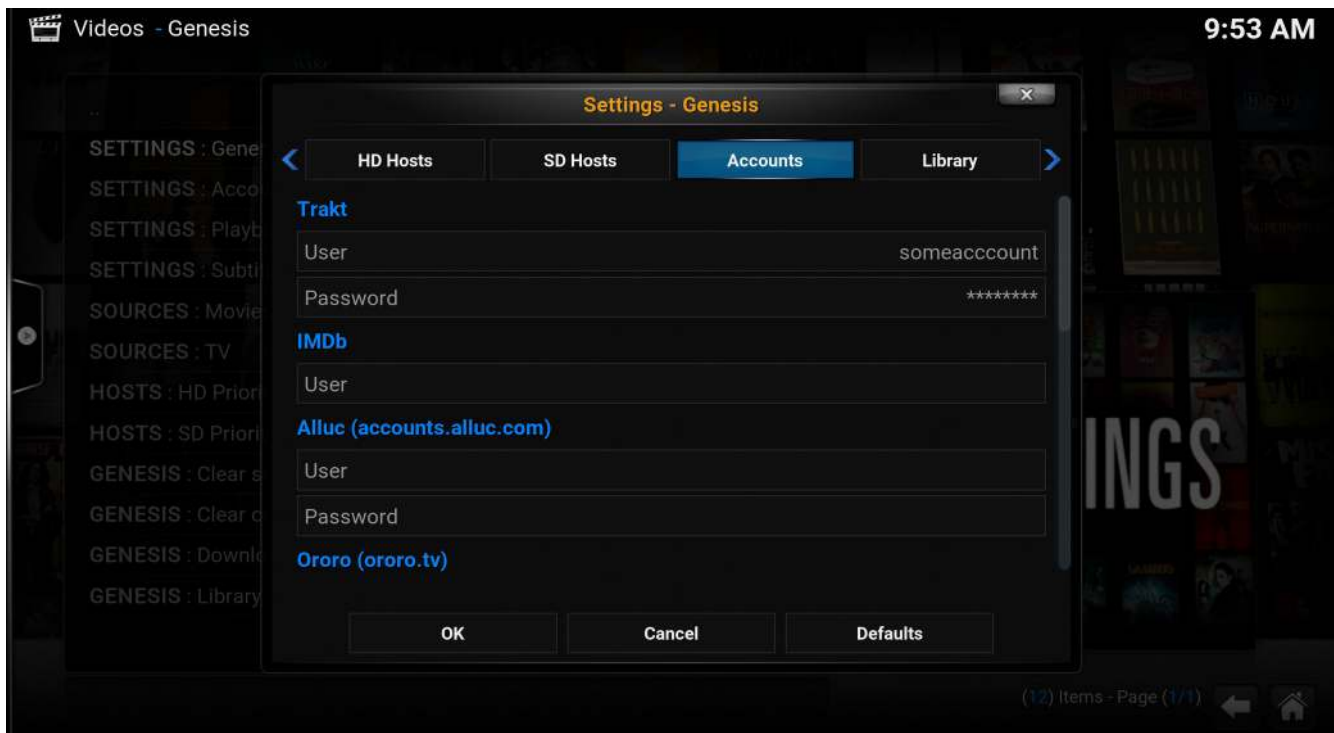
Highlight Movies folder, hit C on your keyboard (or right click), select "Set content", and choose the Movies scraper you want to use.

Repeat for the TV Shows folder with the wanted TV Shows scraper.

Now hit the Update folders button, that's it!

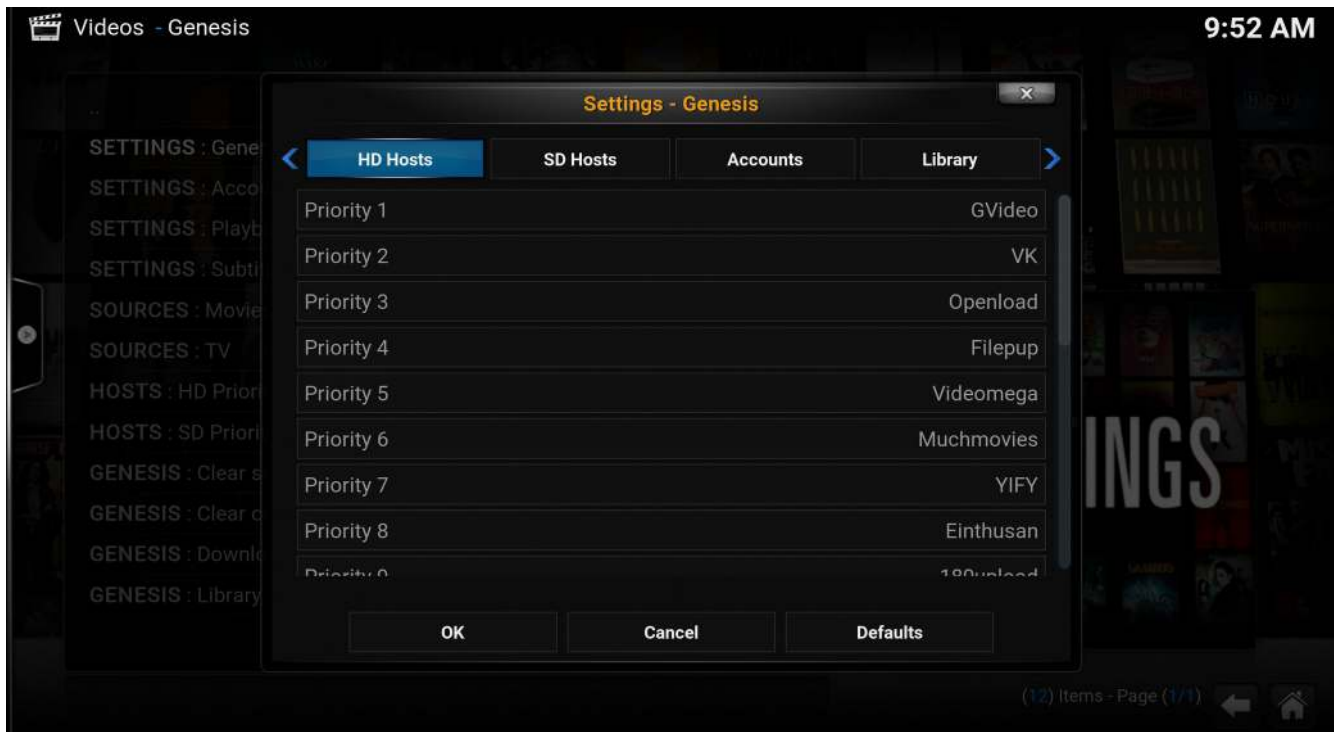
More Genesis Tips and tricks

Notify trakt.tv of your watching by adding your trakt.tv credentials in Genesis settings as shown below.



Edit source priority in order to use the Auto play feature. Once you have used

Genesis a little, you'll notice that some source are more reliable than some others. Write down the sources that works well for you and increase their priority in the menu shown below.



Epilogue

We have just seen how to configure Kodi so that it can be used a streaming platform, offering the same kind of features than Popcorn time. However, Genesis being based on a direct download protocol, it is far more secure than the latter one based on [P2P](#), for more info on this point, [check our post](#).

Feel free to visit our website, at kodi-xbmc.com to get up-to-date news and information for you media center.