

# **Streaming-RTSP-from-VLC**

Application note

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## 1 Introduction

## **Purpose of this document**

The purpose of this document is to explain how to configure **VLC** properly when it has to restream a RTSP stream for device who are supporting RTSP/outband mode and not RTSP/inband mode. Indeed, when **VLC** is launch like usually, the decoder Gekkota4 may not be able to decode the video or it may stop the video after a while (by example 1 minute).

That problem does not exist by example when the product **Wowza streaming engine** is used instead of VLC to restream an RTSP stream

#### Compatibility:

- DMB400 4.10.11
- SMA300 4.10.13

Test done with VLC version

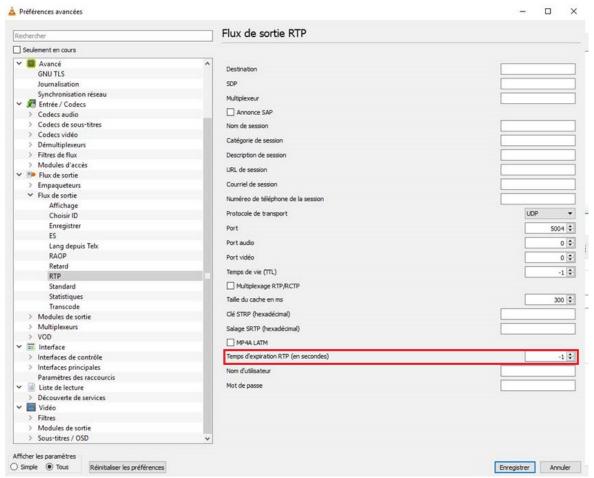
- "2.2.6 Umbrella"



# 2 Case 1: the video is stopped after a while on the decoder

In case the video is stopped after a while (by example: 1 minutes), thanks to inactivate **VLC > RTP expiration time** by setting:





Given that the information is not kept each time VLC is relaunched, it is advised to launch VLC with a command line with a batch since the vlc.exe directory: vlc.exe -rtp-timeout=999

c:\Program Files (x86)\VideoLAN\VLC>vlc.exe --rtp-timeout=999

Note: With some other versions of VLC, is should be required to set 9999 instead 999.



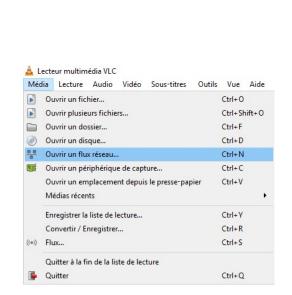
#### 3 Case 2: the video does not start at all

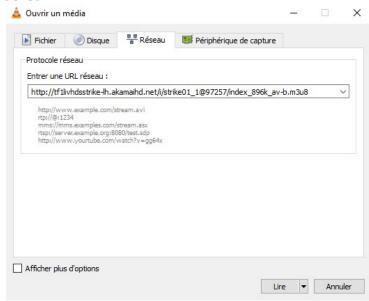
VLC Use case:

- Input: RTSP Stream file: <a href="http://tf1livhdsstrike-lh.akamaihd.net/i/strike01\_1@97257/index\_896k\_av-b.m3u8">http://tf1livhdsstrike-lh.akamaihd.net/i/strike01\_1@97257/index\_896k\_av-b.m3u8</a>
  Note the datarate which is often shown in the name (here 896Kbps)
- Output : rtsp://<vlc-pc-ip-addr>:8554/RTSP
  By example: rtsp://192.168.1.17:8554/RTSP

# 3.1 Open VLC and check that the input stream can by read by VLC

Select VLC > Media > Open a network stream

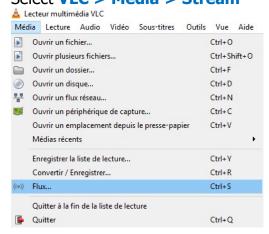




If VLC is able to play the video, go ahead...

#### 3.1.1 Restream the RTSP stream

#### Select VLC > Media > Stream

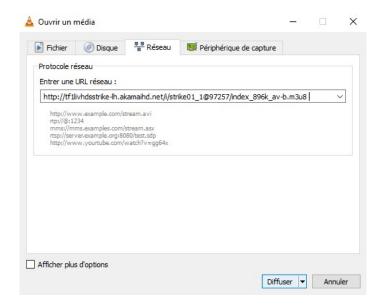


Choose tab **network**, and copy paste the RTSP URL

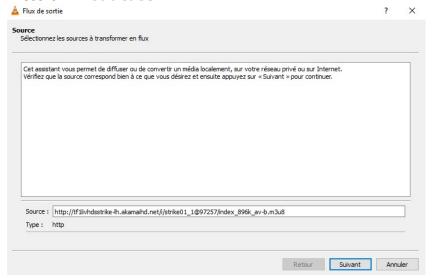
By example: : http://tf1livhdsstrike-lh.akamaihd.net/i/strike01 1@97257/index 896k av-b.m3u8

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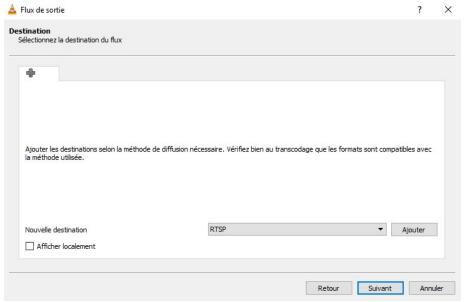
#### Press on **Broadcast**



Press **Next**.

Select RTSP in the list and press Add

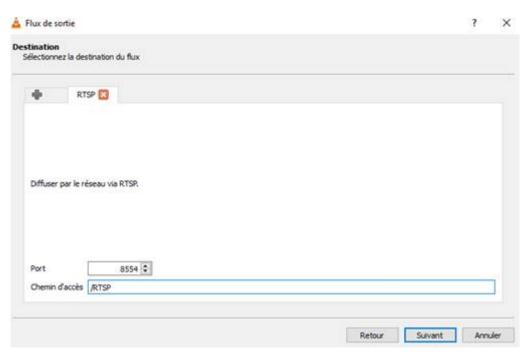




Press **Next**.

Keep the port: 8554

Enter the access path: /RTSP

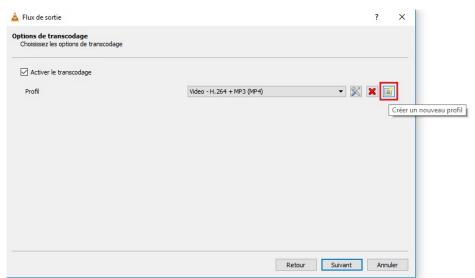


Press **Next**.

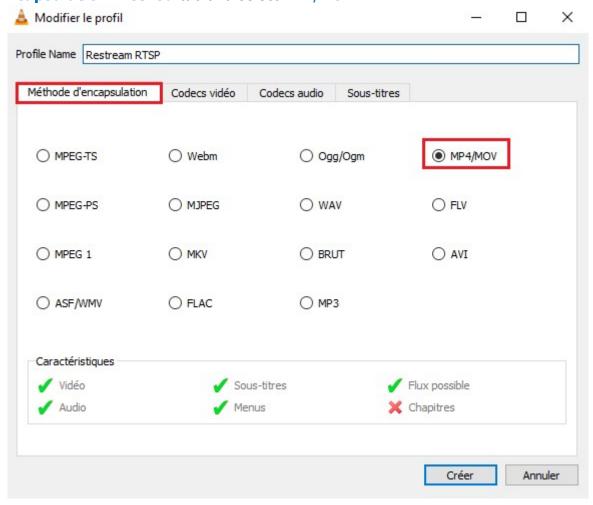
Select Activate the transcoding.

Press on Add a new profile button





**Profile name**: enter your personnal profile to restream RTSP (ex Restream RTSP) Select **Encapsulation method** tab and select MP4/MOV

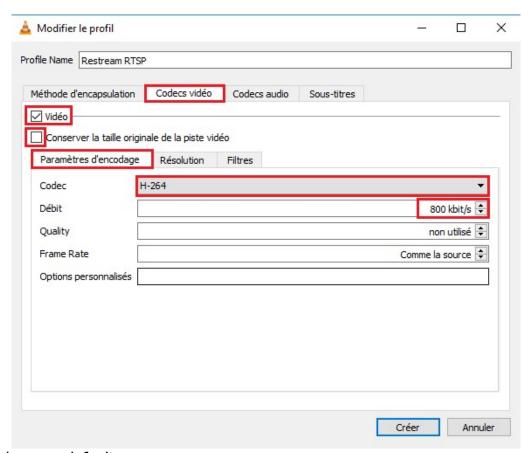


Select Video Codecs tab and select Videos

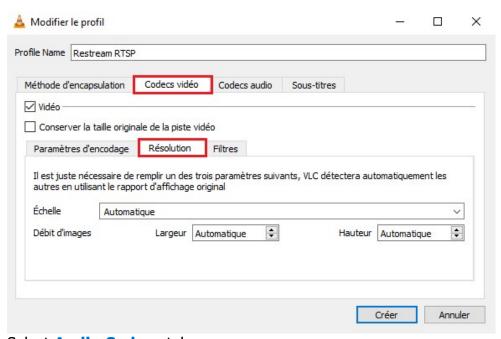
Uncheck Keep the video track original size

In encoding parameters, choose H-264 and choose a bitrate close the one of the input RTSP stream (ex: 800 kbps)





# Resolution: keep as default

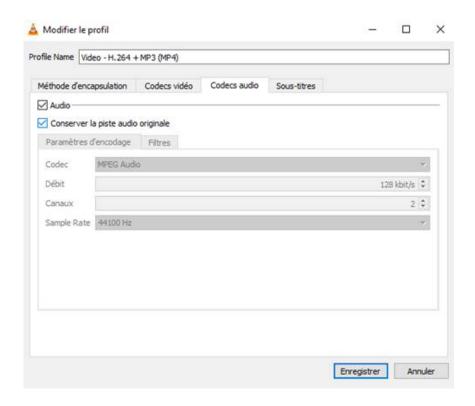


Select Audio Codecs tab

Check Audio

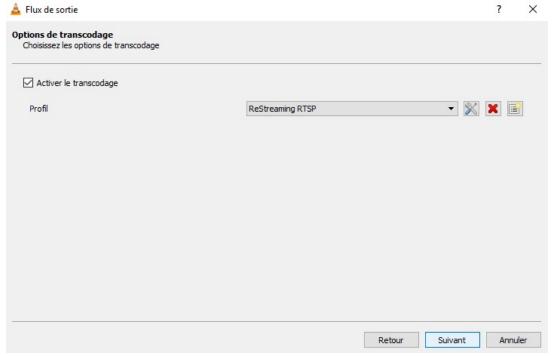
Check Keep the original audio track





#### Press Save

Select the profile you've just created (ex: Restreaming RTSP)

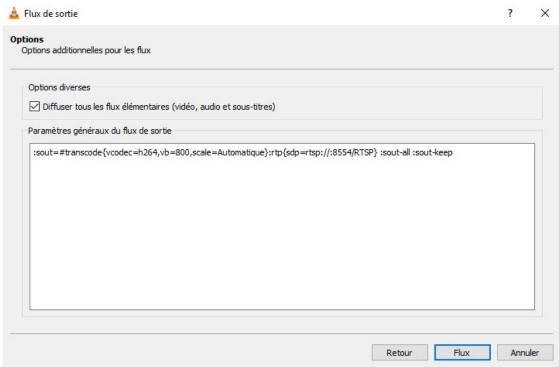


Press **Next** 

Select Broadcast all the elementary streams

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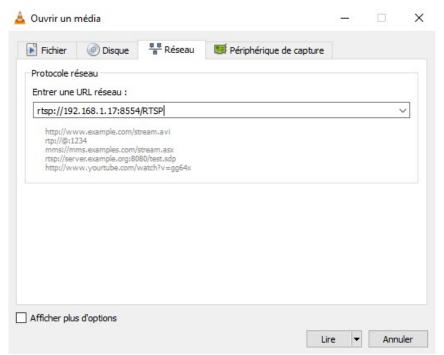




Press on the button **Stream** 

Before testing on DMB400 4.10.11 or SMA300 4.10.13 device, you can check whether your VLC is streaming properly the RTSP stream by opening an additional VLC session and play just for the test <a href="https://cvlc-pc-ip-addr>:8554/RTSP">rtsp://cvlc-pc-ip-addr>:8554/RTSP</a>

Ex:



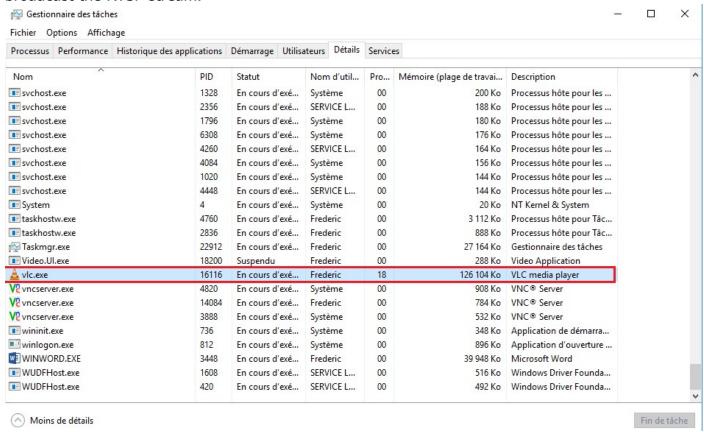
If the video is played properly, close this test session.

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# 4 Case 3: VLC does not stream properly because several VLC session are opened

**Warning**: in the nominal case, if by mistaking, several sessions of RTSP streaming are running, it may prevent VLC to stream properly. Check in task manager that there is only one VLC session to broadcast the RTSP stream.



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