**Overview**

**SubCentral** is a standalone subtitles plug-in for the MediaPortal HTPC application. The purpose of the plug-in is to allow user to search and download subtitles for movies or TV shows managed by popular Moving Pictures and MP-TVSeries plugins. It also has the interfaces to allow easy implementation and integration in any other plugin.

Best way to use SubCentral is through one of the supported plugins. If you wish, there is a possibility to modify search data SubCentral grabs from the plugins for more customized search. If plugin is opened from home screen, only manual search is possible, where you can create your own search queries (for movies or TV shows).

Before using SubCentral for the first time, use MediaPortal configuration to configure the plugin thoroughly (selecting, reordering and renaming groups/providers, selecting and ordering languages and managing of the download folders).

From the GUI you can configure languages (not priority!), search, download or delete existing subtitles and sort the search results using different criteria, including unique **tag ranking** system.

**Useful links**

* SubCentral Google Code site (<http://code.google.com/p/subcentral/>)
* SubCentral on MediaPortal forums (<http://forum.team-mediaportal.com/mediaportal-plugins-47/subcentral-85545/>)
* SubCentral manual – WiP (<http://code.google.com/p/subcentral/wiki/Manual>)
* SubCentral screenshots (<http://code.google.com/p/subcentral/wiki/Screenshots>)
* SubCentral issue tracker – report and browse issues (<http://code.google.com/p/subcentral/issues/list>)
* SubCentral SVN – source code (http://code.google.com/p/subcentral/source/browse/)

**Requirements:**

* MediaPortal v1.1.0
* Supported skin

**Integration – supported plugins**

* MP-TVSeries
* SubCentral has inbuilt support (plugin handler) for MP-TVSeries v2.6.0 or higher.
* Configuration: Open MP-TVSeries configuration, under “Extras” tab there should be “Enable SubCentral” check box. Check “Use SubCentral for episode ‘HasSubtitles query’ if you also want SubCentral for MediaInfo subtitles check (more through search). It is also suggested that you disable SubtitleDownloader (it will be removed from MP-TVSeries in next release).
* Users: When browsing episodes, open context menu and click “Download...”, then select “Retrieve subtitle”. SubCentral window will open.
* Skinners: no skin changes needed
* Moving Pictures
* SubCentral has inbuilt support (plugin handler) for Moving Pictures v1.0.3 or higher.
* Configuration: No configuration changes needed.
* Users: When browsing the movies, click “check for subtitles” button in your skin (it should be in (hidden) menu or on movie details screen). SubCentral window will open.
* Skinners: for closer look on integration, take a look at SubCentral Moving Pictures integration (<http://forum.team-mediaportal.com/moving-pictures-284/announcement-skinners-subcentral-integration-85548/>).
* Other plugins
* If the data from the plugin can be accessed from the "outside", there is a possibility of writing new plugin handler. Consult manual and source code for more info.
* There is also a possibility of integration without modifications in SubCentral. SubCentral supports data exchange through MediaPortal’s GUI window messages. Consult manual for more info.
* Another option is just to do manual search for subtitles you’re after. SubCentral will allow you to rename and save subtitles to defined folders.

**Supported skins**

These are the skins that support SubCentral so far (that I know of):

* Black Glass Nova (Black Glass soon)
* Blue3 (in the installer package)
* Blue3wide (in the installer package)
* Maya
* StreamedMP
* ?

If you’re planning to add support or your skin already supports SubCentral, let us know!

**Reporting issues / enhancements**

If you have any issues or problems using SubCentral or ideas on improving, report them here, or even better, on the issue tracker. For any questions, write here :)

**Developing / translating**

You’re a talented developer wanting to help us? Wrote a new plugin handler? Modified SubCentral so it works better/faster/stronger? Translated the plugin? Write to us here, on IRC (usually on #MovingPictures and/or #MP-TVSeries channels) or use issue tracker to submit your patches.

**Thank you**

* seco – for starting the plugin with initial ideas, helping with programming, testing and, of course, for the awesome SubtitleDownloader API (http://forum.team-mediaportal.com/mediaportal-plugins-47/subtitledownloader-2-2-a-71651/), without which SubCentral would not exist.
* fforde – for starting the plugin with initial ideas and awesome core.
* damienh – for testing, support and some very nice ideas.
* 1stdead – for testing.
* All the translators

**What’s new**

v0.9.1 change log (<http://code.google.com/p/subcentral/source/list?start=134>)

* First public release
* Moving Pictures & MP-TVSeries supported
* Ability to define and search subtitles from different providers and provider groups
* Unique tag rank sorting
* Many more…

**Download**

SubCentral is available as MPEI installer package on MediaPortal plugins repository (<http://www.team-mediaportal.com/files/Download/MediaPortalInstaller%28MPI%29/VideosorMovies/SubCentral/>), using MPEI package installer or at our Google Code site. Source code is also available on Google Code.

**Known issues**

* MovingPictures: parental controls restrict access to MovieBrowser
  + Already reported as [Issue 858](http://code.google.com/p/moving-pictures/issues/detail?id=858) (<http://code.google.com/p/moving-pictures/issues/detail?id=858>) on MovingPictures issue tracker.
* Possible issues installing from MPEI on MediaPortal v1.1.1 and above
  + There is an error in MPEI installer when checking dependency for correct MediaPortal version. For the time being, if on v1.1.1+, use RAR file on Google Code site to manually install the plugin.