

x264 core:146 r2538 121396c

Syntax: x264 [options] -o outfile infile

Infile can be raw (in which case resolution is required),

or YUV4MPEG (*.y4m),

or Avisynth if compiled with support (yes).

or libav* formats if compiled with lavf support (yes) or ffms support (no).

Outfile type is selected by filename:

.264 -> Raw bytestream

.mkv -> Matroska

.flv -> Flash Video

.mp4 -> MP4 if compiled with GPAC or L-SMASH support (no)

Output bit depth: 8 (configured at compile time)

Options:

-h, --help	List basic options
--longhelp	List more options
--fullhelp	List all options

Example usage:

Constant quality mode:

x264 --crf 24 -o <output> <input>

Two-pass with a bitrate of 1000kbps:

x264 --pass 1 --bitrate 1000 -o <output> <input>

x264 --pass 2 --bitrate 1000 -o <output> <input>

Lossless:

x264 --qp 0 -o <output> <input>

Maximum PSNR at the cost of speed and visual quality:

x264 --preset placebo --tune psnr -o <output> <input>

Constant bitrate at 1000kbps with a 2 second-buffer:

x264 --vbv-bufsize 2000 --bitrate 1000 -o <output> <input>

Presets:

--profile <string> Force the limits of an H.264 profile
Overrides all settings.

- baseline:
 - no-8x8dct --bframes 0 --no-cabac
 - cqm flat --weightp 0
 - No interlaced.
 - No lossless.
- main:
 - no-8x8dct --cqm flat
 - No lossless.
- high:
 - No lossless.
- high10:

No lossless.
Support for bit depth 8-10.

- high422:
No lossless.
Support for bit depth 8-10.
Support for 4:2:0/4:2:2 chroma subsampling.

- high444:
Support for bit depth 8-10.
Support for 4:2:0/4:2:2/4:4:4 chroma subsampling.

--preset <string> Use a preset to select encoding settings [medium]
Overridden by user settings.

- ultrafast:
--no-8x8dct --aq-mode 0 --b-adapt 0
--bframes 0 --no-cabac --no-deblock
--no-mbtree --me dia --no-mixed-refs
--partitions none --rc-lookahead 0 --ref 1
--scenecut 0 --subme 0 --trellis 0
--no-weightb --weightp 0

- superfast:
--no-mbtree --me dia --no-mixed-refs
--partitions i8x8,i4x4 --rc-lookahead 0
--ref 1 --subme 1 --trellis 0 --weightp 1

- veryfast:
--no-mixed-refs --rc-lookahead 10
--ref 1 --subme 2 --trellis 0 --weightp 1

- faster:
--no-mixed-refs --rc-lookahead 20
--ref 2 --subme 4 --weightp 1

- fast:
--rc-lookahead 30 --ref 2 --subme 6
--weightp 1

- medium:
Default settings apply.

- slow:
--b-adapt 2 --direct auto --me umh
--rc-lookahead 50 --ref 5 --subme 8

- slower:
--b-adapt 2 --direct auto --me umh
--partitions all --rc-lookahead 60
--ref 8 --subme 9 --trellis 2

- veryslow:
--b-adapt 2 --bframes 8 --direct auto
--me umh --merange 24 --partitions all
--ref 16 --subme 10 --trellis 2
--rc-lookahead 60

- placebo:
--bframes 16 --b-adapt 2 --direct auto
--slow-firstpass --no-fast-pskip
--me tesa --merange 24 --partitions all
--rc-lookahead 60 --ref 16 --subme 11
--trellis 2

--tune <string> Tune the settings for a particular type of source
or situation
Overridden by user settings.

Multiple tunings are separated by commas.
Only one psy tuning can be used at a time.

- film (psy tuning):
 - deblock -1:-1 --psy-rd <unset>:0.15
- animation (psy tuning):
 - bframes {+2} --deblock 1:1
 - psy-rd 0.4:<unset> --aq-strength 0.6
 - ref {Double if >1 else 1}
- grain (psy tuning):
 - aq-strength 0.5 --no-dct-decimate
 - deadzone-inter 6 --deadzone-intra 6
 - deblock -2:-2 --ipratio 1.1
 - pbratio 1.1 --psy-rd <unset>:0.25
 - qcomp 0.8
- stillimage (psy tuning):
 - aq-strength 1.2 --deblock -3:-3
 - psy-rd 2.0:0.7
- psnr (psy tuning):
 - aq-mode 0 --no-psy
- ssim (psy tuning):
 - aq-mode 2 --no-psy
- fastdecode:
 - no-cabac --no-deblock --no-weightb
 - weightp 0
- zerolatency:
 - bframes 0 --force-cfr --no-mbtree
 - sync-lookahead 0 --sliced-threads
 - rc-lookahead 0

--slow-firstpass Don't force these faster settings with --pass 1:
--no-8x8dct --me dia --partitions none
--ref 1 --subme {2 if >2 else unchanged}
--trellis 0 --fast-pskip

Frame-type options:

- I, --keyint <integer or "infinite"> Maximum GOP size [250]
- i, --min-keyint <integer> Minimum GOP size [auto]
 - no-scenecut Disable adaptive I-frame decision
 - scenecut <integer> How aggressively to insert extra I-frames [40]
 - intra-refresh Use Periodic Intra Refresh instead of IDR frames
- b, --bframes <integer> Number of B-frames between I and P [3]
 - b-adapt <integer> Adaptive B-frame decision method [1]
 - Higher values may lower threading efficiency.
 - 0: Disabled
 - 1: Fast
 - 2: Optimal (slow with high --bframes)
 - b-bias <integer> Influences how often B-frames are used [0]
 - b-pyramid <string> Keep some B-frames as references [normal]
 - none: Disabled
 - strict: Strictly hierarchical pyramid
 - normal: Non-strict (not Blu-ray compatible)
- open-gop Use recovery points to close GOPs
Only available with b-frames
- no-cabac Disable CABAC

- r, --ref <integer> Number of reference frames [3]
- no-deblock Disable loop filter
- f, --deblock <alpha:beta> Loop filter parameters [0:0]
- slices <integer> Number of slices per frame; forces rectangular
 slices and is overridden by other slicing options
- slices-max <integer> Absolute maximum slices per frame; overrides
 slice-max-size/slice-max-mbs when necessary
- slice-max-size <integer> Limit the size of each slice in bytes
- slice-max-mbs <integer> Limit the size of each slice in macroblocks (max)
- slice-min-mbs <integer> Limit the size of each slice in macroblocks (min)
- tff Enable interlaced mode (top field first)
- bff Enable interlaced mode (bottom field first)
- constrained-intra Enable constrained intra prediction.
- pulldown <string> Use soft pulldown to change frame rate
 - none, 22, 32, 64, double, triple, euro (requires cfr input)
- fake-interlaced Flag stream as interlaced but encode progressive.
 Makes it possible to encode 25p and 30p Blu-Ray
 streams. Ignored in interlaced mode.
- frame-packing <integer> For stereoscopic videos define frame arrangement
 - 0: checkerboard - pixels are alternatively from L and R
 - 1: column alternation - L and R are interlaced by column
 - 2: row alternation - L and R are interlaced by row
 - 3: side by side - L is on the left, R on the right
 - 4: top bottom - L is on top, R on bottom
 - 5: frame alternation - one view per frame
 - 6: mono - 2D frame without any frame packing
 - 7: tile format - L is on top-left, R split across

Ratecontrol:

- q, --qp <integer> Force constant QP (0-69, 0=lossless)
- B, --bitrate <integer> Set bitrate (kbit/s)
- crf <float> Quality-based VBR (0-51) [23.0]
- rc-lookahead <integer> Number of frames for frametype lookahead [40]
- vbv-maxrate <integer> Max local bitrate (kbit/s) [0]
- vbv-buFSIZE <integer> Set size of the VBV buffer (kbit) [0]
- vbv-init <float> Initial VBV buffer occupancy [0.9]
- crf-max <float> With CRF+VBV, limit RF to this value
 May cause VBV underflows!
- qpmin <integer> Set min QP [0]
- qpmax <integer> Set max QP [69]
- qpstep <integer> Set max QP step [4]
- ratetol <float> Tolerance of ABR ratecontrol and VBV [1.0]
- ipratio <float> QP factor between I and P [1.40]
- pbratio <float> QP factor between P and B [1.30]
- chroma-qp-offset <integer> QP difference between chroma and luma [0]
- aq-mode <integer> AQ method [1]
 - 0: Disabled
 - 1: Variance AQ (complexity mask)
 - 2: Auto-variance AQ
 - 3: Auto-variance AQ with bias to dark scenes
- aq-strength <float> Reduces blocking and blurring in flat and
 textured areas. [1.0]

-p, --pass <integer> Enable multipass ratecontrol

- 1: First pass, creates stats file
- 2: Last pass, does not overwrite stats file
- 3: Nth pass, overwrites stats file

--stats <string> Filename for 2 pass stats ["x264_2pass.log"]

--no-mbtree Disable mb-tree ratecontrol.

--qcomp <float> QP curve compression [0.60]

--cplxblur <float> Reduce fluctuations in QP (before curve compression) [20.0]

--qblur <float> Reduce fluctuations in QP (after curve compression) [0.5]

--zones <zone0>/<zone1>/... Tweak the bitrate of regions of the video

Each zone is of the form

<start frame>,<end frame>,<option>

where <option> is either

q=<integer> (force QP)

or b=<float> (bitrate multiplier)

--qpfile <string> Force frametypes and QPs for some or all frames

Format of each line: framenumbers frametype QP

QP is optional (none lets x264 choose). Frametypes: I,i,K,P,B,b.

K=<I or i> depending on open-gop setting

QPs are restricted by qpmin/qpmax.

Analysis:

-A, --partitions <string> Partitions to consider ["p8x8,b8x8,i8x8,i4x4"]

- p8x8, p4x4, b8x8, i8x8, i4x4
- none, all

(p4x4 requires p8x8. i8x8 requires --8x8dct.)

--direct <string> Direct MV prediction mode ["spatial"]

- none, spatial, temporal, auto

--no-weightb Disable weighted prediction for B-frames

--weightp <integer> Weighted prediction for P-frames [2]

- 0: Disabled
- 1: Weighted refs
- 2: Weighted refs + Duplicates

--me <string> Integer pixel motion estimation method ["hex"]

- dia: diamond search, radius 1 (fast)
- hex: hexagonal search, radius 2
- umh: uneven multi-hexagon search
- esa: exhaustive search
- tesa: hadamard exhaustive search (slow)

--merange <integer> Maximum motion vector search range [16]

--mvrage <integer> Maximum motion vector length [-1 (auto)]

--mvrage-thread <int> Minimum buffer between threads [-1 (auto)]

-m, --subme <integer> Subpixel motion estimation and mode decision [7]

- 0: fullpel only (not recommended)
- 1: SAD mode decision, one qpel iteration
- 2: SATD mode decision
- 3-5: Progressively more qpel
- 6: RD mode decision for I/P-frames
- 7: RD mode decision for all frames
- 8: RD refinement for I/P-frames
- 9: RD refinement for all frames
- 10: QP-RD - requires trellis=2, aq-mode>0
- 11: Full RD: disable all early terminations

--psy-rd <float:float> Strength of psychovisual optimization ["1.0:0.0"]
 #1: RD (requires subme>=6)
 #2: Trellis (requires trellis, experimental)

--no-psy Disable all visual optimizations that worsen
 both PSNR and SSIM.

--no-mixed-refs Don't decide references on a per partition basis

--no-chroma-me Ignore chroma in motion estimation

--no-8x8dct Disable adaptive spatial transform size

-t, --trellis <integer> Trellis RD quantization. [1]
 - 0: disabled
 - 1: enabled only on the final encode of a MB
 - 2: enabled on all mode decisions

--no-fast-pskip Disables early SKIP detection on P-frames

--no-dct-decimate Disables coefficient thresholding on P-frames

--nr <integer> Noise reduction [0]

--deadzone-inter <int> Set the size of the inter luma quantization deadzone [21]

--deadzone-intra <int> Set the size of the intra luma quantization deadzone [11]
 Deadzones should be in the range 0 - 32.

--cqm <string> Preset quant matrices ["flat"]
 - jvt, flat

--cqmfile <string> Read custom quant matrices from a JM-compatible file
 Overrides any other --cqm* options.

--cqm4 <list> Set all 4x4 quant matrices
 Takes a comma-separated list of 16 integers.

--cqm8 <list> Set all 8x8 quant matrices
 Takes a comma-separated list of 64 integers.

--cqm4i, --cqm4p, --cqm8i, --cqm8p <list>
 Set both luma and chroma quant matrices

--cqm4iy, --cqm4ic, --cqm4py, --cqm4pc <list>
 Set individual quant matrices

Video Usability Info (Annex E):

The VUI settings are not used by the encoder but are merely suggestions to the playback equipment. See doc/vui.txt for details. Use at your own risk.

--overscan <string> Specify crop overscan setting ["undef"]
 - undef, show, crop

--videoformat <string> Specify video format ["undef"]
 - component, pal, ntsc, secam, mac, undef

--range <string> Specify color range ["auto"]
 - auto, tv, pc

--colorprim <string> Specify color primaries ["undef"]
 - undef, bt709, bt470m, bt470bg, smpte170m, smpte240m, film, bt2020

--transfer <string> Specify transfer characteristics ["undef"]
 - undef, bt709, bt470m, bt470bg, smpte170m, smpte240m, linear, log100, log316, iec61966-2-4, bt1361e, iec61966-2-1, bt2020-10, bt2020-12

--colormatrix <string> Specify color matrix setting ["???"]
 - undef, bt709, fcc, bt470bg, smpte170m, smpte240m, GBR, YCgCo, bt2020nc, bt2020c

--chromaloc <integer> Specify chroma sample location (0 to 5) [0]

--nal-hrd <string> Signal HRD information (requires vbv-buFSIZE)
 - none, vbr, cbr (cbr not allowed in .mp4)
 --filler Force hard-CBR and generate filler (implied by
 --nal-hrd cbr)
 --pic-struct Force pic_struct in Picture Timing SEI
 --crop-rect <string> Add 'left,top,right,bottom' to the bitstream-level
 cropping rectangle

Input/Output:

-o, --output <string> Specify output file
 --muxer <string> Specify output container format ["auto"]
 - auto, raw, mkv, flv
 --demuxer <string> Specify input container format ["auto"]
 - auto, raw, y4m, avs, lavf
 --input-fmt <string> Specify input file format (requires lavf support)
 --input-csp <string> Specify input colorspace format for raw input
 - valid csps for 'raw' demuxer:
 i420, yv12, nv12, i422, yv16, nv16, i444, yv24, bgr, bgra, rgb
 - valid csps for 'lavf' demuxer:
 yuv420p, yuyv422, rgb24, bgr24, yuv422p,
 yuv444p, yuv410p, yuv411p, gray, monow, monob,
 pal8, yuvj420p, yuvj422p, yuvj444p, xvmcmmc,
 xvmcidct, uyvy422, uyyvyy411, bgr8, bgr4,
 bgr4_byte, rgb8, rgb4, rgb4_byte, nv12, nv21,
 argb, rgba, abgr, bgra, gray16be, gray16le,
 yuv440p, yuvj440p, yuva420p, vdpau_h264,
 vdpau_mpeg1, vdpau_mpeg2, vdpau_wmv3,
 vdpau_vc1, rgb48be, rgb48le, rgb565be,
 rgb565le, rgb555be, rgb555le, bgr565be,
 bgr565le, bgr555be, bgr555le, vaapi_moco,
 vaapi_idct, vaapi_vld, yuv420p16le,
 yuv420p16be, yuv422p16le, yuv422p16be,
 yuv444p16le, yuv444p16be, vdpau_mpeg4,
 dxva2_vld, rgb444le, rgb444be, bgr444le,
 bgr444be, ya8, bgr48be, bgr48le, yuv420p9be,
 yuv420p9le, yuv420p10be, yuv420p10le,
 yuv422p10be, yuv422p10le, yuv444p9be,
 yuv444p9le, yuv444p10be, yuv444p10le,
 yuv422p9be, yuv422p9le, vda_vld, gbrp, gbrp9be,
 gbrp9le, gbrp10be, gbrp10le, gbrp16be,
 gbrp16le, yuva422p, yuva444p, yuva420p9be,
 yuva420p9le, yuva422p9be, yuva422p9le,
 yuva444p9be, yuva444p9le, yuva420p10be,
 yuva420p10le, yuva422p10be, yuva422p10le,
 yuva444p10be, yuva444p10le, yuva420p16be,
 yuva420p16le, yuva422p16be, yuva422p16le,
 yuva444p16be, yuva444p16le, vdpau, xyz12le,
 xyz12be, nv16, nv20le, nv20be, rgba64be,
 rgba64le, bgra64be, bgra64le, yvyu422, vda,
 ya16be, ya16le, gbrap, gbrap16be, gbrap16le,
 qsv
 --output-csp <string> Specify output colorspace ["i420"]
 - i420, i422, i444, rgb

--input-depth <integer> Specify input bit depth for raw input
 --input-range <string> Specify input color range ["auto"]
 - auto, tv, pc
 --input-res <intxint> Specify input resolution (width x height)
 --index <string> Filename for input index file
 --sar width:height Specify Sample Aspect Ratio
 --fps <float|rational> Specify framerate
 --seek <integer> First frame to encode
 --frames <integer> Maximum number of frames to encode
 --level <string> Specify level (as defined by Annex A)
 --bluray-compatible Enable compatibility hacks for Blu-ray support
 --avcintra-class <integer> Use compatibility hacks for AVC-Intra class
 - 50, 100, 200
 --stitchable Don't optimize headers based on video content
 Ensures ability to recombine a segmented encode

 -v, --verbose Print stats for each frame
 --no-progress Don't show the progress indicator while encoding
 --quiet Quiet Mode
 --log-level <string> Specify the maximum level of logging ["info"]
 - none, error, warning, info, debug
 --psnr Enable PSNR computation
 --ssim Enable SSIM computation
 --threads <integer> Force a specific number of threads
 --lookahead-threads <integer> Force a specific number of lookahead threads
 --sliced-threads Low-latency but lower-efficiency threading
 --thread-input Run Avisynth in its own thread
 --sync-lookahead <integer> Number of buffer frames for threaded lookahead
 --non-deterministic Slightly improve quality of SMP, at the cost of repeatability
 --cpu-independent Ensure exact reproducibility across different cpus,
 as opposed to letting them select different algorithms
 --asm <integer> Override CPU detection
 --no-asm Disable all CPU optimizations
 --opencl Enable use of OpenCL
 --opencl-clbin <string> Specify path of compiled OpenCL kernel cache
 --opencl-device <integer> Specify OpenCL device ordinal
 --dump-yuv <string> Save reconstructed frames
 --sps-id <integer> Set SPS and PPS id numbers [0]
 --aud Use access unit delimiters
 --force-cfr Force constant framerate timestamp generation
 --tcfile-in <string> Force timestamp generation with timecode file
 --tcfile-out <string> Output timecode v2 file from input timestamps
 --timebase <int/int> Specify timebase numerator and denominator
 <integer> Specify timebase numerator for input timecode file
 or specify timebase denominator for other input
 --dts-compress Eliminate initial delay with container DTS hack

Filtering:

--vf, --video-filter <filter0>/<filter1>/... Apply video filtering to the input file

Filter options may be specified in <filter>:<option>=<value> format.

Available filters:

crop:left,top,right,bottom

removes pixels from the edges of the frame

resize:[width,height][,sar][,fittobox][,csp][,method]

resizes frames based on the given criteria:

- resolution only: resizes and adapts sar to avoid stretching
- sar only: sets the sar and resizes to avoid stretching
- resolution and sar: resizes to given resolution and sets the sar
- fittobox: resizes the video based on the desired constraints
 - width, height, both
- fittobox and sar: same as above except with specified sar
- csp: convert to the given csp. syntax: [name][:depth]
 - valid csp names [keep current]: i420, yv12, nv12, i422, yv16, nv16, i444, yv24, bgr, bgra, rgb
 - depth: 8 or 16 bits per pixel [keep current]

note: not all depths are supported by all csps.

- method: use resizer method ["bicubic"]
 - fastbilinear, bilinear, bicubic, experimental, point,
 - area, bicublin, gauss, sinc, lanczos, spline

select_every:step,offset1[,...]

apply a selection pattern to input frames

step: the number of frames in the pattern

offsets: the offset into the step to select a frame

see: <http://avisynth.nl/index.php/Select#SelectEvery>