How to convert FLV to AVI and AVI to FLV Videos on Linux and BSD with avidemux and ffmpeg - Simple video editting with LiVES
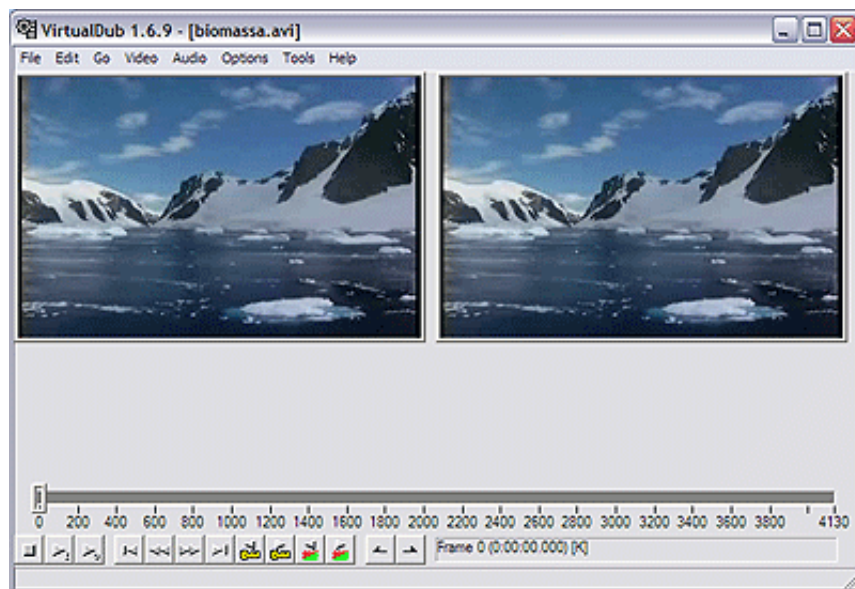
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I'm starting to learn some video editing, as I need it sometimes for building client websites.
As a Linux user I needed to have some kind of *software for amateur video editing*.
For *Microsoft Windows OS*, there are tons of *video editor programs both free and proprietary* (paid).
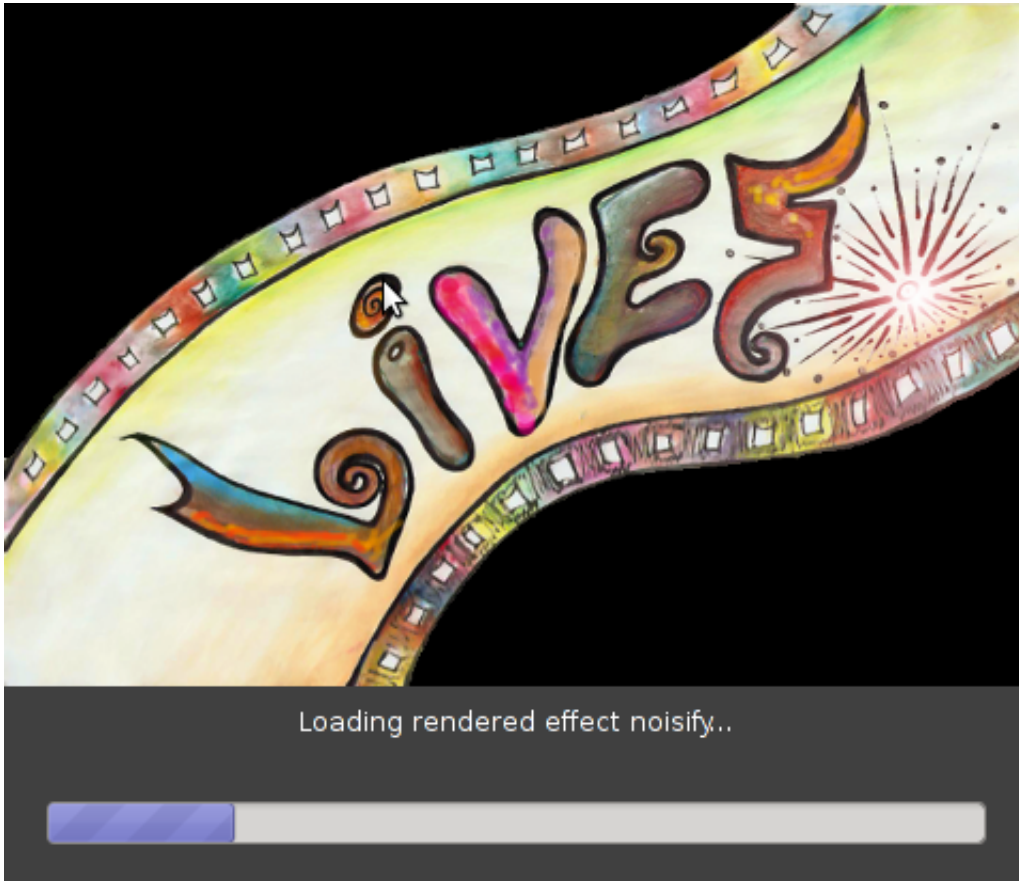Windows users can for instance use the free software program VirtualDub (licensed under *GPL license*)
to easily cut movie scenes from a video.

Unfortunately *VirtualDub* didn't have a Linux or BSD version so in my case I had to look for another soft.

I consulted a friend of mine who recommended a video editor program called **LiVES**.
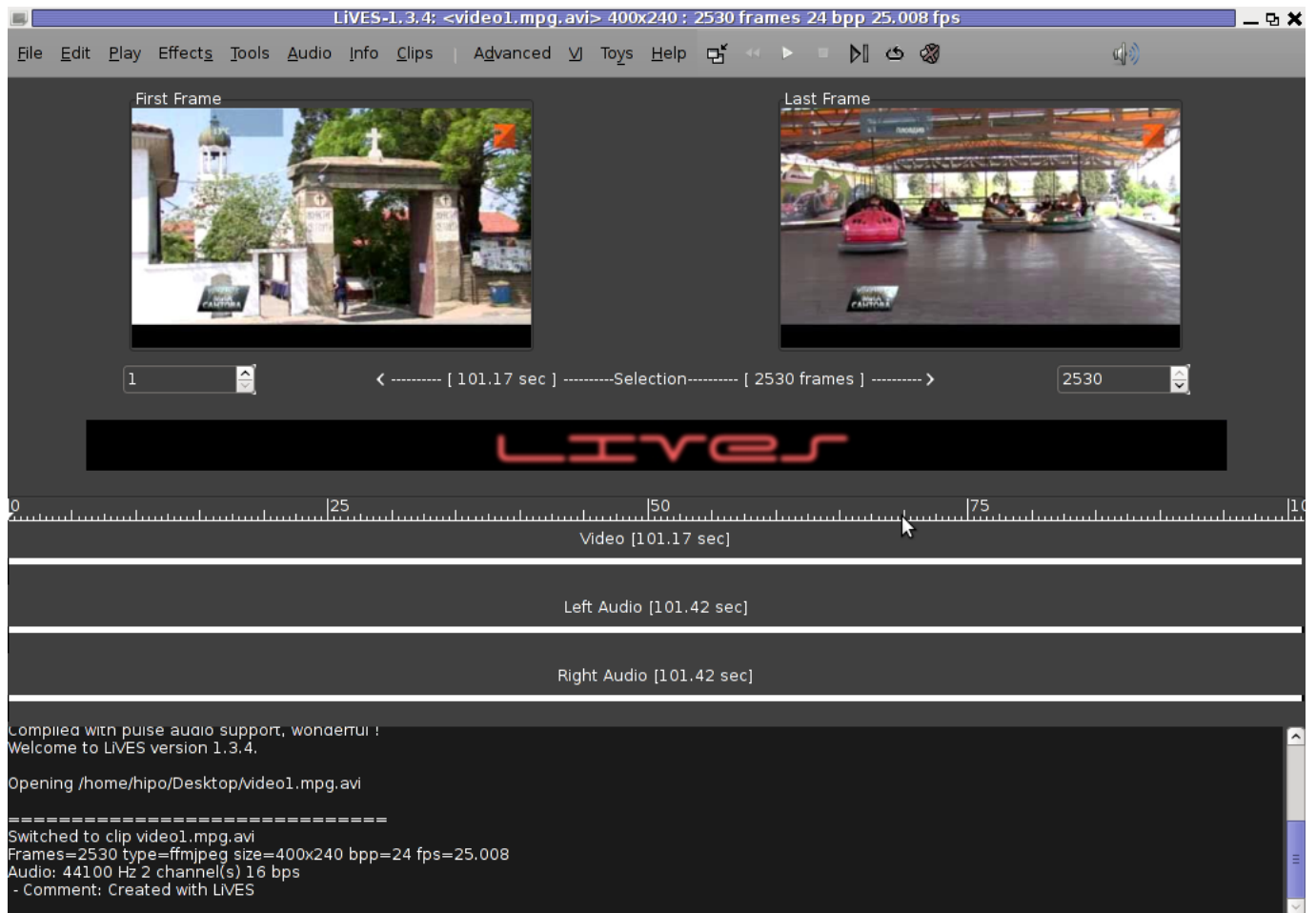
If you haven't done any *video editing* previously on Linux (like my case was), you will certainly be happy
to try **LiVES**

LiVES can *extract only sound from videos*, cut selected parts (frames) from videos and do plenty of other nice stuff. It is just great piece of software for anyone, who needs to do *simply (newbie) video editting*.

With **LiVES** even an amateur video editor like me could, immediately learn **how to chop a movie scenes** ...

To master the basics and edit one video in FLV format it took me about 1 hour of time, as in the beginning it was confusing to get confortable with the program scenes selector.

One downside of *LiVES* it failure to open a FLV file I wanted to edit.
In order to be able to edit the flv movie hence I first had to *convert the FLV to AVI or MPEG*, as this two (video multimedia formats) are supported by LiVES video editor.

After completing my video scenes chopping to the AVI file I had to convert back to FLV.

In order to complete the *convertion between FLV to AVI format on my Debian Linux, I used a program called **avidemux***

Avidemux has a nice GUI interface and also like *Lives* has support for video editting, though I have never succesfully done any video edits with it.

Avidemux IMHO is user (completely intuitive). To convert the FLV to AVI, all I had to do was simply open the file FLV file, press (CTRL+S) select my FLV video file format and select the output file extension format to be AVI.

Further on, used *LiVES* to cut my desired parts from my video of choice. Once the cuts were complete I saved the new cutted version of video to AVI.
Then I needed the video again in FLV to upload it in Joomla, so used **ffmpeg** - *command line tool to do the AVI to FLV file converstion*, like so:

hipo@noah:~$ /usr/bin/ffmpeg -i my_media_file.avi my_video_file.flv

Hope this article helps someone aiming to do basic video editting on *Linux* with *LiVES* and just like needed **FLV to AVI** and **AVI to FLV** convertions.