Wowza Media Cache

User Guide
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Introduction

Media Cache is a read-through caching mechanism for video-on-demand (VOD) streaming. Media Cache lets you upload and manage content through a centralized point, allowing you to scale without having additional hardware, implement complex content management, tax bandwidth and network resources, or increase latency.

Media Cache is very flexible and extendable. It can retrieve content from HTTP-based servers that support HTTP/1.1 range requests, from network-attached file systems, and from cloud data storage services. Media Cache can also be used with edge server Wowza nDVR workflows to cache nDVR content from an origin server application that’s running Wowza nDVR.

Media Cache is built in to Wowza Streaming Engine™ media server software and can be configured through Wowza Streaming Engine Manager. (Previously, it was available separately through the MediaCache AddOn for Wowza Media Server™ software releases.)

How Media Cache works

With a regular cache, the content is cached only once, after it has been completely downloaded. This is very inefficient for large on demand files—and, in fact, most on demand sources would be too large for a regular cache to handle anyway.

Instead, Media Cache only caches content that has actually been requested by a client. If someone only views a short portion of the video, Media Cache caches only that portion. When another client accesses the same video, Media Cache delivers the cached content first. When the cached content has been played, Media Cache starts caching and delivering the next portion of the content.

When content hasn’t been watched for a specified period of time, Media Cache empties the cache to make room for new content.
Installation and enablement

Media Cache installs with Wowza Streaming Engine and is available through the browser-based Wowza Streaming Engine Manager.

Wowza Streaming Engine automatically enables Media Cache when it starts. Leaving Media Cache enabled has no adverse effects on performance. You should leave it enabled unless you have a specific reason to turn it off.

Open Wowza Streaming Engine Manager

Wowza Streaming Engine and Wowza Streaming Engine Manager must be running before you can open and perform tasks in the manager. If you need help starting the software, see Start and stop Wowza Streaming Engine.

You can use Wowza Streaming Engine Manager with the latest versions of most modern web browsers that support HTML5 and Cascading Style Sheets level 3 (CSS 3). For best results, we recommend that you use the latest version of the Google Chrome browser.

1. Navigate to the following URL:
   
   http://[wowza-ip-address]:8088/enginемanager

   Where [wowza-ip-address] is the IP address or domain name of the local or remote server running Wowza Streaming Engine.

2. Sign in to Wowza Streaming Engine Manager with the Administrator account you created when you installed the Wowza Streaming Engine.
Access Media Cache

Click the **Server** tab at the top of the manager, and then select **Media Cache** in contents panel. The **Status** field indicates whether Media Cache is enabled or not. By default, it's enabled.

![Media Cache][1]

**Disable Media Cache**

1. Click **Disable Media Cache**.

![Disable Media Cache][2]

A disabled notice appears and prompts you to restart Wowza Streaming Engine.

![Disabled Notice][3]
2. Click Restart Now.
3. In the Restart Server confirmation window, click OK.

**Note**
Wowza Streaming Engine Manager displays a "server will restart" message that persists even after the restart completes. To dismiss it, refresh your browser after a few seconds.

### Enable Media Cache

1. Click Enable Media Cache.

An enabled notice appears and prompts you to restart the server.

2. Click Restart Now.
3. In the Restart Server confirmation window, click OK.

**Note**
Wowza Streaming Engine Manager displays a "server will restart" message that persists even after the restart completes. To dismiss it, refresh your browser after a few seconds.
Basic configuration

For most production environments, some basic configuration is required. This involves specifying settings for Media Cache stores and sources.

Stores define where on demand file sources are cached by Wowza Streaming Engine when requested by clients.

Sources are the locations from which Wowza Streaming Engine retrieves the content to be cached.

Note

You can fine-tune Media Cache, store, and source performance by editing and adding properties. Editing and adding properties is covered in Chapter 4, "Advanced configuration."

Configure Media Cache stores

Media Cache stores define where Wowza Streaming Engine caches files. You can configure multiple stores to cache content on multiple volumes on a single computer. You can also use RAID storage devices and create a single store from multiples disks. Cached files are stored in a two-tier directory structure in the location that you specify.

The default store location is [install-dir]/mediacache. This folder's default settings are adequate for testing and for low utilization; a production environment will probably require more space and resources.

We recommend that you do not change the default store unless you are an advanced user and have a specific need to do so. You can, however, create, edit, and delete other stores.
View Media Cache stores

1. If necessary, click the Server tab in the menu bar, and then select Media Cache in the contents panel.

   The Stores tab displays a list of available stores.

   **Media Cache**

   The Media Cache system is a read-through caching mechanism that helps to increase the scalability of video on demand (VOD) streaming. Use this page to configure re-streaming of VOD file sources from HTTP-based servers that support HTTP/1.1 range requests and from network-attached file systems.

   **Status**: Enabled

   • **Enable Media Cache**

   **Stores**

   Media Cache stores define where VOD file sources are cached on Wowza Streaming Engine when requested by clients.

   **Add Media Cache Store**

   Name | Path | Actions
   ---- | ---- | ----
   default | $(com.wowza.wms.context.ServerConfigHome)/mediacache | 

2. In the Media Cache Stores list, click a store Name, such as default, to see its Description, Path, Maximum Size, Write Rate, and Write Rate Max Bucket Size.

   **Media Cache Store > default**

   **Basic**

   - **Description**
     - Default Store

   - **Path**
     - $(com.wowza.wms.context.ServerConfigHome)/mediacache

   - **Maximum Size**
     - 10 gigabytes

   - **Write Rate**
     - 16 megabytes per second

   - **Write Rate Max Bucket Size**
     - 64 megabytes
Add a Media Cache store

If you want to use multiple disks for cache storage, you must add a store for each location.

1. If necessary, click the Server tab in the menu bar, and then select Media Cache in the contents panel.

2. On the Stores tab of the Media Cache page, click Add Media Cache Store.

3. On the Basic tab, enter the following values:
   - **Store Name** and **Description** – Information about this store to help you identify it from other Media Cache stores. The **Store Name**, which is required, must be unique and can't contain less-than (<), greater-than (>), colon (:), quotation (' and "), forward slash (/), backslash (\), pipe (|), question mark (?), asterisk (*), double-dot (..), or tilde (~) characters. The **Description** is optional.
   - **Path** – The location where files are cached. You can enter the full path to this location or use variables in place of path elements. For example, `${com.wowza.wms.context.ServerConfigHome}/mediacache` defines a cache store in the server configuration location.
     - The path value must be unique across all Media Cache stores and can't contain less-than (<), greater-than (>), quotation (' and "), backslash (\), pipe (|), question mark (?), and asterisk (*) characters. Always use the forward slash (/) character when defining paths.
     - If the folder you define doesn't exist and permissions allow it, Wowza Streaming Engine will create the folder.
   - **Maximum Size** – The maximum amount of data that can be stored in this cache store, in gigabytes.
   - **Write Rate** – The maximum rate that content can be written to the store. Throttling the write rate helps to control the flow of content entering the cache so that the file system isn’t overwhelmed when content is also served from the cache (the read rate). The default value (16 MB per second) is tuned for a mechanical disk. For solid-state drives, 38 MB per second is recommended.
Note

When adjusting the write rate, leave adequate network throughput capacity for read operations. Wowza recommends using a value that’s 25 percent of the sustained write throughput rate of the storage device.

- **Write Rate Max Bucket Size** – The maximum amount of content that is cached before the write rate is throttled. This value should be set to 4 to 6 times the **Write Rate** value.

**Edit a Media Cache store**

1. On the **Stores** tab of the Media Cache page, do one of the following:
   - Click **Edit** (the pencil icon) for the store you want to modify.
   - Click a store name in the list, and then click **Edit**.

2. On the **Basic** tab, change the **Name**, **Description**, **Path**, **Maximum Size**, **Write Rate**, and/or the **Write Rate Max Bucket Size**.

3. Click **Save**.
Delete a Media Cache store

1. On the Stores tab of the Media Cache page, click Delete (the trash can icon) for the store you want to remove.

   ![Stores tab screenshot]

   **Note**
   
The default store can't be deleted.

2. In the Delete Media Cache Store confirmation window, click OK.

   ![Delete Media Cache Store confirmation window]

   Although the store has been deleted, it remains in use until the server is restarted.

3. Click Restart Now.

   ![Restart Now confirmation window]

Configure Media Cache sources

Media Cache sources are the locations where Wowza Streaming Engine can find the incoming content to cache in stores and to use in VOD edge applications. Valid sources are:

- HTTP-based servers that support HTTP/1.1 range requests.
- Network-attached file systems, including network file systems and any device that's recognized as a disk by the operating system.
- The Amazon S3 cloud storage web service.
- The Microsoft Azure cloud computing platform.
The Google Cloud Storage web service.

The default Media Cache source is called dvorigin. The dvorigin source is an HTTP source configured to work with a Wowza Streaming Engine origin server that has Wowza nDVR enabled. This enables DVR chunks to be re-streamed through the Media Cache store, increasing the scalability of Wowza nDVR streams. The dvorigin source can't be removed. You can, however, create, edit, and delete other sources.

View Media Cache sources

1. If necessary, click the **Server** tab in the menu bar, and then select **Media Cache** in the contents panel.
2. Click the **Sources** tab.
   
   The **Sources** tab displays a list of available sources.

   **Media Cache**

   The Media Cache system is a read-through caching mechanism that helps to increase the scalability of video on demand (VOD) streaming. Use this page to configure re-streaming of VOD file sources from HTTP-based servers that support HTTP/1 range requests and from network-attached file systems.

3. In the **Media Cache Sources** list, click a source **Name**, such as the default dvorigin, to see its **Description**, **Prefix**, **Minimum Time To Live**, and **Maximum Time To Live**.

Add a Media Cache source

1. If necessary, click the **Server** tab in the menu bar, and then select **Media Cache** in the contents panel.
2. On the **Sources** tab of the **Media Cache** page, click **Add Media Cache Source**.
3. On the Basic tab, enter the following values:

- **Source Name** and **Description** — Information about this source to help you identify it from other Media Cache sources. The **Source Name**, which is required, must be unique and can’t contain less-than (<), greater-than (>), colon (:), quotation (’ and “), forward slash (/), backslash (\), pipe (|), question mark (?), asterisk (*), double-dot (..), or tilde (~) characters.

  The **Description** is optional.

- **Source Type** – The type of source. Select one of the following:
  
  - **File** — Retrieves content from standard file reads. Use to re-stream content from disk sources such as a single large disk, network attached storage (NAS), or NFS storage locations.
  
  - **HTTP** — Uses HTTP/1.1 requests to retrieve content. Use to re-stream files from HTTP-based web servers. No authentication is performed for HTTP sources. Both HTTP and HTTPS (SSL) requests are supported.
  
  - **AmazonS3** — Uses HTTP/1.1 requests to retrieve content. Use to re-stream content from web servers that use S3-style authentication.
  
  - **Azure** — Retrieves content from a Microsoft Azure blob storage account. Use to manage your content outside of Wowza Streaming Engine.
  
  - **GoogleCloudStorage** — Retrieves content from a Google Cloud Storage bucket connected to a Google service account. Use to manage your content outside of Wowza Streaming Engine.

**Notes**

- You can’t edit the **Source Type** after the source is created.
- Microsoft Azure sources and HTTPS (SSL) requests are supported in Wowza Streaming Engine 4.4.0 and later. Google Cloud Storage Bucket sources are supported in Wowza Streaming Engine 4.5.0 and later.

- **Prefix** — The first part of the URL that clients use to access content from the source. The **Prefix** field populates automatically depending on the selected **Source Type**:
  
  - **File** uses the path1/ prefix.
  
  - **HTTP** uses the http/ prefix.
  
  - **AmazonS3** uses the amazon3/ prefix.
  
  - **Azure** uses the http/ prefix.
  
  - **GoogleCloudStorage** uses the http/ prefix.
- **Base Path** – Forms the second part of the URL that clients use to access content from the source.
  
  - A **File** source base path is the file system location where the content can be found.
  
  - An **HTTP** source base path is the HTTP or HTTPS URL where the content can be found.
  
  - An **AmazonS3** source base path is http://s3.amazonaws.com/.
  
  - **Azure** and **GoogleCloudStorage** sources don't use a base path.

  The **Base Path** can't contain less-than (<), greater-than (>), quotation (" and "), backslash (\), pipe (|), question mark (?), or asterisk (*) characters.

- **Validate Configuration** – The location that Media Cache uses to find the source. This field updates automatically as you specify the **Prefix** and **Base Path**. Make sure the **Validate Configuration** field shows the full, correct address of your content.

  The following screenshot shows sample **Prefix**, **Base Path**, and **Validate Configuration** values for an HTTP source:

  ![Screenshot](image)

  **Note**

  Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud Storage sources don't include the **Validate Configuration** field.

- **Minimum Time to Live** and **Maximum Time To Live** – Options that control how long unused content is cached. The time-to-live counter starts when the last client playing the content stops. If the cache is full and other source items are requested, content that isn't viewed within the specified **Minimum Time To Live** is purged from the cache. If the cache isn't full, content that isn't viewed remains in the cache until the specified **Maximum Time To Live** is reached, after which it's purged from the cache. The **Minimum Time To Live** value must be less than or equal to the **Maximum Time To Live** value.
4. For Amazon S3 sources, specify the following additional settings:
   - **AWS Access Key ID** and **AWS Secret Access Key** – Enable re-streaming from an Amazon S3 bucket that's not publicly available. Enter your Amazon S3 key ID and secret access key to enable Media Cache to sign HTTP requests so that they're authenticated for access to protected content. These values can't have spaces.
   - **Use Amazon S3 bucket name in domain** – Controls how the HTTP request URLs that Media Cache uses on Amazon S3 are formatted. Select this option to include the bucket name in the domain name. Otherwise, the bucket name is included in the URL path.

5. For Microsoft Azure sources, specify the following additional settings:
   - **Blob Storage Account Name** – Your Azure Blob account name. This value can’t contain spaces.
   - **Blob Storage Container Name** – The name of a container in your Azure Blob storage. A Media Cache Source can point to only one container in Azure Blob storage.
   - **Blob Storage Account Access Key** – The primary or secondary access key for the Azure Blob account.

6. For Google Cloud Storage sources, specify the following additional settings:
   - **Google Service Account Email Address** – The email address (or account ID) used with your service account.
   - **Google Private Key Type** – The type of private key file certificate that you selected and downloaded when creating your service account (JSON or P12).
     i. **JSON**: If you're using a JSON private key file, open the file in a text editor and then copy and paste the file contents into the **Google JSON Private Key** box.
     ii. **P12**: If you're using a P12 private key file, enter the file name (including the file extension) in **Google P12 Private Key File Name** and enter the password to access the private key in **Google P12 Private Key Password**.

7. Click **Add**.

**Edit a Media Cache source**

1. On the **Sources** tab of the **Media Cache** page, do one of the following:
   - Click **Edit** (the pencil icon) for the source you want to modify.
   - Click a source name in the list, and then click **Edit**.

2. On the **Basic** tab, change the **Description**, **Prefix**, **Base Path**, **Minimum Time To Live**, **Maximum Time To Live**, and/or the **AWS Options**.
Note
You can't edit the **Source Type**.

3. Click **Save**.

Delete a Media Cache source

1. On the **Sources** tab of the **Media Cache** page, click **Delete** (the trash can icon) for the source you want to remove.

![Media Cache Sources table]

<table>
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Base Path</th>
<th>Prefix</th>
<th>Actions</th>
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<td>Testing</td>
<td><a href="http://www/mywebserv/locatordomain.com/">http://www/mywebserv/locatordomain.com/</a></td>
<td>http</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dvorigin</td>
<td>http://</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note**
The default **dvorigin** source can't be deleted.

2. In the **Delete Media Cache Source** confirmation window, click **OK**.

![Delete Media Cache Source dialog]

Are you sure you want to delete Media Cache Source: **Testing**?

Warning: This cannot be undone.

![Delete Media Cache Source dialog]

Cancel  OK

Although the source has been deleted, it remains in use until the server is restarted.

3. Click **Restart Now**.
Advanced configuration

Administrators can fine-tune how Media Cache processes and manages streams, stores, and sources using Media Cache properties.

Access to the Properties tabs requires an administrative user with advanced permissions. See Manage credentials in the article "Get started as a Wowza Streaming Engine Manager administrator" for instructions on setting up advanced permissions.

**Important**

Only users with advanced Media Cache knowledge should change properties. The primary reason to edit properties is to improve performance.

Configure Media Cache properties

You can fine-tune overall Media Cache performance by editing Media Cache properties.

**Note**

Media Cache properties can also be edited directly in the `<MediaCache>` section of the MediaCache.xml file located at [install-dir]/conf/.

1. If necessary, click the Server tab in the menu bar, and then select Media Cache in the contents panel.
2. Click the Properties tab.
The Properties tab displays a list of available properties.

**Media Cache**

The Media Cache system is a read-through caching mechanism that helps to increase the scalability of video on demand (VoD) streaming. Use this page to configure re-streaming of VoD file sources from HTTP-based servers that support HTTP/1.1 range requests and from network-attached file systems.

**Status: Enabled**

- **Disable Media Cache**

**Stores**

**Sources**

**Properties**

*Note: Items on this page should be configured by advanced users only.*

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**Media Cache** Use the following properties to configure the Media Cache.

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<td></td>
<td>gcFrequency</td>
<td>10000 default: 10000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>onStartReloadCache</td>
<td>true default: false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>onStartReloadCacheAnySource</td>
<td>true default: true</td>
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<td></td>
<td>addFileExtensionMoodle</td>
<td>true default: true</td>
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<td></td>
<td>urlEscapeStreamNameEpisodes</td>
<td>true default: true</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>urlEscapeStreamNameId</td>
<td>false default: false</td>
</tr>
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**Custom** Custom properties added by you to extend Wowza Streaming Engine functionality

*No custom properties defined.*

If you can't find the property that you're looking for in the previous sections, click the Edit button and then click the Add Custom Property button on the Custom Property page.

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The following Media Cache properties are enabled by default:

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<thead>
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<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>gcFrequency</td>
<td>The amount of time (in milliseconds) between cache-purging/cache-pruning sessions. Based on time-to-live settings, items stored in the cache are purged when they haven’t been used in a given period of time (maximum time-to-live)—or if there’s content waiting to enter the cache (minimum time-to-live). The default value is <strong>10000</strong> (10 seconds).</td>
</tr>
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<td>Property</td>
<td>Description</td>
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<td>---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>onStartReloadCache</td>
<td>This property determines whether Media Cache reloads the cache when Wowza Streaming Engine starts. The value <code>true</code> specifies that the cache is reloaded. The value <code>false</code> specifies that the cache is cleared. The default value is <code>false</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>onStartReloadCacheVerifySource</td>
<td>This property is triggered when <code>onStartReloadCache</code> is <code>true</code>. Given that condition, it specifies whether Media Cache verifies each reloaded item with the source. The value <code>true</code> specifies that the reloaded content is verified. The default value is <code>true</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>addFileExtensionIfNeeded</td>
<td>This property determines whether a filename extension is added. If <code>addFileExtensionIfNeeded</code> is <code>true</code> and if the stream name doesn't include a filename extension, then a filename extension is added based on the stream name prefix. The default value is <code>true</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>urlEscapeStreamNameSpaces</td>
<td>This property determines whether spaces in stream names are URL-escaped. If the value of this property is <code>true</code>, then spaces in stream names are URL-escaped before being sent to the source HTTP server. The default value is <code>true</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>urlEscapeStreamNameAll</td>
<td>This property determines whether the stream name is URL-escaped. If the value of this property is <code>true</code>, the entire stream name is URL-escaped before being sent to the source HTTP server. The default value is <code>false</code>.</td>
</tr>
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**Note**

You can fine-tune additional Media Cache properties in the **Performance Tuning** area of Wowza Streaming Engine Manager. Click the **Server** tab and then, in the contents panel, select **Performance Tuning > Media Cache Tuning**. For more information about how to tune these properties, see [Tune Media Cache](#) in the article "Tune Wowza Streaming Engine for optimal performance."

3. Click **Edit** and:
   - Deselect **Enabled** to turn a property off.
   - Change a property's state from **True** to **False**, or enter a different **Value**.

4. Click **Save**.
Configure Media Cache store properties

You can fine-tune the performance of Media Cache stores by editing a store's properties.

**Note**

Media Cache store properties can also be edited directly in the `<MediaCacheStores>` section of the `MediaCache.xml` file located at `[install-dir]/conf/`.

1. If necessary, click the **Server** tab in the menu bar, and then select **Media Cache** in the contents panel.

2. In the **Stores** tab, click the name of the store whose properties you want to configure.

3. Click the **Properties** tab.

   The **Properties** tab displays a list of available store properties. The following store properties are enabled by default:

<table>
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<th>Property</th>
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<tr>
<td>level1FolderCount</td>
<td>The number of folders created at the first level to store cached items. The default value is <strong>24</strong>.</td>
</tr>
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<td>level2FolderCount</td>
<td>The number of folders created at the second level to store cached items. The default value is <strong>24</strong>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>fileCount</td>
<td>The maximum number of files that can be stored in each level 2 folder. The default value is <strong>1000</strong>. This means that 576,000 files (24x24x1000) can be stored in this cache store by using default values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>writeRateFillFrequency</td>
<td>The interval, in milliseconds, at which the write rate control mechanism is refreshed. This value works with the <strong>Write Rate</strong> to control how the write rate is throttled. This value should be set to <strong>100</strong>, as it is by default.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5. Click **Edit** and:
   - Deselect **Enabled** to turn the property off.
   - Change a property's **Value**.

6. Click **Save**.
Configure Media Cache source properties

You can fine-tune Media Cache source performance by editing source properties.

**Note**

Media Cache source properties can also be edited directly in the `<MediaCacheSources>` section of the `MediaCache.xml` file located at `[install-dir]/conf/`:

1. If necessary, click the Server tab in the menu bar, and then select Media Cache in the contents panel.
2. In the Sources tab, click the name of the source whose properties you want to configure.
3. Click the Properties tab.

The Properties tab displays two lists of available source properties:

- A list of properties for the type of source you've selected—File source or HTTP source.
- A list of properties that apply to all source types.

No properties are available specifically for Amazon S3 sources.

**File source properties**

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<td>fileReadRetries</td>
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**HTTP source properties**

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<td>httpReadTimeout</td>
<td>The number of milliseconds that the server will wait for a read request to be fulfilled. The default value is 3000 (3 seconds).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>maxPoolSize</td>
<td>The maximum number of connections allowed in the connection pool. The default value is 25. Media Cache creates a pool of HTTP TCP connections per-source. Requests are sent to the source using this HTTP TCP pool.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>httpConnectionTimeout</td>
<td>The number of milliseconds that the server will wait for an SSL connection. The default value is 6000 (6 seconds).</td>
</tr>
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</table>
**httpReadRetries**
The number of times an HTTP request is retried if it fails. The default value is 3.

**httpSendBufferSize**
The size, in bytes, of the send buffer, which is a low-level TCP buffer. The default value is 8000.

**httpReceiveBufferSize**
The size, in bytes, of the receive buffer, which is a low-level TCP buffer. The default value is 65000.

**closeConnectOnBadContentLength**
Switch that controls the socket connection when Media Cache makes a range request to the HTTP source and gets an incorrect content length in the response. If set to true, the server closes the connection when an unexpected content length is received. The default value is false.

**proxyHost, proxyPort, requestFullURL**
Properties that direct HTTP requests to a proxy. If these properties are set, Media Cache sends all HTTP requests to the defined proxy.

### Media Cache Source properties

**defaultBlockSize**
The size of the blocks of data that are read from the source to populate the cache. Values are expressed in bytes and the following units are supported: K (kilobytes), M (megabytes), G (gigabytes), and T (terabytes). The default value is 1M.

**readAhead**
Switch that controls whether content blocks are cached. If set to true, content blocks are pre-populated in the cache based on the readAheadThreshold. If set to false, no read ahead occurs. The default state is true.

**readAheadThreshold**
A percentage value that controls when the request is made to read the next block of data. For example, if set to 50, then when any content is read beyond the halfway mark of the current block of content, the next block is queued to be read. The default value is 30.

4. Click **Edit** and:
   - Deselect **Enabled** to turn the property off.
   - Change a property's state from **True** to **False**, or enter a different **Value**.

5. Click **Save**.
Add custom Media Cache HTTP source properties

You can also fine-tune Media Cache HTTP source performance by adding custom HTTP source properties.

**Note**

Media Cache source properties can also be added directly to the `<MediaCacheSources>/<MediaCacheSource>/<Properties>` section of the `MediaCache.xml` file located at `[install-dir]/conf/`.

1. If necessary, click the Server tab in the menu bar, and then select Media Cache in the contents panel.
2. In the Sources tab, click the name of the source to which you want to add custom properties.
3. Click the Properties tab.
4. In the Quick Links section, click Custom.
5. Click Edit, and then click Add Custom Property.
6. Add any of the following custom properties:
   - **closeConnectOnBadStatus** – Controls the socket connection when Wowza Streaming Engine makes a range request to the HTTP source but doesn't get the HTTP status code 206 (Partial Content) in the response. Any other status value that's returned is interpreted as an error, and if the property value is set to true, the server will close the connection. The default value is false.

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<td>/Root/MediaCacheSources/MediaCacheSource</td>
<td>closeConnectOnBadStatus</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>True</td>
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   - **sendHTTPKeepAlive** – Controls whether Wowza Streaming Engine makes a keep-alive connection to an HTTP source. The source must support keep-alive connections. The default value (true) enables a keep-alive connection.

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• **sendHTTPProxyKeepAlive** – Controls whether Wowza Streaming Engine makes a keep-alive connection to an HTTP proxy. The proxy must support keep-alive connections. The default value (**true**) enables a keep-alive connection.

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<td>/Root/MediaCacheSources/</td>
<td>sendHTTPProxyKeepAlive</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>true</td>
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<tr>
<td>MediaCacheSource</td>
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• **userHTTPHeaders** – Enables custom HTTP headers to be added to HTTP source requests. The **Value** is a pipe-separated list of key: value pairs that define the HTTP headers to add to requests to the source. For example: User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0|Access-Control-Request-Method: <method>.

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<td>userHTTPHeaders</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>key1: value1</td>
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• **debugHTTPRequests** – Enables all the HTTP requests made to the source to be shown and shows how the source responded. This allows problematic HTTP sources to be debugged and causes of content failures to be seen.

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<td>debugHTTPRequests</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
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• **urlDecodeStreamName** – Enables content names with non-safe transportable characters such as spaces and dots to be URL encoded.

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• **base64DecodeStreamName** – Allows all content names to be base64 encoded, if set to **true**. This can aid in the transport of both unsafe and HTTP get variables to be passed through to the HTTP source. Note that passing HTTP get variables means the same piece of content could be cached more than once if the variable changes for new requests.

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Note
If your source is Amazon S3, the `isAmazonS3` property appears in the Custom list of source properties. The property, however, can't be edited.

7. Click Add, click Save, and then restart Wowza Streaming Engine.
Configure an application to use Media Cache

With Media Cache configured and enabled, you can use it in an application. Media Cache must use the VOD Edge application type.

Create a VOD edge application that uses Media Cache

1. In Wowza Streaming Engine Manager, click the Applications tab, and then click Add Application in the contents panel.

2. On the Add Application page, click VOD Edge.

Add Application
Select an Application Type.
3. In the New Application dialog box, enter a name for the application (such as mediacache), and then click Add. The VOD edge application displays a Setup tab.

4. Under Playback Types, select the output formats you want to stream to. By default, all supported playback types are selected.

   For more information about playback types, see Understanding protocols and output file formats supported by Wowza Streaming Engine.

5. Under Media Cache Sources, choose one of the following:
   - All Media Cache Sources are available – Makes all sources available to the application.
   - Some Media Cache Sources are available – Lets you select the source or sources you want to make available to the application.

6. Click Save, and then restart Wowza Streaming Engine.
Playback URL examples

This chapter provides sample URLs for playing Media Cache content from a file source, an HTTP source, and an Amazon S3 source.

Playback using a file source

The following URLs show how to play content from a file source by using an example application named `mediacache` and an example file named `sample.mp4` in the source location.

**Adobe Flash Player (RTMP)**

Server: rtmp://[wowza-ip-address]/mediacache
Stream: mp4:path1/sample.mp4

**Adobe Flash player (San Jose/Flash HTTP)**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:path1/sample.mp4/manifest.f4m

**Apple iOS device (Cupertino/Apple HTTP Live Streaming)**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:path1/sample.mp4/playlist.m3u8

**Microsoft Silverlight (Smooth Streaming)**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:path1/sample.mp4/Manifest

**MPEG-DASH**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:path1/sample.mp4/manifest.mpd

**RTSP/RTP player or device**

rtsp://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:path1/sample.mp4
Playback using an HTTP source

The following URLs show how to play content from an HTTP source by using an example application named mediacache and an example file named sample.mp4 on a remote server.

**Note**
If using HTTPS (SSH) requests, you can substitute https:// for http:// in the URL examples below.

**Adobe Flash Player (RTMP)**

Server: rtmp://[wowza-ip-address]/mediacache
Stream: mp4:http/sample.mp4

**Adobe Flash player (San Jose/Flash HTTP)**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/sample.mp4/manifest.f4m

**Apple iOS device (Cupertino/Apple HTTP Live Streaming)**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/sample.mp4/playlist.m3u8

**Microsoft Silverlight (Smooth Streaming)**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/sample.mp4/Manifest

**MPEG-DASH**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/sample.mp4/manifest.mpd

**RTSP/RTP player or device**

rtsp://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/sample.mp4

Playback using an Amazon S3 source

The following URLs show how to play content from an Amazon S3 source by using an example application named mediacache and an example file named sample.mp4 on a remote S3 server.

**Adobe Flash Player (RTMP)**

Server: rtmp://[wowza-ip-address]/mediacache
Stream: mp4:amazons3/sample.mp4
Adobe Flash player (San Jose/Flash HTTP)

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:amazons3/sample.mp4/manifest.f4m

Apple iOS device (Cupertino/Apple HTTP Live Streaming)

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:amazons3/sample.mp4/playlist.m3u8

Microsoft Silverlight (Smooth Streaming)

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:amazons3/sample.mp4/Manifest

MPEG-DASH


RTSP/RTP player or device

rtsp://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:amazons3/sample.mp4

Playback using a Microsoft Azure source

The following URLs show how to play content from a Microsoft Azure source by using an example application named mediacache and an example file named sample.mp4 on a remote Azure server.

Adobe Flash Player (RTMP)

Server: rtmp://[wowza-ip-address]/mediacache
Stream: mp4:http/sample.mp4

Adobe Flash player (San Jose/Flash HTTP)

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/sample.mp4/manifest.f4m

Apple iOS device (Cupertino/Apple HTTP Live Streaming)

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/sample.mp4/playlist.m3u8

Microsoft Silverlight (Smooth Streaming)

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/sample.mp4/Manifest
MPEG-DASH

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/sample.mp4/manifest.mpd

RTSP/RTP player or device

rtsp://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/sample.mp4

Playback using a Google Cloud Storage source

The following URLs show how to play content from a Google Cloud Storage source by using an example application named mediacache and an example file named sample.mp4 in a remote Google Cloud Storage bucket named myBucket.

Adobe Flash Player (RTMP)

Server: rtmp://[wowza-ip-address]/mediacache
Stream: mp4:http/myBucket/sample.mp4

Adobe Flash player (San Jose/Flash HTTP)

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/myBucket/sample.mp4/manifest.f4m

Apple iOS device (Cupertino/Apple HTTP Live Streaming)

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/myBucket/sample.mp4/playlist.m3u8

Microsoft Silverlight (Smooth Streaming)

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/myBucket/sample.mp4/Manifest

MPEG-DASH

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/myBucket/sample.mp4/manifest.mpd

RTSP/RTP player or device

rtsp://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/myBucket/sample.mp4
Optimizing performance and troubleshooting

This chapter includes information about how to optimize performance in advanced Media Cache deployments and suggests some basic troubleshooting techniques.

Optimizing source performance

Media Cache Source properties describe how data is retrieved from a source when content is requested. Understanding how the three source properties—defaultBlockSize, readAhead, and readAheadThreshold—work together will help you to choose the most effective settings for your deployment.

The default values for defaultBlockSize (1M) and readAheadThreshold (30) indicate that whenever content is required, it’s retrieved in 1 MB blocks, and when 30 percent of one block is read, the next block is retrieved.

To select an appropriate defaultBlockSize value, determine the average size of all assets in use, and then divide by 1000. For example, if the average asset size is 1G, the defaultBlockSize should be 1000K (1M). This value is four times larger than the default value and will reduce the number of requests to the source for the complete asset to one-fourth the default rate.

**Note**

DefaultBlockSize values greater than 4M might not increase performance.

To select an appropriate readAheadThreshold value, consider the speed of the source and the bandwidth between the source and the Wowza Streaming Engine server. The default value (30) signifies that when 30 percent of the current block is used, the next block is retrieved. If the source or connectivity is slow, you may need to reduce the value. For example, try a value of 25.

Don’t set the readAheadThreshold higher than 50 percent, even with an extremely fast and well-connected source.
Optimizing local cache performance

The speed of the local cache is critical to Media Cache performance. Use a third-party tool that tests storage speed to determine the maximum write speed for the cache to use. If the store's Write Rate value is too high, write failures and read errors may occur and cause performance to degrade.

Troubleshooting

This section describes some common issues that you might encounter while setting up your Media Cache deployment and provides suggestions for resolution.

Wowza Streaming Engine version

When troubleshooting Media Cache issues, it's important to know the version of Wowza Streaming Engine you're using. To identify the version, click the Server tab, and then click About in the contents panel.

It's best to use the latest version of Wowza Streaming Engine to get the latest bug fixes and feature enhancements.

Media Cache store errors

If Media Cache can't write to the defined store location, Wowza Streaming Engine displays the following error after it starts:

```
Media Cache failed to start
MediaCacheImpl.start[MediaCache]: Store not added to Media Cache. Directory not found: /mediacache/temp
MediaCacheImpl.start[MediaCache]: No stores could be added. Media Cache is not usable.
```

To resolve this error, make sure you have permission to read and write to the store location and that you have enough disk space to hold the cache.
MediaCache.xml file missing

If Wowza Streaming Engine can't find the MediaCache.xml file, it displays the following error:

```
MediaCacheImpl.start[Media Cache]ERROR server comment -
MediaCacheServerListener.loadConfig: MediaCache.xml missing:
/usr/local/WowzaStreamingEngine/conf/MediaCache.xml
MediaCacheImpl.start[Media Cache]: No stores could be added. Media cache is not usable.
```

To resolve this error, make sure that MediaCache.xml is located in [install-dir]/conf/.

Debug logging

To help you resolve issues and to gain insight into problems, enable Media Cache debug logging.

1. If necessary, click the Server tab in the menu bar, and then select Server Setup in the contents panel.
2. Click the Properties tab.
3. In the Quick Links section, click Custom.
4. Click Edit, and then click Add Custom Property.
5. Add the following custom property:

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<tr>
<td>/Root/Server/</td>
<td>MediaCacheDebugLog</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>true</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6. Click Add, click Save, and then restart the Wowza Streaming Engine instance.

Or, add the following property to the <Properties> container in the [install-dir]/conf/Server.xml file:

```
<Property>
  <Name>MediaCacheDebugLog</Name>
  <Value>true</Value>
  <Type>Boolean</Type>
</Property>
```

When debug logging is enabled, all entries are written to the wowzastreamingengine_access.log file, including HTTP attempts, failures, when content is purged from the Media Cache store, and time taken to retrieve content. It also records warnings so that Media Cache operations can be traced in the log file.

**Note**

Debug logging should only be used temporarily, for diagnostic purposes. Due to the increased load it puts on the server, it shouldn't be used in a production environment.
Disk allocation

On Linux operating systems, you may see a discrepancy between what Wowza Streaming Engine reports as the disk utilization/fullness of the cache disks and what's reported by the operating system. Media Cache pre-allocates the entire file size when an item enters the cache, and then fills the file in chunks based on what was viewed. If you add up all of the file sizes of the individual chunks on the disk, you'll see that this number matches the value reported by Media Cache.

Linux only allocates a disk block at the OS level when it's used. For example, if the file size is 100 MB, the OS reports 10 MB used if only the first 10 MB are filled. You'll see this discrepancy if you have a high level of abandonment, where viewers only watch the start of most files.

Media Cache performance on Windows and macOS

Media Cache may not perform as expected when running on Windows or macOS. If you encounter problems, try running Media Cache on Linux with the version of Java that automatically installs with Wowza Streaming Engine.
XML-based configuration examples

This chapter provides some example source configurations that you can create by editing the MediaCache.xml file located at [install-dir]/conf/. These configurations can also be replicated using Media Cache in Wowza Streaming Engine Manager.

Basic HTTP source configuration

This basic HTTP configuration enables streaming of any HTTP-based content through Media Cache.

```xml
<MediaCacheSource>
  <Name>http</Name>
  <BasePath>http://</BasePath>
  <Prefix>http/</Prefix>
  <BaseClass>com.wowza.wms.mediacache.impl.MediaCacheItemHTTPImpl</BaseClass>
  <ReaderClass></ReaderClass>
  <DefaultBlockSize>256K</DefaultBlockSize>
  <MaxTimeToLive>1200000</MaxTimeToLive>
  <MinTimeToLive>600000</MinTimeToLive>
  <ReadAhead>true</ReadAhead>
  <ReadAheadThreshold>50</ReadAheadThreshold>
  <IsPassThru>false</IsPassThru>
  <Properties>
  </Properties>
</MediaCacheSource>
```

For example, assume you have a media file at the following URL:

http://mycompany.com/media/sample.mp4
To play this stream, use the following URLs and stream names:

**To play using Adobe Flash Player (RTMP)**

Server: rtmp://[wowza-ip-address]/mediacache  
Stream: mp4:/sample.mp4

**To play using Adobe Flash Player (San Jose/Adobe HDS)**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/mycompany.com/media/sample.mp4/manifest.f4m

**To play using an Apple iOS device (Cupertino/Apple HLS)**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/mycompany.com/media/sample.mp4/playlist.m3u8

**To play using Microsoft Silverlight (Microsoft Smooth Streaming)**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/mycompany.com/media/sample.mp4/Manifest

**To play using MPEG-DASH**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/mycompany.com/media/sample.mp4/manifest.mpd

**To play using RTSP/RTP player or device**

rtsp://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http/mycompany.com/media/sample.mp4

For more information, see [Set up video-on-demand streaming in Wowza Streaming Engine](#).

**HTTP source with domain restriction**

This HTTP configuration limits streaming to a particular domain. In this example, the prefix `http1/` maps to the base path `http://mycompany.com`.

```xml
<MediaCacheSource>
    <Name>http1</Name>
    <BasePath>http://mycompany.com/</BasePath>
    <Prefix>http1/</Prefix>
    <BaseClass>com.wowza.wms.mediacache.impl.MediaCacheItemHTTPImpl</BaseClass>
    <ReaderClass></ReaderClass>
    <DefaultBlockSize>256K</DefaultBlockSize>
</MediaCacheSource>
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For example, assume you have a media file at the following URL:

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rtsp://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:http1/media/sample.mp4

For more information, see Set up video-on-demand streaming in Wowza Streaming Engine.
HTTP source with forward-proxy routing

This HTTP configuration limits streaming to a particular domain and sends all requests through a forward proxy server.

```xml
<MediaCacheSource>
  <Name>http1</Name>
  <BasePath>http://www.mycompany.com/</BasePath>
  <Prefix>http1/</Prefix>
  <BaseClass>com.wowza.wms.mediacache.impl.MediaCacheItemHTTPImpl</BaseClass>
  <ReaderClass></ReaderClass>
  <DefaultBlockSize>256K</DefaultBlockSize>
  <MaxTimeToLive>1200000</MaxTimeToLive>
  <MinTimeToLive>60000</MinTimeToLive>
  <ReadAhead>true</ReadAhead>
  <ReadAheadThreshold>50</ReadAheadThreshold>
  <IsPassThru>false</IsPassThru>
  <Properties>
    <Property>
      <Name>proxyHost</Name>
      <Value>myproxy.mycompany.com</Value>
    </Property>
    <Property>
      <Name>proxyPort</Name>
      <Value>8080</Value>
      <Type>Integer</Type>
    </Property>
    <Property>
      <Name>requestFullURL</Name>
      <Value>true</Value>
      <Type>Boolean</Type>
    </Property>
  </Properties>
</MediaCacheSource>
```

The proxy server details are specified through the `proxyHost`, `proxyPort`, and `requestFullURL` properties. The `requestFullURL` property instructs Media Cache to use full URLs when making requests to the proxy server. This is a great way to create a multiple-tier caching system. For example, if you want to serve the same set of files from multiple data centers, you would set up a forward proxy server in each data center. You would then configure the edge servers in a particular data center to use that data center’s forward proxy server. All requests would be sent to the data center proxy server. If this proxy server can't fulfill the request, then it would be sent to the origin for fulfillment.
Basic file source configuration

This configuration lets you stream content on a network-attached file system through Media Cache. The base class com.wowza.wms.mediacache.impl.MediaCacheItemFileImpl instructs Media Cache to use the MediaCacheSource file-based implementation to deliver content. In this example, the prefix path1/ maps to the base path C:/content/.

```xml
<MediaCacheSource>
  <Name>content1</Name>
  <BasePath>C:/content/</BasePath>
  <Prefix>path1/</Prefix>
  <BaseClass>com.wowza.wms.mediacache.impl.MediaCacheItemFileImpl</BaseClass>
  <ReaderClass></ReaderClass>
  <DefaultBlockSize>256K</DefaultBlockSize>
  <MaxTimeToLive>1200000</MaxTimeToLive>
  <MinTimeToLive>600000</MinTimeToLive>
  <ReadAhead>true</ReadAhead>
  <ReadAheadThreshold>50</ReadAheadThreshold>
  <IsPassThru>false</IsPassThru>
  <Properties>
  </Properties>
</MediaCacheSource>
```

For example, assume you have a media file at the following URL:

C:/content/media/sample.mp4

To play this stream, use the following URLs and stream names:

**To play using Adobe Flash Player (RTMP)**

Server: rtmp://[wowza-ip-address]/mediacache
Stream: mp4:path1/media/sample.mp4

**To play using Adobe Flash Player (San Jose/Adobe HDS)**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:path1/media/sample.mp4/manifest.f4m

**To play using an Apple iOS device (Cupertino/Apple HLS)**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:path1/media/sample.mp4/playlist.m3u8

**To play using Microsoft Silverlight (Microsoft Smooth Streaming)**

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:path1/media/sample.mp4/Manifest
To play using MPEG-DASH

http://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:path1/media/sample.mp4/manifest.mpd

To play using RTSP/RTP player or device

rtsp://[wowza-ip-address]:1935/mediacache/_definst_/mp4:path1/media/sample.mp4

For more information, see Set up video-on-demand streaming in Wowza Streaming Engine.

HTTP source with DVR repeater

This HTTP, multi-server configuration caches DVR chunks on edge servers. Media Cache is installed on each edge server and requests chunks from a Wowza Streaming Engine origin in a live stream repeater (origin/edge) configuration.

<MediaCacheSource>
    <Name>dvrorigin</Name>
    <BasePath>http://</BasePath>
    <Prefix>dvrorigin/</Prefix>
    <BaseClass>com.wowza.wms.mediacache.impl.MediaCacheItemHTTPImpl</BaseClass>
    <ReaderClass></ReaderClass>
    <DefaultBlockSize>262144</DefaultBlockSize>
    <MaxTimeToLive>1200000</MaxTimeToLive>
    <MinTimeToLive>600000</MinTimeToLive>
    <ReadAhead>true</ReadAhead>
    <ReadAheadThreshold>50</ReadAheadThreshold>
    <IsPassThru>false</IsPassThru>
    <Properties>
        <Property>
            <Name>httpReadTimeout</Name>
            <Value>3000</Value>
            <Type>Integer</Type>
        </Property>
    </Properties>
</MediaCacheSource>

For more information, see Configure Wowza Streaming Engine Media Cache for Wowza nDVR.
HTTPS (SSL) source configuration

This basic HTTPS configuration enables streaming of any HTTP-based content through Media Cache using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL).

```xml
<MediaCacheSource>
    <Name>https</Name>
    <BasePath>https://</BasePath>
    <Prefix>https/</Prefix>
    <BaseClass>com.wowza.wms.mediacache.impl.MediaCacheItemHTTPImpl</BaseClass>
    <ReaderClass></ReaderClass>
    <DefaultBlockSize>262144</DefaultBlockSize>
    <MaxTimeToLive>1200000</MaxTimeToLive>
    <MinTimeToLive>600000</MinTimeToLive>
    <ReadAhead>true</ReadAhead>
    <ReadAheadThreshold>50</ReadAheadThreshold>
    <IsPassThru>false</IsPassThru>
    <Properties>
        <Property>
            <Name>httpReaderFactoryClass</Name>
            <Value>com.wowza.wms.mediacache.impl.MediaCacheItemHTTPSSLReaderFactory</Value>
            <Type>String</Type>
        </Property>
    </Properties>
</MediaCacheSource>
```