

Still won't play video streams

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A couple of years back I raised the issue that in my experience Opera on Linux & Windows fails to play video streams. You can assume latest OS & Opera versions and recent hardware.

I didn't find a cure (The fanbois with "works for me" comments were no help either).

Anyway, I looked in again today; Windows 10, Windows 11, Ubuntu 20.04, Linux Mint etc, Opera still won't play video streams, although the error message has changed:

Vimeo:
undefined Player error
The player is having trouble. We'll have it back up and running as soon as possible.



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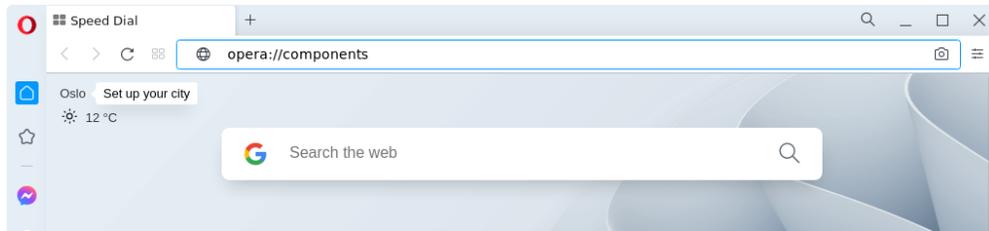
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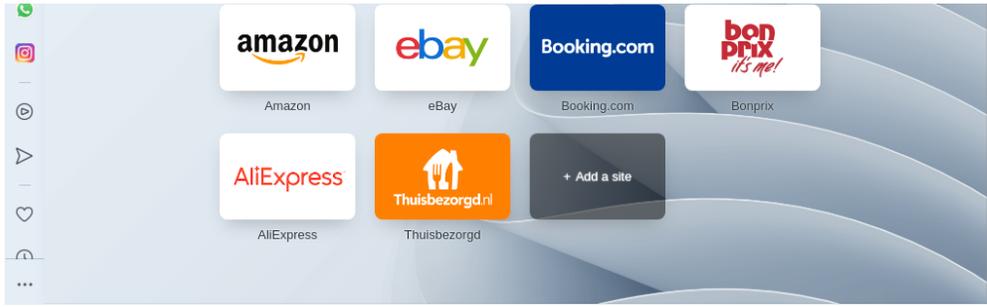
If you mean Netflix etc. Streaming is handled inside opera and chrome with Widevine. In earlier versions this was done by using a static version of libwidevinecdm.so (<http://libwidevinecdm.so>) inside the opera .deb file. Today this is handled dynamically.

checking the opera binary :

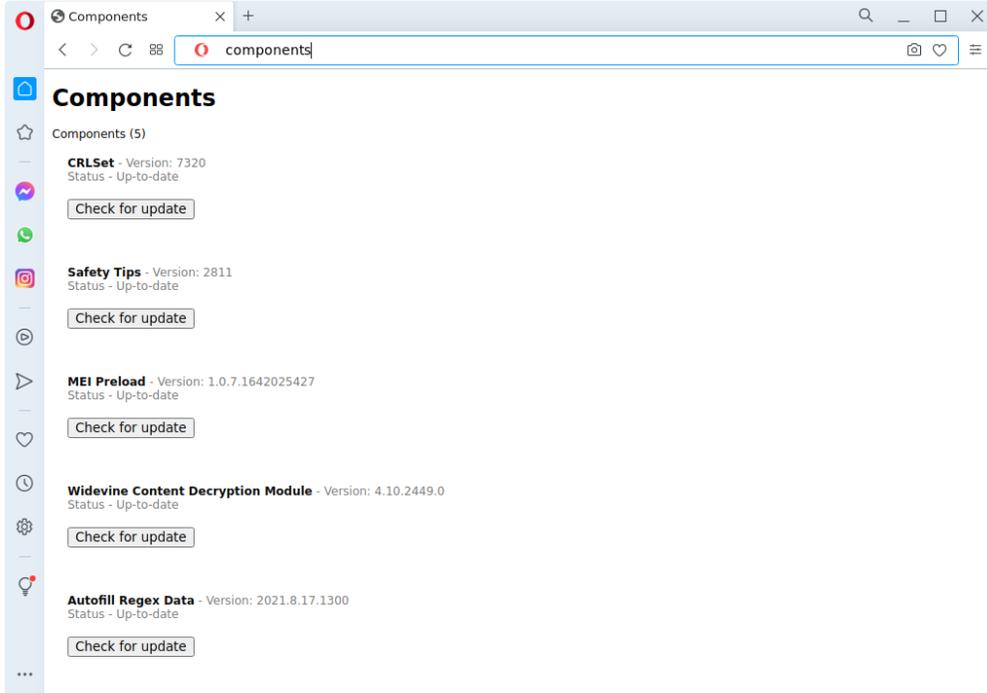
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ubuntu@ubuntu:/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/opera$ strings opera | grep -i widevine
Media.EME.Widevine.VideoCapability.HasEmptyRobustness
application_x-ppapi-widevine-cdm
Widevine enabled but no library found
../opera/desktop/chrome_imports/chrome/browser/component_updater/widevine_cdm_component_installer.cc
Widevine CDM v1.0
Failed to update Widevine CDM hint path.
Installed Widevine CDM component is incompatible.
Registering component updated Widevine
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Updating hint file with Widevine CDM
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ubuntu@ubuntu:/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/opera$
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looking for "opera 86 widevine_cdm_component_installer" i came across a webpage <https://malaysiandigest.com/how-to-enable-widevine-content-decryption-module-in-opera/> (<https://malaysiandigest.com/how-to-enable-widevine-content-decryption-module-in-opera/>) which hinted to check : opera://components

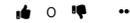




opening that url opens a page, which next immediately started updating all kind of things :



opening and updating above components will fix your streaming problems.



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