

# Installing FFmpeg

Mixpost has the ability to generate images from video while uploading a video file. This would not be possible without FFmpeg installed on your server.

You need to follow FFmpeg installation instructions on their [official website](#). Usually, you can install it with:

```
sudo apt-get install ffmpeg
```

After installation, depending on the operating system, set your paths to the "ffmpeg" and "ffprobe" binary files (not the folder they're in!). Default folder path: `/usr/bin/`. If FFmpeg is there, there is no need to change it.

If it is somewhere else, navigate to your Mixpost application and put this in your `.env` file

```
FFMPEG_PATH=/usr/bin/ffmpeg  
FFPROBE_PATH=/usr/bin/ffprobe
```

## Common Plesk problem:

If you get **open\_basedir** errors, you can move "ffmpeg" and "ffprobe" to a folder inside your "httpdocs".

```
sudo cp /usr/bin/ffmpeg /var/www/vhosts/domain/httpdocs/ffmpeg  
sudo cp /usr/bin/ffprobe /var/www/vhosts/domain/httpdocs/ffprobe
```

And then change your paths in ".env" to:

```
FFMPEG_PATH=/var/www/vhosts/domain/httpdocs/ffmpeg  
FFPROBE_PATH=/var/www/vhosts/domain/httpdocs/ffprobe
```

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