

# Stream decoding

All incoming streams are decoded by default. This behaviour is specified by option

```
streaming_video_decoder_fast_start=true
```

This option may be switched off in [flashphoner.properties](#) file if necessary (for example, to reduce the server load):

```
streaming_video_decoder_fast_start=false
```

In this case, incoming streams will be decoded on request only:

1. If transcoding is necessary
2. If decoding is necessary when [taking a PNG snapshot of the stream](#)

In the cases above, decoder is created only for the time of transcoding or snapshot taking, and is stopped after the operation is completed.