

## Managing Shell Booting

The EPIC video server uses embedded Windows 10 (older versions may be using embedded Windows 7). Video players (and Player / Server combos) use a custom Windows shell that launches the player UI so the user isn't presented with a desktop.

When you quit the UI (using Ctrl-Q or Ctrl-X) you should be on a limited Windows desktop. If you see nothing you should be able to press Win+R to open a run dialog and type [C:\](#) to get a Windows Explorer folder.

Generally there will be a shortcut to "Aioni Shell" which is the Windows shell replacement.

If you want to change the startup behavior (to launch into the desktop or another application) you can run this to alter the configuration.

There are 4 buttons that do the following:

**Install as Windows Shell** – This will replace the standard Windows shell with the player launcher, so the user does not see (or have regular access to) the Windows desktop.

**Install Windows Startup** - This will start the player using the "startup folder" on Windows (this is not really used).

**Remove Windows Startup** – This will not start the player using the "startup folder" on Windows (this is not really used).

**Restore Windows Shell** – This will restore the original Windows shell (think standard desktop)

This tool will launch the Player UI (and that does not need to be added to the list of "Launch Executables")