

Jellyfin Docker Permissions Checklist

Fix host paths, container paths, bind mounts, user IDs, and read-only media access.

Path mapping checks

- ☐ Find the host media path, for example /srv/media.
- ☐ Find the container media path, for example /media.
- ☐ In Jellyfin, add the container path, not the host path.
- ☐ Check docker-compose.yml for the exact bind mount.

Container access checks

- ☐ Run: docker exec -it jellyfin bash
- ☐ Inside the container, run: ls -la /media
- ☐ If /media is empty, fix the Docker volume mount.
- ☐ If files appear but Jellyfin still cannot scan, check user permissions.

Safer Docker setup

- ☐ Use read-only media mounts when Jellyfin only needs to read files.
- ☐ Example: /srv/media:/media:ro
- ☐ Restart with docker compose down and docker compose up -d.
- ☐ Check logs with docker logs --tail=100 jellyfin.

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