

Downloading a Video from YouTube

For the best viewing of a video, you should download it to your computer hard drive and then play from there.

Reasons why:

→ YouTube is currently blocked by OUSD

→ Streaming straight from the internet can be problematic and even worse with wireless connections.



An Easy Method

On a PC

- Download Real Player <http://www.realplayer.com/realplayer/search>
- Choose the FREE version
- Choose the proper operating system (PC)
- Follow the online instructions. Make sure you get BOTH the player and the converter.
- Restart your computer.
- After restart, open a browser (Firefox or IE), go to <http://www.youtube.com>. Find your video. (You don't have to have an account with YouTube to download a video)
- Click on the download button at the upper right hand corner of the video screen browser.
- Save in My Videos Folder
- Play by right-clicking on the video and choosing "PLAY"



- Try Playing the file

If the downloaded video does not play, you may have to convert the format or download a different video player. See the table for a list of the main free players. Convert to a format your computer can play if necessary, then try playing the video again.

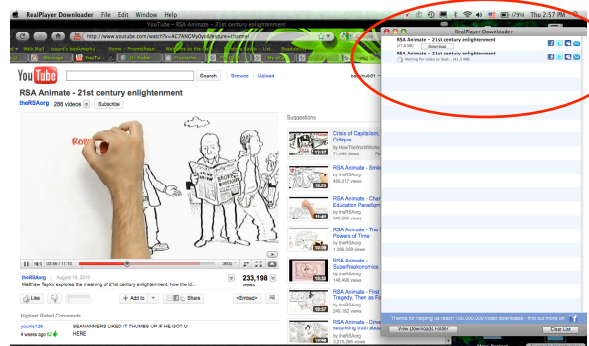
If that doesn't work... (both PC and MAC)

Try Zamzar, <http://www.zamzar.com/url/> Compatible with Internet Explorer, Firefox and Safari.

1. You must register for Zamzar but it has a free version.
2. After you copy and paste the url of the video you want from YouTube in the correct field, you must choose the "format" that you want to convert. "mp4" is a pretty safe bet. The link for your converted video file will be mailed to you. The wait time is dependent on the file size of your video. (Less than 7 minutes for videos under 5 minutes.)
3. Make sure you check your junk mail folder when waiting for the converted video file.
4. Once you receive the email, you will be directed to a weblink to download your newly converted video.

On a Mac





- Download Real Player <http://www.realplayer.com/realplayer/search>
- Choose the FREE version
- Choose the proper operating system (MAC)
- Follow the online instructions for you computer. In addition to the player, you must add the Real Player downloadable agent.
- Restart your computer
- After restart, open a browser (Firefox or Safari), go to <http://www.youtube.com>. Find your video. (You don't have to have an account with YouTube to download a video.)
- Your downloader will be in a separate window and will detect any downloader video in your web browser. Find the video of your choice in this window and click download by the video file name



- Save in the Downloads folder
- Double-click on video to play.

More complex solutions

Determine what video players you have installed or can download on your machine. This will determine what format you should download in or convert the video from.

Player Name	Platform	Download Site	Formats Supported	Notes
	Mac & PC	http://www.real.com/realplayer/search	Most; will also do conversions	Do not sign up for 'free' offers
	Works best on PC. Mac versions exist but are not longer updated or supported	http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows/products/windows-media	WMV, WMA, ASF files (.asf, .wma, .wmv, .wm)	Does not support mp4 without special plugin.
	Multi-platform	http://www.adobe.com/products/flashplayer/	.flv, .f4v, .f4p, f4a, .f4b, .swf	Works with most YouTube videos
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