YouTube for Hosting Video Tutorials: The Hows, Whys and Why Nots

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Background

- New liaison model
- Changing roles of librarians
- New directions
Needs Assessment

- Liaison survey
- Desired software features
  - Ease of use; interactive; accessibility (mobile devices, captioning)
- Working group recommendations
  - Resource guide (Sharepoint); software overview; local tech support; templates; design support
Recommended Software

- Panopto (UI Capture)
  - Lecture capture with PowerPoint, minor edits
- Camtasia
  - Polished, longer tutorials with quizzes
- Jing
  - Quick, informal videos
# Software Features

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Training Resources

Local expert users for each software.
Establishing Guidelines
Gathering Information

General Questions
• Does your library use YouTube or another product to host video tutorials?
• Do you have any policies/procedures related to this issue?

Specific Questions
• What is the added value of using YouTube?
• What are the complications of using YouTube?
• What is the added value of Vimeo?
• What are its drawbacks?
Tutorial Creation Checklist

- 5 minutes or less
- Use UI Libraries opening & closing screens
- Text callouts/close captioning when possible
- Incorporate quizzes or interactive features
- Adhere to UI Libraries standards for tutorial creation
Branding: Opening Screen

How to Find International Business Info

Created by Kim Bloedel
Pomerantz Business Library
August 2011
Branding: Closing Screen

You just watched: Registering as a distance student

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Created by Jen DeBerg, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences
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Guidelines for Posting Video Tutorials on YouTube

- When YouTube is appropriate
  - Produce in high quality Windows Media Video or similar format to ensure greatest video quality experience
  - Videos posted to official YouTube account for specific UI Library
  - Include captioning
- Consider alternate formats for interactive features
  - Flash
  - HTML5
  - Online quiz
## Tracking Video Tutorials

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![The University of Iowa Libraries Logo](image)
Challenges

- Guidelines versus Policies
- Establishing these guidelines took time
- Get staff involved
- Remind staff that these guidelines exist and why
- Working with outside groups
What is YouTube?

History

• Around since February of 2005 (First video up in April of 2005)
• Owned by Google since October 2006

Current Functionality

• Hosts videos up to 15 minutes in length (or 2GB)
• Allows captioning
• Has a mobile site (and works on iOS devices)
• Allows for videos up to 1080p HD
Benefits of YouTube for Hosting

• Works on mobile devices where Flash wouldn’t work
• Usage statistics
• Multiple sharing options
• Well-known/greater visibility

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Potential Drawbacks for YouTube

- Some organizations may block YouTube
  - E.g. hospitals
- Requires extra work (uploading, tagging, account management)
- Specific requirements for videos
- Link management
  - Updated videos will not retain the original URL
    - must be different enough that YouTube doesn’t see them as a duplicate effort
  - Could be unsavory videos listed as recommendations
Getting Started

• Create an account
  • Do NOT link your personal email to your library’s YouTube account.
• Check out YouTube Essentials
Creating Videos

• Design your video
  • ADDIE
  • Time Limits
  • Scripting
• Choose a recording option that will suit your needs.
• Edit and produce your video if necessary

• NOTE: Higher quality videos are best!
Captioning

• Does your recording program provide options for captioning?
  • Yes! – Might be easier to use than YouTube.
  • No! – YouTube has two options
    • Attach a file containing the captions
    • Let YouTube caption the video for you
      • You don’t have to do anything for this, but accuracy is a consideration.
Uploading and Privacy

Uploading
• Log into your library’s YouTube account
• Click the “Upload link” near the top of the screen.

Privacy Options
• Privately – Only people with the link can see it.
• Publicly – People can search for it or stumble across it on accident
• Turn Comments on or off.
• Turn stats on or off
Sharing Options

- Embed on webpages or LibGuides
- Link to YouTube Channel or individual videos
- AutoShare with Twitter, FaceBook or Orkut
Monitoring Usage

Total views: 33

Ratings: 1
Likes: 1
Dislikes: 0
Comments: 0
Favorites: 0

Significant discovery events

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Other Uses for YouTube

- Hosting videos for courses
- Library Events (speakers, History of Medicine of Lectures, etc.)
- Promos for your library
- Videos of your pets and children
YouTube Is Not Your Only Option
VIMEO

• Similar to YouTube.
• HTML5 compliant since August 2010.
• Limited to 500mb (not time)
• Several account options
  • Basic – Free
  • Plus - $60 a year or $10 a month
  • Pro – for businesses and commercial videos
Reasons to Consider

• May not be blocked by organizations that block YouTube

Possible Drawbacks

• May not work well in WordPress
• Not as well known as YouTube
Hosting on Library Website
Reasons to Consider

• Can use Flash files with interactive quizzes
• No additional accounts and passwords to remember

Possible Drawbacks

• Need lots of server space for videos
• May need to work with IT to get videos posted, removed, updated
• Harder to embed