



# Downloading YouTube Videos

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YouTube is a repository of video content on the Web where instructors may find useful content for instructional purposes. If you find a video on YouTube that you would like to show in a class without Internet connection, you may want to download the video onto a laptop or a flash drive and use it in legal and ethical ways. (Uploading a YouTube video to a different website may be a violation of copyright laws. If you intend to include the video as part of a Blackboard course site, we recommend that you embed the video following instructions in [Embedding YouTube Videos into Blackboard](#).)

There are many ways to download YouTube videos which involve installing browser add-ons and bookmarklets. Once an add-on or bookmarklet is installed, downloading videos requires only one click. Consult the blog post at <http://googlesystem.blogspot.com/2008/04/download-youtube-videos-as-mp4-files.html> and the [Download Helper](#) website for detailed information and instructions.

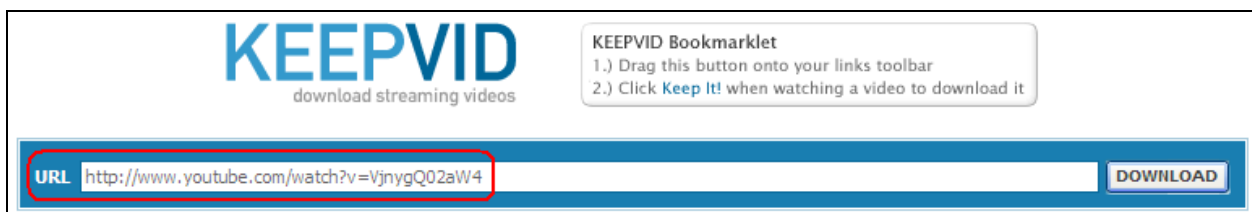
The instructions on the following page guide you through the process of downloading a YouTube to your computer by copying a video's URL and pasting it into an online application called KeepVid. KeepVid will convert the video and allow you to download it in either .flv or .mp4 format.

To download a YouTube video using KeepVid, follow the steps below:

1. Find the video you want to download on the YouTube site.
2. Copy its web address from the location bar on the top of the screen or the URL box on the right.



3. Go to the KeepVid website at <http://keepvid.com>.
4. Paste the YouTube video's address in the URL box and click on the **DOWNLOAD** button on the far right of the window.



5. Click on one of the **Download** links to save the file on your computer. A common video player that can open .flv files is [RealPlayer](#) and one that can open .mp4 files is [QuickTime Player](#). The process of downloading may take some time depending on the type of Internet connection you have. Once you have downloaded the video file, you may want to rename it so that it is easily identifiable.

**Download links**

Links found on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjnyqQ02aW4>  
Report any problems to: [keepvid.com@gmail.com](mailto:keepvid.com@gmail.com)

**>> Download <<** (get\_video.flv - Low Quality)  
Right-click download link, choose 'Save Link As...', and rename file to **get\_video.flv**

**>> Download <<** (get\_video.mp4 - High Quality)  
Right-click download link, choose 'Save Link As...', and rename file to **get\_video.mp4**

**NOTE:** YouTube videos downloaded through KeepVid cannot be inserted into PowerPoint presentations. See our document [Embedding YouTube videos into PowerPoint Presentations](#) for step-by-step instructions.

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