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Select a genre, artist, and track - don't worry, you can play around with as many as you want before adding one to your video. Keep the length of your video in mind, making sure the audio track you select is as long or longer than your video so your entire video has sound. Once you've selected a track, click the "Publish Video" button. When you're asked if you want to change your audio track, click the "OK" button. Depending on the length of your video, it may take some time to update the audio.

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- .AVI (windows)
- .MOV (mac)
- .MP4 (ipod/psp)
- .MPEG
- .FLV (adobe flash)
- .SWF (shockwave flash)
- .MKV (h.264)

If you do not think your current video file format is recognized by YouTube, you may get the best results from converting your file to MPEG4 video with MP3 audio. If your format is recognized, but you are experiencing other issues with format errors, feel free to contact us, and we will try our best to fix it.

To convert most any video format to one of the aforementioned accepted formats it is recommended you use FFMPEG. FFMPEG is a command-line tool, so newer users may like to use the free tool, SUPER, which can be found at <http://www.erightssoft.org/>. If you do not produce acceptable results with these tools, you may also try the commercial software, Magic Video Converter [http://www.magic-video-software.com/magic_video_converter/index.html].

Windows Movie Maker, by default saves projects as .MSWMM files. These file are project files, which means it only tells Windows Movie Maker the layout of your video and does not contain the final video itself, and because of this, YouTube does not accept .MSWMM files. To upload your Windows Movie Maker video to YouTube, select the "Save to My Computer" option to save the file and upload the generated file.

Keep in mind that each time you convert or "transcode" a video from one type of compression to another, there will be some loss in quality, sort of like making a photo copy of a photo copy. Avoid transcoding a highly compressed video into a format that is accepted. You'll get poor results. You'll get better results by going back to your original video editing software where you edited the video, and re-export in a format like MPEG4 with MP3 audio, or if that is unavailable, exporting it as a RAW (uncompressed) video format then encoding it in an external program such as those listed above.

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3. Select the video to which you'd like to add date/location info. Now click the "Edit" button below the video.
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Make sure your video is under 10 minutes in length. We accept most video file formats, including .wmv, .mov, .mpg, or .avi. If your video meets these minimum requirements and still won't upload, there may be a problem with the video compression you're using. We recommend the MPEG4 format at 640x480 resolution with MP3 audio.

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Founded in February 2005, YouTube is the leader in online video, and the premier destination to watch and share original videos worldwide through a Web experience. YouTube allows people to easily upload and share video clips on www.YouTube.com and across the Internet through websites, mobile devices, blogs, and email.

Everyone can watch videos on YouTube. People can see first-hand accounts of current events, find videos about their hobbies and interests, and discover the quirky and unusual. As more people capture special moments on video, YouTube is empowering them to become the broadcasters of tomorrow.

YouTube received funding from [Sequoia Capital](#) in November 2005 and was officially launched one month later in December. Chad Hurley and Steve Chen proceeded to become the first members of the YouTube management team and currently serve as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technology Officer respectively.

In November 2006, within a year of its launch, YouTube was purchased by Google Inc. in one of the most talked-about acquisitions to date.

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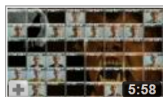
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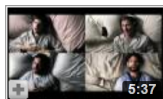
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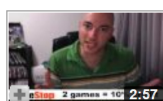
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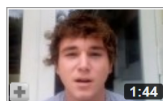
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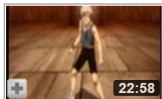
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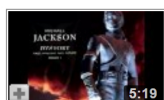


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