

# Displaying Video Using the Moodle Media Player Activity

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The Media Player activity module is a great way to display your video in Moodle. It has the advantage of playing the video while it is still downloading. The Media player will display videos you uploaded directly to Moodle or videos you previously uploaded to **YouTube**.

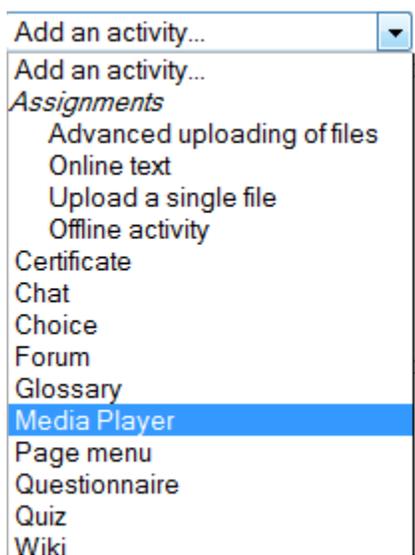
For small and short videos you can upload your videos directly to Moodle. However, YouTube is the recommended way to store, and organize multiple videos that are longer in duration and bigger in file size.

See:

- [Using Moodle as an Educational Video Repository](#)
- [The Video and Online Learning Page](#) on the [www.csum.edu](http://www.csum.edu) website

**“Turn editing On” and select the “Media Player Activity”.**

Add an activity... -> Media Player



## General

Give the Video a name. This will display as the link on your Moodle page.

Name\*

Description ?

The Description box is optional.

## Media Source

- If you would like to upload your video to Moodle, select **Video** as the Type.
- If you would like to link to a **YouTube** video, select the **YouTube** type option.

*Note:* You may have to select the *Show Advanced* button to see this field.



The screenshot shows the 'Media Source' form with the following fields:

- Media File\***: An empty text input field with a 'Choose or upload a file ...' button to its right.
- Type\***: A dropdown menu currently set to 'Video'. A red arrow points to this field.
- Streamer\***: A dropdown menu currently set to 'none'.
- A 'Hide Advanced' button is visible in the top right corner.

## The "Video" Type

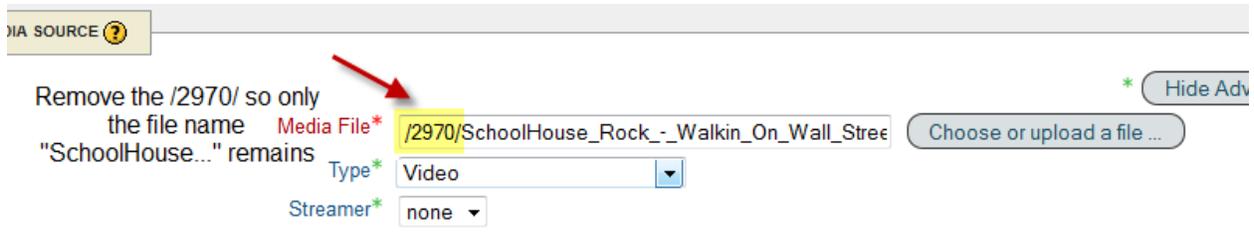
First make sure your video is one of the supported file types: FLV,F4V,F4P,MP4,M4V,M4A,3GP,MOV.

Select *Choose or upload file*

If you need to upload your file, select the *Upload File* button, if not choose the file from the *Files* box.

Name ▲	Type	Size	Date Modified	Action
Parent folder				
<input type="checkbox"/> 101_tip_motivate_Insync_101.pdf	<input type="button" value="Choose"/> PDF Document	294.4KB	28 Aug 2011, 04:47 PM	
<input type="checkbox"/> moddata	Folder	9.7KB	5 Dec 2011, 09:02 AM	
<input type="checkbox"/> SchoolHouse_Roc...Wall_Street.mp4	<input type="button" value="Choose"/> File	5.1MB	30 May 2012, 01:59 PM	
Total Disk Usage:		5.4MB		

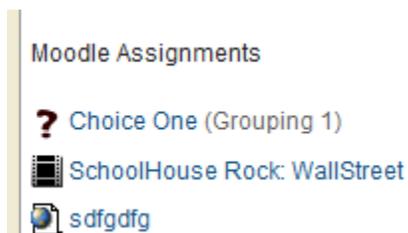
Due to a bug in the program you must first remove all text before the file name for this to work.



The screenshot shows the 'Media Source' form with the following fields:

- Media File\***: A text input field containing the path `/2970/SchoolHouse_Rock_-_Walkin_On_Wall_Street`. A red arrow points to this field. A yellow highlight is under the path. A note above the field says: "Remove the /2970/ so only the file name 'SchoolHouse\_...' remains".
- Type\***: A dropdown menu currently set to 'Video'.
- Streamer\***: A dropdown menu currently set to 'none'.
- A 'Hide Advanced' button is visible in the top right corner.

You can leave all the other settings as defaults and select *Save and return to course*. Click on your link to view your video



The screenshot shows the Moodle course page with the following content:

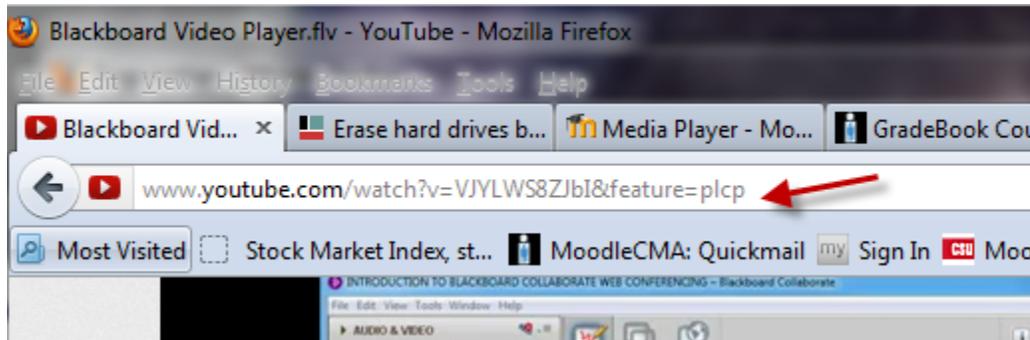
- Moodle Assignments
- ? Choice One (Grouping 1)
- SchoolHouse Rock: WallStreet
- sdfgdfg

## The “YouTube” type

Select *YouTube* as the type in the Media Source\Type pull down box.

Enter the URL of the YouTube video you would like to show.

**Note:** You can copy the URL from the browser window



OR

select it from the **Share** button at the bottom of the video. If you choose the Share button, make sure to select the Long Link button under the **options** menu. Copy the URL.

<http://youtu.be/iz3v9Mfz5Q>



<http://www.youtube.com/wa>

Close

Embed

Email



More

HD link

Start at: 0:13

Long link

You can leave all the other settings as defaults and select *Save and return to course*.