Embed videos and other media from media hosting websites in Blackboard

Where a media hosting website site provides Embed Code, usually for media (either video, image, sound and presentations), you can use this code to make the content display within Blackboard. For example a video from YouTube.

Embed code for content is available on many social media sites such as YouTube, Vimeo (video), SlideShare (presentations), Flickr (photos).

You can use this option to show the media on screen in your course and allow students to play or view the content without having to leave the course.

How to find embed code?

The following guidance demonstrates finding code on YouTube but you should look for a link called Share or Embed link on other sites to find the embed code.

Find the video you want on YouTube and open the page showing the video details

1. Find the link for the embed code. For a YouTube video, click Share > Embed.

2. Highlight and copy the embed code shown in the box. (When the code is highlighted you can use keyboard shortcut Ctrl + C to copy the code, or right click with the cursor on the highlighted code and from the drop down menu select Copy.)
Create an Item in a Course

3. Go to your course in Blackboard and the content area you want to display the media in.
4. Click Build Content > Item.

5. On the Create Item page, in the Text editor menu click the HTML button. This allows you to enter the embed code.

Note: If you don’t see the three rows of buttons in text editor menu, click the Show more / Less button to reveal all of the menu options.

6. A new HTML code view window will open. Paste the embed code into the box and click Update. (Keyboard shortcut Ctrl + P or right or right click with the cursor in the empty box and from the drop down menu select Paste.)
7. A yellow box with a red dotted border will appear in the Text box indicating the location of the embedded content. Note: You can add text before or after the embedded content.

8. Click Submit.

The embedded content is displayed on the screen within your Blackboard course.

Further help

Please see additional guides on Content Delivery located on the Support for Staff tab in Blackboard.

Further help can be found on the Blackboard Help site at: https://en-us.help.blackboard.com/User_Filter/Instructor/No_Mobile/Higher_Education

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