

Blackboard Help Topic

Video Everywhere Tool

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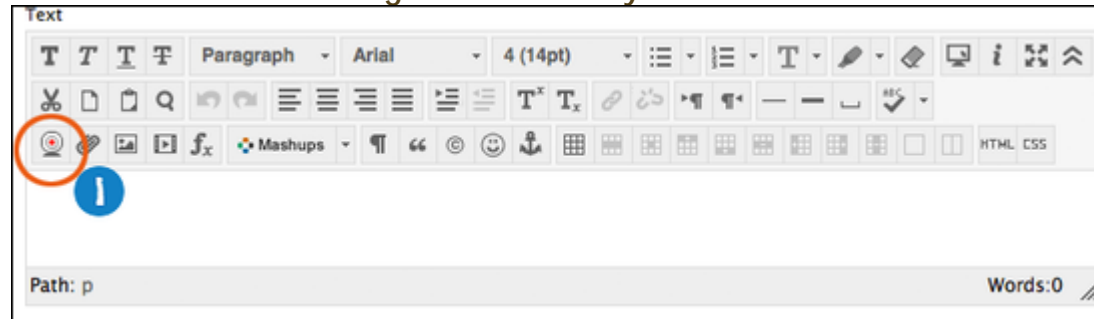
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This Blackboard help topic describes the Video Everywhere tool. This tool is a part of the Blackboard Content Editor and will generally not be used in the Walden Blackboard classroom. For video assignment submissions, a different tool, the Kaltura Media mashup (also referred to as My Media II) should be used.

Summary

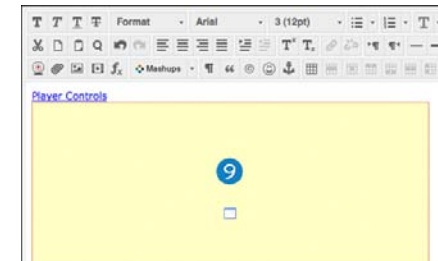
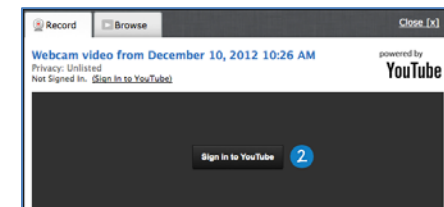
- The Video Everywhere tool is accessed with a webcam-shaped button in the third row of any Content Editor in Blackboard.
- The Video Everywhere tool is powered by YouTube, and is generally not well-suited for video assignment submissions. We recommend limiting its use to delivering informal introductions to your classmates.
- For the purposes of video assignment submissions, the Kaltura media mashup (also referred to as My Media II) should be used.

Using the Video Everywhere Tool



Overview:

1. The Video Everywhere tool is located in the third row of Content Editor buttons.
2. Sign into YouTube using a Google account, if you have one. (Video Everywhere is an optional feature; if you do not have a Google/YouTube account, creating one is outside the scope of this guide.) Click "Grant Access" to allow your Blackboard server to upload video on your behalf.
3. If your Google account has not yet been enabled for YouTube access, you will receive a prompt to open a new browser tab and log in to YouTube. Once logged in to YouTube, create your YouTube channel to upload and store your videos. Navigate back to the Video Everywhere window and click "Sign in to YouTube." Click "Grant Access."
4. Click "Record" from webcam.
5. When you are prompted by Adobe Flash to enable the player settings, accept or agree.
6. Agree to allow the recorder to upload videos to YouTube.
7. Click "Start Recording." When you are finished, "click Stop Recording."
8. Click "Upload" to save your video on YouTube.
9. Click "Insert" to add the video to the Content Editor. A placeholder appears in the Content Editor where your video will play for viewers.
10. Submit your content item.
11. Your video appears in your content item. It takes a few minutes to encode the video, so it may not play immediately. You might even see a message that says, "This video is unavailable". Wait a few minutes and try again.



FAQ, Tips, Reminders, Known Issues, Notes

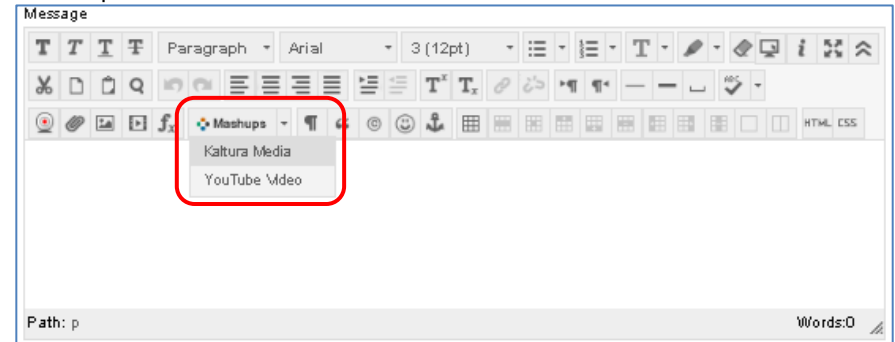
Q: Do I need to use the Video Everywhere tool?

Q: I do not have a Google or YouTube account, and I'm having trouble creating one. Do I have to do this?


A: No, this is not a required tool. It might provide a nice way for students to post an informal video introduction, or for instructors to post informal video announcements, but Video Everywhere is an optional tool.

Q: Some courses have assignments that require a video submission. If Video Everywhere is not the right tool for submitting video assignments, what tool should I use?

A: Use the Kaltura Media mashup (also called My Media II); click the "Mashups" button in the Content Editor to find this tool.



Q: I only see one row of buttons in the Content Editor. Is something wrong?

A: Click the "Show All" button  found in the upper-right corner of the Content Editor toolbar to reveal the hidden rows of buttons.

Notes

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