Best Practices for Adding Videos in Moodle

Video is a very powerful tool to use in a Moodle course, allowing students, for example, to catch up on lectures they missed, learn from a "how to" screencast, or improve their language skills by watching native speakers interact.

The preferred method of adding videos to your course at Wilson Community College is to link, or embed, videos from an external site (like YouTube). For videos that you have created, they should be uploaded to your college YouTube account. Contact Technology Support Services for information on how to get access to your college YouTube account.

# Creating a Link to a YouTube Video

To create a link to a video, use the **URL**resource to add a link to a video on the web.

# Embedding a Video from YouTube

1. To embed a video into your course, use the **Label** resource.
2. In the **Label Text** box, click the **Show/Hide** button to display the second row of the formatting toolbar.
3. Click the **HTML**button to switch to html view.
4. Now go to YouTube and find a video.
5. Once you have found a video, click **share**under the video.
6. In the screen that pops up, click **embed**.
7. **Copy**the embed code that begins <iframe width...
8. Go back to Moodle and **paste**the code into the label text box in html mode.
9. Click the **html**button to return to regular editing mode.
10. **Save and return to course**.

# Avoid Uploading Video files into Your Moodle Course

When adding a video to your course, avoid uploading the video file directly into Moodle. Instead, upload your video to a college-owned YouTube account and either link to it, or embed it within a Moodle page. This will ensure that the video is viewable by students on multiple devices and it will decrease the video load time.

# Tips for Using Video

Keep videos as brief as possible. It is better to have four 10-minute videos, as opposed to one 40-minute video. Three to five-minute segments are even better.

Videos should be closed captioned to comply with ADA regulations.