

Can't Access YouTube at Work?

A simple alternative way to download YouTube clips. If YouTube has been blocked, this article will show you a trick to download and convert clips anyways when blocked. Alternatively, you can also use the YouTube Driver to download YouTube videos directly from your browser onto your computer in many popular formats like MPG, AVI or WMV. If you do not have direct access to YouTube, use the instructions below to circumvent the issue.

Step 1: Locate the clip Since Google and YouTube became one single entity, searching for movies on YouTube using a regular Google search has never been easier. Just search for the movie as you normally would on YouTube. When you are given the results, you will see that there is a white square where the preview icon should be but you can't see the picture because youtube is blocked. To the right of those boxes, you will find the description and the video link. Copy that link.

It should look something like this:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPQlizRp9ck **Step 2: Use an online YouTube Converter** There are many sites out there that will convert YouTube movies into AVI or MPG files that you can download. All you have to do is provide these sites with the YouTube movie address that you want to convert. Sometimes sites require that you place HTTP:// before the www so be careful. A site I recommend is www.mediaconverter.org

I recommend this service over others simply because of one really cool feature, email notification. Since a movie can take a few minutes to upload and convert, www.mediaconverter.org can notify you via an email address you provide that your clip is ready for download. In fact the download link is included in the notification message as well. They also provides a live version of the service where you submit a video URL and wait until the file is completed to download.

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Don't abuse these services because the people offering them must pay a good amount in bandwidth costs. Use this as a last resort and use it wisely. Also, if you use these services too much, traffic reports used by system administrators can give you away. **Conclusion** There are many different sites that offer online conversion services, so look around and find one you like. This method isn't as fast as using youtube directly, but atleast when someone mentions a video they saw and no one can access it at work, you're able to get the video anyways and spread the joy.