Embedding video into Mahara ePortfolio

Introduction

Video files are very large and are often too big to be directly uploaded to systems such as Mahara. Video is usually held on the York St John media library in a personal category or on YouTube in an unlisted category. Both of these categories are only accessible via a hidden link (URL) rather than by general search so provide a secure area to hold the video.

See our other guides for details of how to upload video or submit hidden links to Moodle.

To use video on a Mahara page, embedding using a URL is usually used to make the video instantly available in an attractive manner. These techniques here can be used to embed material from other sites such as SoundCloud.

What is embedding?

Embedding a link allows one system or web page to include material from another website.
Login to media library

Either go direct to hml.yorksj.ac.uk or use the link in the services menu of Moodle.

Click on Sign in button at top right of screen and enter your YSJ credentials.

Finding your video

After logging in, click on My Account at top right of screen and My content.

To access the video and associated details, click on the yes in the encoded column.

Share and copy link

Click on Share. Click on the embed tab. Change video size to anything apart from responsive. Copy the code.
Copy the link

Click on share below the video

Click COPY to copy code to clipboard.
Using the embed code in Mahara ePortfolio

Add an external media block

Edit the Mahara page and open the External section from the left hand menu.

Drag an External media block on to your page. Or click and select where you want the block adding.

Paste in the embed code

Change the title of the block and paste the embed code or link into the box below.

Click save to finish.