

How to embed a YouTube video in Blackboard

If I want to share a really cool video with my students in a Blackboard course. I can do that in a couple of different ways:

- I can post the URL link to the video so that when my students click on the link they are redirected to another site to watch it. (Sometimes that's the best thing to do.)
- Or I can embed the video directly into the Blackboard course. This created a small preview window with an obvious play button, thus making the video much more eye-catching and engaging for the students to want to watch. They can play it right in the browser and you get the benefit of being able to add additional text or other links along with the video.

This tutorial shows how to embed a YouTube video into the course.

1. Go to the YouTube video page. Suppose I'd like my students to watch this really cool crash course video on economics. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ez10ADR_gM



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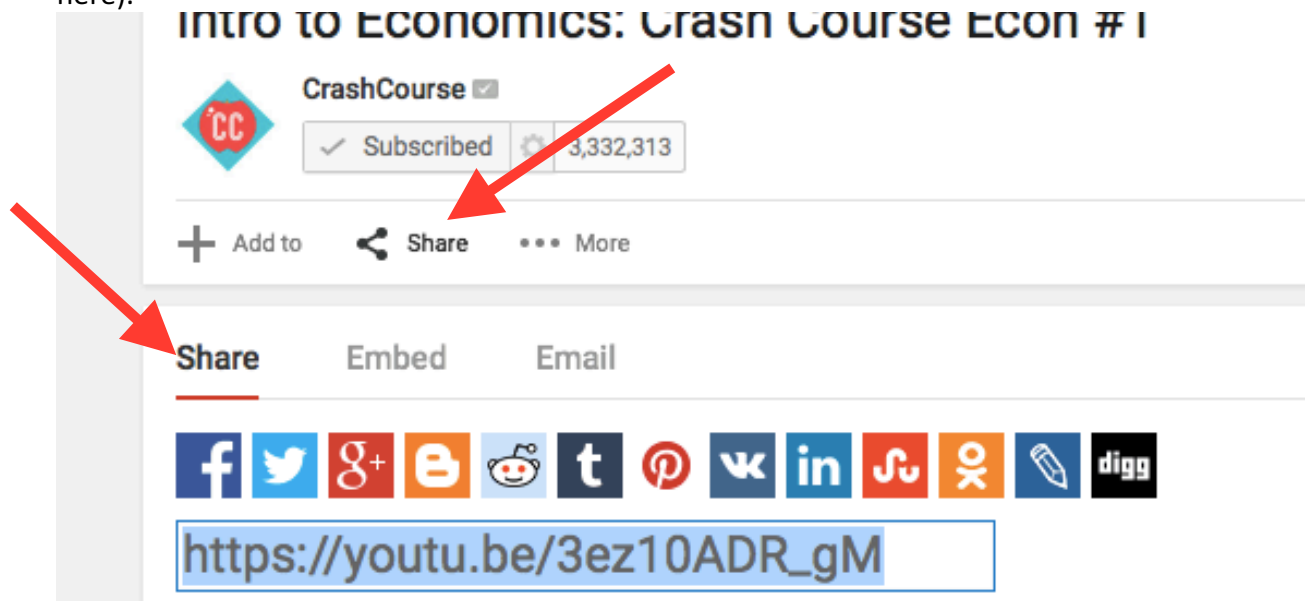
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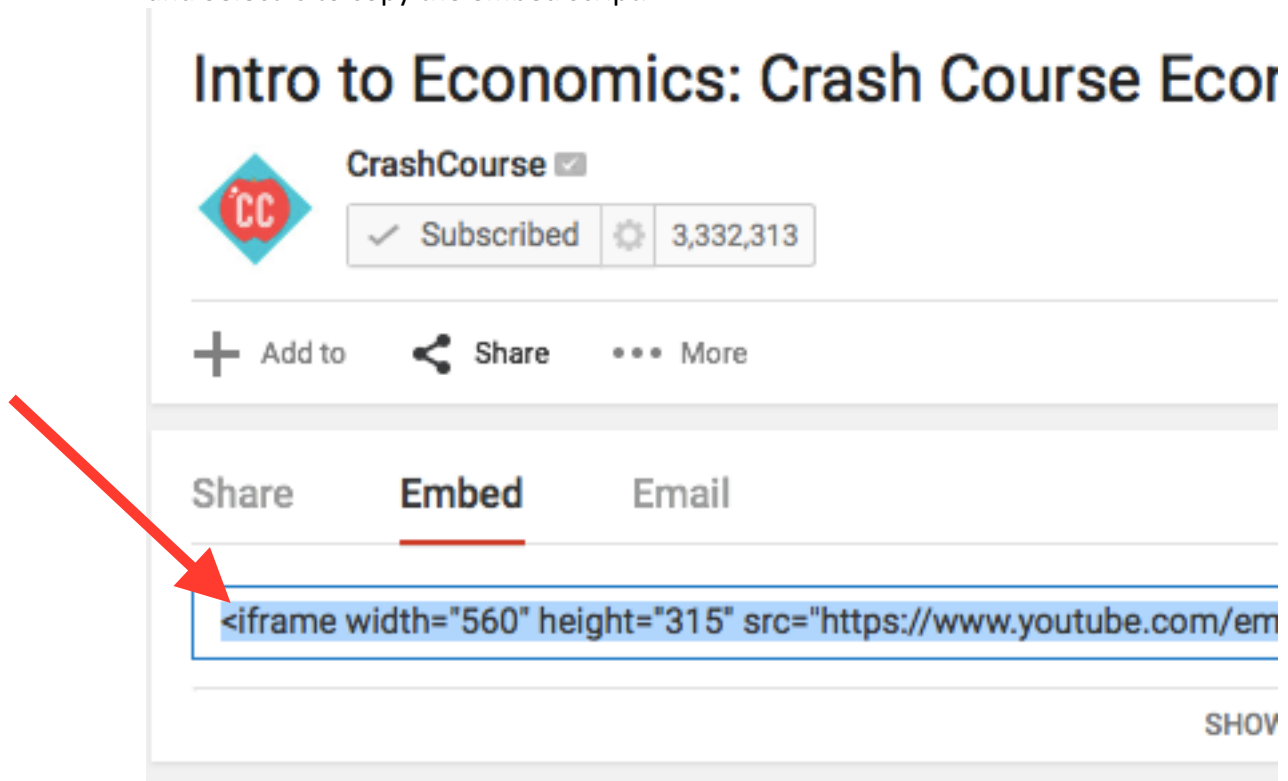
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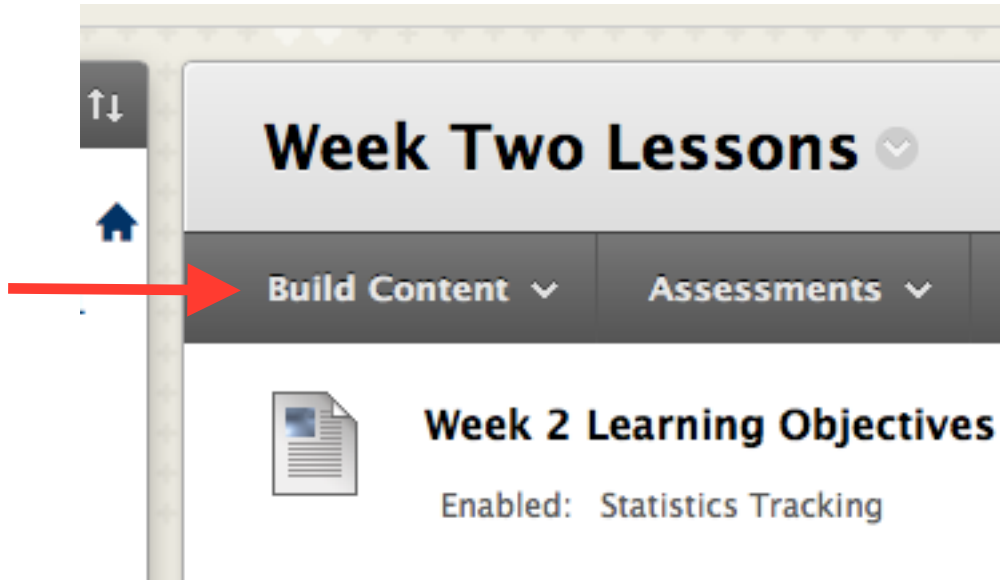
2. **Click Share Button.** The first thing I do from the YouTube page is to click the Share button located to the left underneath the video title and subscription boxes (see arrow)
3. **Click the Embed link** from the options that pops up. Share is selected by default (shown here).



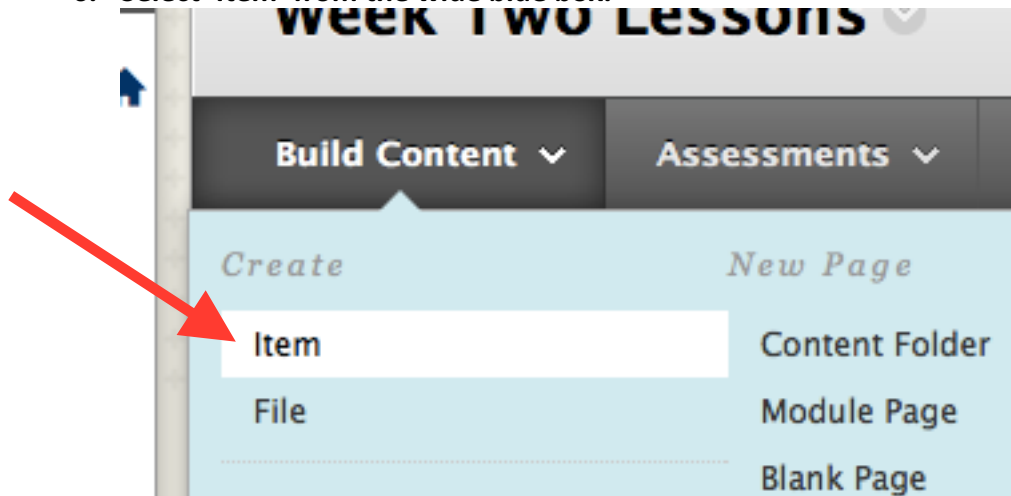
4. **Select and copy the embedding code from the Embed box.** Note: Select-A to select it all and Select-C to copy the embed script.



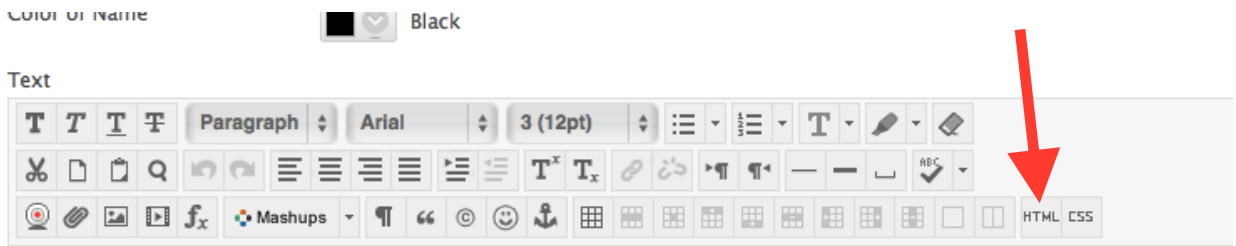
5. **Navigate to your Blackboard course.** Go to the particular folder you plan to include the video. Click the Build Content button.



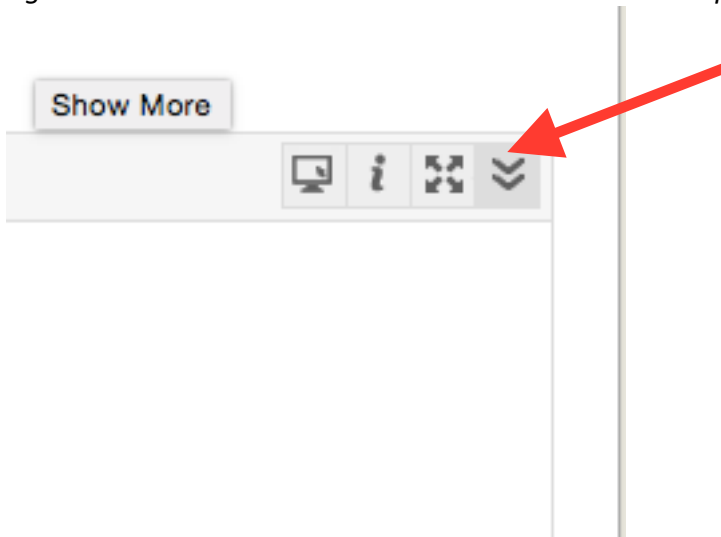
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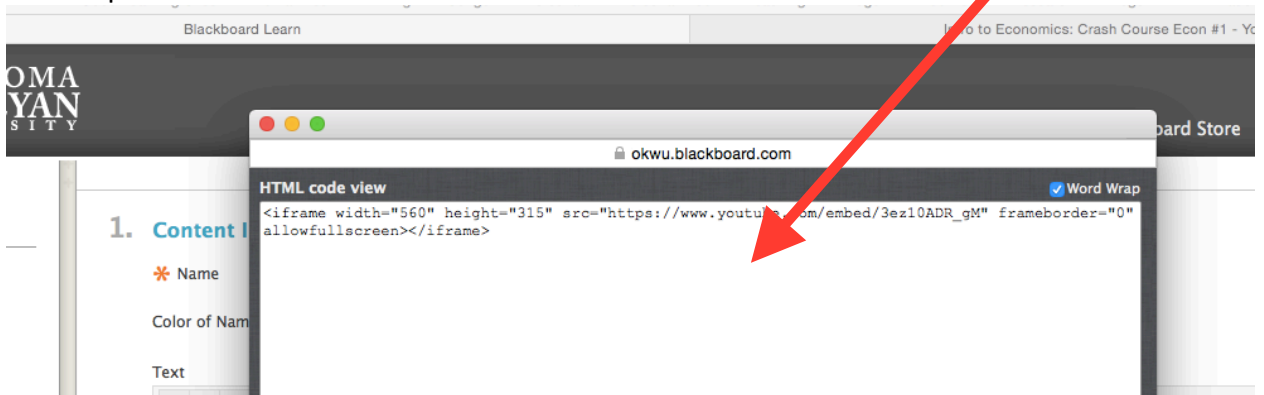
7. In the pop-box, enter the the name you want displayed on the page.
8. In the Text input box, locate the toolbar and click the HTML button.



If you do not see the full menu are like the in the screenshot above, look over to the right-hand side and click the double down arrows to expand the toolbar.



9. **When you click the HTML toolbar button**, a window will pop up for you to paste in the code copied from YouTube.



10. **Paste the text, click Submit.** A yellow dotted rectangle will appear in the Text box indicating where your video will appear. Add any additional text you wish such as Title, URL, speaker, length, or whatever. Then click Save.
11. **Your video has been added to the course!** If you are not seeing the media player with a thumbnail of your video, click the green Edit icon in the upper right corner of you Blackboard window. The video should now appear correctly.