

Inserting Videos Using Firefox

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In this document, we will insert videos using *Firefox*. Knowing how to insert videos will allow the teachers to show the students a clip from a movie, commercial, etc.



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Step #1: Open *Firefox* and go to <http://www.addons.mozilla.org/>

The homepage looks like the one shown to the right in Figure 1. Also in Figure 1, the search box we will be using is pointed out with a red arrow.

In this search box, type the words: "Easy YouTube Video Downloader"

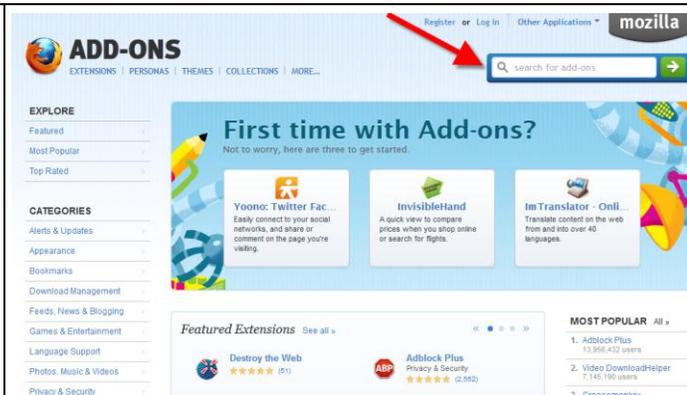


Figure 1

Step #2: The link for the downloader mentioned above looks like Figure 2 to the right of this document. You will want to left-click on the green button named "+ Add to Firefox"

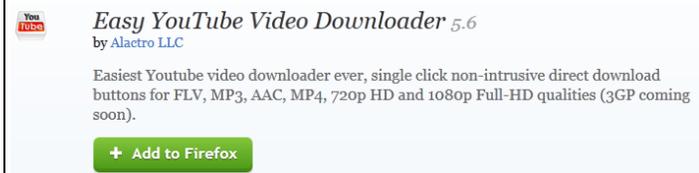


Figure 2

Step #3: After left clicking on the “Add to Firefox” button, the *Software Installation* dialogue box will pop up (See Figure 3). You will want to left click “Install Now”

The downloader will then begin to install.

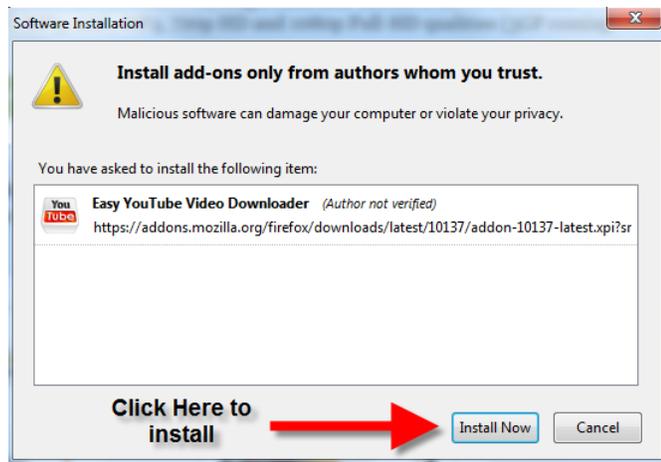


Figure 3

Step #4: After a few seconds, you will be prompted to Restart *Firefox*. Left click on “Restart Now” – this will shut down and restart Firefox.

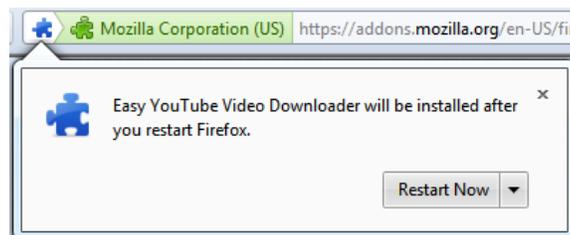


Figure 4

Step #5: After downloading the *Video Downloader* from the *ADD-ONS* site of *Firefox*, go to <http://www.youtube.com/>

In the top-center of the page, there should be a search engine (See Figure 5).

For this exercise, I am using the video: “Marcel the Shell with Shoes on,” however, you are free to choose any video you would like.

Type the name of the video into the search engine, then left-click on the video.



Figure 5

Step #6: Under the video, closer to the right-hand side, should be a *Download* option (Figure 6). Left-click this and you will then see a drop-down menu with the choices shown in Figure 7.

We want to left-click the following option: “MP4 360p”

Selecting to download as any MP4 will give the video the best quality. The higher the pixel (p), the better the resolution. You will want to keep in mind the file size. Choosing a 720p would be a larger file size than a 360p. Figure 8 shows a few other selections for MP4.

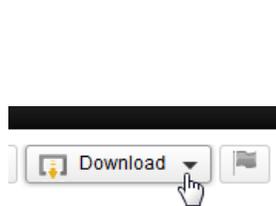


Figure 6

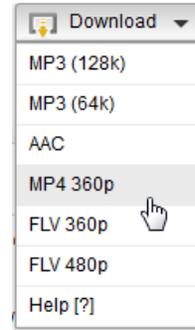


Figure 7

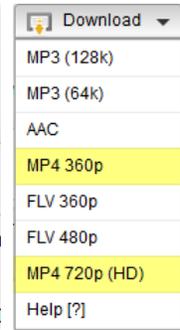


Figure 8

Step #7: After selecting “MP4 360p,” you will be prompted with the dialogue box shown in Figure 9. Make sure “Save File” is selected, then left-click “OK” to save the video.

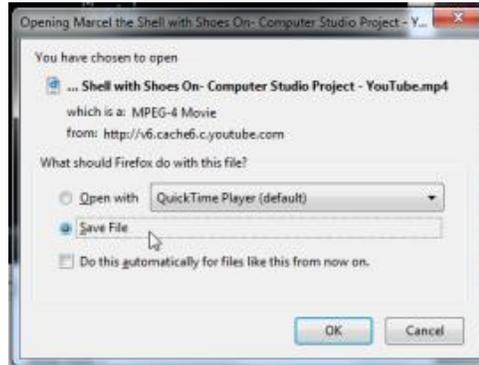


Figure 9

Now that the *Video Downloader* add-on has been downloaded to your computer using *Firefox* and the video has been downloaded using *YouTube*, open *ActivInspire* to continue with steps 8 through 10.

Step #8: In *ActivInspire*, left-click on the *Insert* tab in the menu bar. In this drop-down menu, left-click *Media* (See Figure 10).

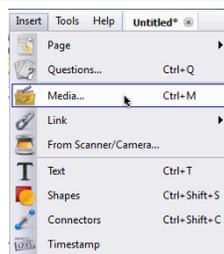


Figure 10

Step #9: After left-clicking *Media*, you will then be able to select a video from your computer. My video is still in *Downloads* because I have not moved it yet. Figure 11 shows what this will look like.

Double click the video you would like to insert.

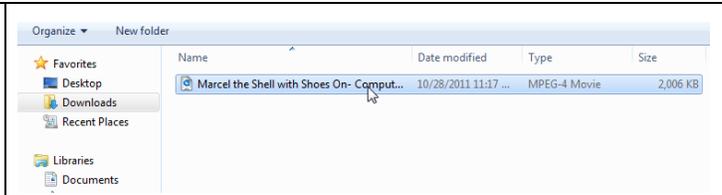


Figure 11

Step #10: Figure 12 to the right shows what the video player will look like. The camera icon to the bottom right allows the user to take a snapshot of the video while it is playing.

Congratulations! You now know how to insert a video into your *ActivInspire* flipchart using the *Youtube Video Downloader*.



Figure 6