

Using 3rd Party Video with the Dash Player

Dash Player has the power to pull video from sources such as Youtube.com and Blip.tv and display them within the Dash user interface. This means you can easily pull video from all over the web and still cleanly display it with a player that is styled to match your web site.

Step 1: Install Dash Player

You may have this installed on your site to service your video needs already, and if that's the case skip this step. If you don't have it installed check out the Dash Player Quick Start Guide for Drupal CMS.

Step 2: Embedded Media Field Module

1. Download and install the Embedded Media Field Module <http://drupal.org/project/emfield>
2. Go to Administer >> Modules and enable the following:
 - a. Under CCK
 - Embedded Media Field
 - Embedded Video Field
 - b. Under Dash Player
 - Dash Player: Embedded Media Field

Step 3: Adding the Embedded Field to your content type

1. Go to Administer >> Content Types and click on Manage Fields under your video content type
 - a. add a new field type with the Label "Embedded Video" and under field_ enter "emvideo"
 - b. For Type of data store select Embedded Video and select 3rd Party Video for the Form element to the data. (This should show up automatically as there is only one option)
 - c. Click save and you will be taken to a page to set up this new field. Here you can select which sources you want to accept video from in a list of check boxes under Providers. You can also modify the display and thumbnail sizes along with whether or not you want the video to autoplay. (The default settings work fine here but feel free to customize the settings to your needs)

d. Under Global Settings at the bottom of the form, leave the “Required” box unchecked and leave the “Number of values” at 1. Save the field settings.

Step 4: Allowing the option to upload a video or use 3rd party video

1. Go to Administer >> Flash Video and look for the content type that you are using for your videos. Click on “Edit settings for this content type”
2. Uncheck the box that reads “Require the FlashVideo for this node type.”

This will allow users to chose to upload a video or pull video from a third party site within the same content type. This also allows all of your videos to be in the same Dash Player playlist display.

Note: You can separate the Dash Player playlist display into categories while keeping all of your videos in the same area. To do this follow the “Creating Dynamic Playlists” Guide. If you want to make node types for only uploaded video and only 3rd party video then you will need to create two seperate content types and corresponding views for them. In this case it might be a good idea to make the “video upload” and “embedded video” fields required.

Step 5: Create content

1. Go to Create Content >> Video and give your video page a title and body, if desired.
2. Copy and paste the url from the 3rd party video you want to import into the Dash Player.
3. Save your page and the video should appear in your Dash Player playlist. The logo of the site that you are bring the video in from will also appear automatically.