

A Table Comparing Different Video Hosting Sites

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Site visitors	More than 1 billion each month.	100 million monthly unique views.	[3]More than 1 billion each month.	120 million monthly unique visitors to the site. It also claims to be the most popular European site across all categories.	"Hundreds of millions," according to a Bambuser blog post.	More than 2 million unique IPs each day, according to charts on archive.org.	An average of 16,500 monthly unique visitors to the site
Open content licensing	No	No	No	No	No	Yes. Creative Commons or public domain.	Yes
Time limit	You can upload videos longer than 15 minutes but you'll need to verify your YouTube account via mobile device. Keep in mind, you'll only be able to upload long videos if your account is in good standing based on YouTube community guidelines.	No time limit, as long as it fits within the upload limit.	For an unverified account, 10 minutes. Verified accounts can upload up to 20 minutes.	60 minutes	There are currently no technical limits on how long you can broadcast, how much you can broadcast, or for how long the material is stored.	Archive asks that you submit the highest quality format available, and then attempts to create smaller file sizes and formats automatically with deriver program.	Varies. The site also recommends settings for low bandwidth situations.
File size limit	20 GB and greater	Vimeo Basic (free) allows an upload limit of 500MB and 1 HD video per week. Vimeo Plus allows files up to 5GB. Vimeo PRO allows up to 20GB of video per week, or up to 1040GB per year.	For an unverified account, the limit is 100MB.Verified accounts can upload 1 GB.	4 GB	There are currently no technical limits on how long you can broadcast, how much you can broadcast or for how long the material is stored.	Archive asks that you submit the highest quality format available, and then attempts to create smaller file sizes and formats automatically with deriver program.	Varies, depending on length and bitrate. The site provides recommended settings for low bandwidth situations
Region or issue based	No	No	Yes, depending on the established page you post the video.	No	No, although video content can be sorted by map. There is also a channel for "Middle East" content.	No	Yes. EngageMedia focuses on video content from Southeast Asia that cover social and environmental justice issues. There are videos from other parts of the world as well but limited.
Cost	Free	Vimeo Basic (free), Vimeo Plus (\$9.95/month), and Vimeo PRO (\$199/year)	Free	Free	Base service is free to consumers and charity organizations.	Free	Free
Mobile device uploads	Yes. If you have an Android or iOS device, you can use the YouTube app or YouTube Capture. For other devices, you can use email or MMS to upload videos.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, via Bambuser app. On select platforms (currently Android, iOS, Maemo and MeeGo), it is possible to save a recording to the phone and upload it to Bambuser at a later time when internet connectivity is available.	No, but you can access the site from a mobile browser.	Yes, via mobile browser.
Mobile device uploads	Yes, for Android and iOS.	Yes, for iOS, Android, Windows Phone 7 and 8.	Yes	Yes, for iOS, Android, and Windows Phone 7.	Yes, available for iOS, Bada, Nokia MeeGo, Maemo 5, Symbian^3, Symbian S60 5th Edition, Symbian S60 3rd Edition, Symbian S60 2nd Edition, Symbian UIQ 3, Android, and Windows Mobile.	No	No
Videos embeddable	Yes	Yes	Check if the video is being hosted elsewhere, such as YouTube.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Videos downloadable	Sort of. Proceed at your own risk: you'll have to use third-party software, and downloading videos or using an external application to download videos that lack an official button or similar link is a violation of YouTube terms and the video owner's copyright. YouTube is undertaking a pilot project to allow content owners the ability to make their content legally downloadable for free or for a fee.	Yes	You can use third party tools to download Facebook videos.	No	Only your video content is downloadable by you.	Yes	Yes
Supported input file formats	MOV, MPEG4, AVI, WMV, MPEGPS, FLV, 3GPP, WebM	Vimeo does not provide a list of supported file formats, but states that it "supports most major and popular types."	Facebook recommends MOV or MP4 format.	MP4 is preferred, but the site generally accepts 3gp, avi, divx, m4v, mkv, mov, mp4, mpeg, mpg, ogg, and wmv.	To live stream, a broadband connection is generally recommended, but you can broadcast live video on Bambuser with as little as 100 Kbps of upload bandwidth.	Archive suggests MPEG2 files but can accept other file formats.	MPEG4 is the most common, but EngageMedia accepts multiple formats.
Upload audio or image files	Yes, but you'll first need to combine audio and image files into a format that will work on YouTube.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Non-Flash video formats	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Option available	Yes
Resolution and encoding	YouTube accepts resolutions up to 4K and uses 16:9 aspect ratio players. If you are uploading a non-16:9 file, it will be processed and displayed with pillar boxes (black bars on the left and right) or letter boxes (black bars at the top and bottom) provided by the player. If you want to fit the player perfectly, encode at these resolutions: 1080p: 1920x1080 720p: 1280x720 480p: 854x480 360p: 640x360 240p: 426x240	Resolution: 640 pixels wide (SD) or 1280 pixels wide (HD) Common resolutions for SD video include 640 x 480 px (4:3 aspect ratio) and 640 x 360 px (16:9 aspect ratio). The most common setting for HD video is 1280 x 720 px (16:9 aspect ratio). Plus and PRO members have the option to present their videos at 1080p. 1920 x 1080 px is the most common resolution for 1080p video.	Facebook recommends H.264 video with AAC audio in MOV or MP4 format. Make sure the video isn't more than 1280px wide. Try to keep your aspect ratio, or the length and width of the video, to multiples of 16px. Keep the frame rate of your video at, or below, 30fps. Use stereo audio with a sample rate of 44,100hz.	640x480 for standard definition 4:3 video, 840x480 for standard definition 16:9 video, and 1280x720 or 1920x1080 for high definition.	To stream, a broadband connection is generally recommended, but you can broadcast live video on Bambuser with as little as 100 Kbps of upload bandwidth. Bambuser suggests you use no more than 320x240 pixels when having decent 3G coverage. If the broadcast application indicates a speed of 20000 bytes/s or less, or the stream health indicator goes below 50%, you might want to go down to a lower resolution such as 176x144.	Video (h.264): 640x480 (width scaled if wider/narrower than 4x3 ratio)	Format MP4 (file extension .mp4) Codecs: H264 (High profile) Frame Rate: 24, 25 or 30 (Constant) Frame Size / Resolution: 1280 x 720 (720p) Fields: Progressive Bitrate: 5,000 - 10,000 kbit/s
Compression guidelines	https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/1722171?hl=en [8]	http://vimeo.com/help/compression [9]	https://www.facebook.com/help/124738474272230 [10]	http://www.dailymotion.com/upload/faq [11]	http://bambuser.com/help [12]	https://archive.org/about/faqs.php#Movies [13]	http://www.engagemedia.org/help/help/how-to-compress-video [14]
Multilingual	Yes, you can access different language and country options via computer or mobile device.	No	Yes	Yes. Available in 18 different languages and 35 localised versions (local home pages and local content).	No	Yes	Yes. EngageMedia also offers subtitles and translations online.
Censorship by site	YouTube will remove videos that violate their established community guidelines.	Violations of any Vimeo guidelines may lead to the removal of your videos and/or your Vimeo account.	Dailymotion can take down videos that violate their terms.	Bambuser deletes inappropriate or illegal material which is against the terms of use.	Archive reserves the right to remove any submitted material.	Work must meet submission guidelines or it will be rejected.	
Blocked	YouTube has been blocked in countries.	Vimeo has been reported to have been blocked in countries.	Facebook has been blocked in countries.	Dailymotion has been reported to have been blocked in countries.	Bambuser has been reported to be blocked in countries.	Archive.org has been reported to have been blocked in some countries.	Not blocked in any country.

Viewer search	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Privacy options	You can select your videos to be posted as public, private, or unlisted. Videos uploaded as public won't go live until you click publish.	Private Mode, exclusively for Vimeo PRO members, enables you to keep your profile page and videos from appearing on Vimeo.com.	Public, friends, only you, or custom.	You can select your video to be private.	Videos can be shared publicly, privately with another Bambuser user or Facebook user, or unlisted (hidden) via the Bambuser premium offering. You can also manage privacy-related settings such as geotagging.	Videos are public.	Videos are public.
Access	To upload a video, you need to sign in to YouTube, which requires a Google account. Google accounts require first and last names.	To upload a video, you need to join Vimeo, which requires a first and last name, email, and password.	To upload a video, you need to have a Facebook account, which requires first and last name, email, password, birthday, and gender. To upload longer videos (up to 20 minutes), you'll need to verify your account, which requires a mobile device.	To upload a video, you must sign up for Dailymotion, which requires email, password, and birthdate. You choose your own username, which shows up alongside your video content.	To live stream or upload, you'll need to register with Bambuser, which requires username, email, password, country, and confirmation of age.	To contribute to the digital archive, you'll need to "get a library card" and join the site, which requires email, screenname, password, and accepting the site's terms of use.	To publish video, you'll need to register, which requires full name, user name, email, and password.
Ads	YouTube allows people to join the Partner Programme to monetise content. Ads do appear on videos.	Vimeo is ad free for Plus users.	No	Yes	Yes, the premium version is ad-free.	No	No
Analytics or insights	YouTube Analytics offers reports and data on views, engagement, traffic sources, demographics.	You can see plays, likes, and comments. Advanced statistics available for Plus and PRO.	Yes, via Facebook Page Insights, but you'll have to establish a Facebook Page for an organization or campaign. Insight analytics are not available for individual personal pages.	Basic statistics and views.	On your video, you can see likes and views, including the number of people watching live. Bambuser premium provides comprehensive statistics.	See number of downloads and comments/reviews.	See number of views, downloads and comments.
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Other features	Create and add captions. YouTube allows the use of tags to format quality, scaling, cropping, and more.	Vimeo allows upload via Dropbox and FTP. Create and add captions in multiple languages.	If you already have a dedicated following or campaign on Facebook, this might be a good venue for video distribution.	You can sign up to be a Motionmaker (free but you must apply and be selected) which provides unlimited size and length uploads and promotion of your content. If it's important (and safe) to indicate the location of your video, Dailymotion provides a mapping feature.	You can select to automatically post video content to Twitter or Facebook. You can also select to share your content with Bambuser partner news agencies, allowing media partners to contact you directly. You can record and upload later via the app. On an iPhone, switch from "Live" to "Rec." On an Android phone, launch the app and switch to "Offline Mode."	Can also upload via FTP, though reports said this function was being phased out. Archive allows you to edit your URL and you can add additional metadata to your video. To remove a video from the Archive, you must send an email request, and the email address must match the one you used to upload the video.	Upload via web browser or FTP. Robust selection of metadata for your video content. Easy sharing of your video on social media. EngageMedia also offers a convenient way for viewers to contact you directly via the site. Has a built in Amara (Universal Subtitles) plug-in, so viewers can access subtitles in a range of languages that EngageMedia volunteer subtitles add to videos.

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