04-5 Working with YouTube

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course reviews the process for using a YouTube video as a trackable eLearning course. Students learn how to use the Generic Online course type and the YouTube wrapper, as well as what to do to use to suppress additional video recommendations once the training is done.

There are occasions when YouTube videos are a great source for presenting quick 'How to' training. However, there are a few questions that need to be addressed before any YouTube video is used:

- How can YouTube video be tracked as completed so it is added to the Learner's history?
- Which link should be used to launch the YouTube video from AbilityLMS?
- How can 'video recommendations' be suppressed once the target video is play? This ensures Learners aren't easily distracted or access inappropriate videos during their training session.
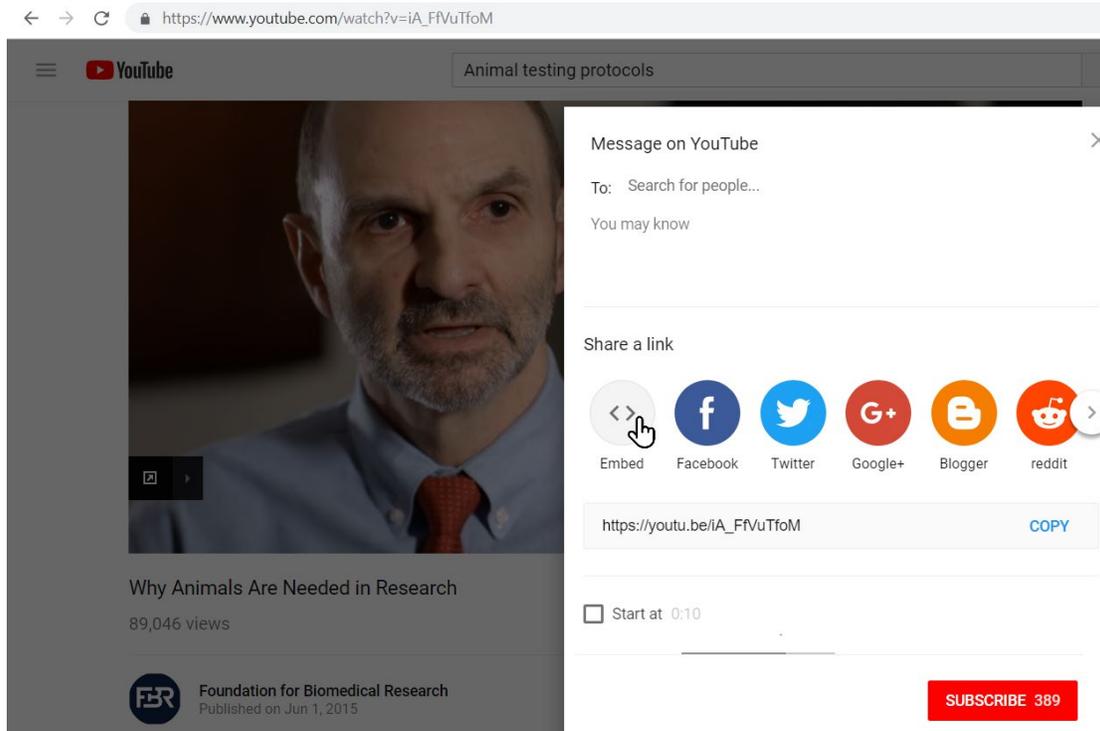
Add a YouTube Video on a Generic Online Training

YouTube videos can be added to AbilityLMS as a Generic Online course, which supports addition of workflows, including the User Sign-Off, Assessment and Survey.
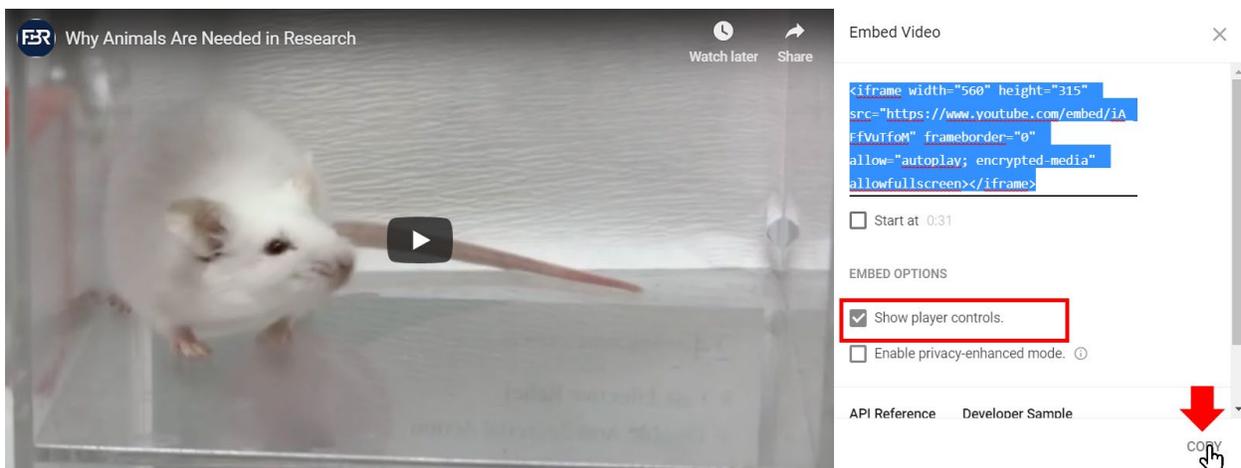
1. Start by locating the target YouTube video, perhaps in a separate tab so it can be referenced while creating the AbilityLMS YouTube video course. In this example, 'Why Animals are Needed in Research' is opened.

2. With the target video opened, click on the SHARE link, just to the lower right of the video displayed above. Click on the EMBED icon to display the target link. **TIP:** Do not use the URL displayed along the bottom with the COPY link.

3. Enable the **SHOW PLAYER CONTROLS** option as shown on the image below and then click on the COPY link in the lower right corner. The entire embed link is selected, but not everything in this is required.

4. Open a simple text editor, like Notepad, and paste the link. Note that the link is encapsulated between the <iframe> tag. For the Generic Online course, ONLY the SRC text between the double quote is required. In the image below, the link is paste on a separate line.
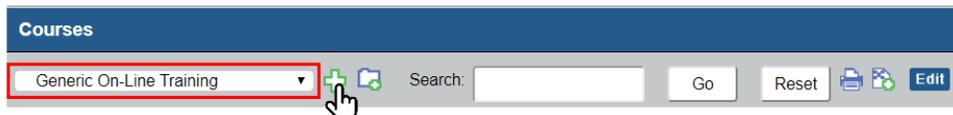

TIP: The text '**?rel=0**' is inserted at the end of the URL link. This ensures that the YouTube video rewinds to the beginning without offering additional video recommendations. Now the URL link is ready to be used with the Generic Online course.

5. Return to AbilityLMS and open the Course page and select Generic On-Line Training from the drop-down menu. For older learning systems, just select the Green Plus (+) icon and select Generic Online from the popup window.
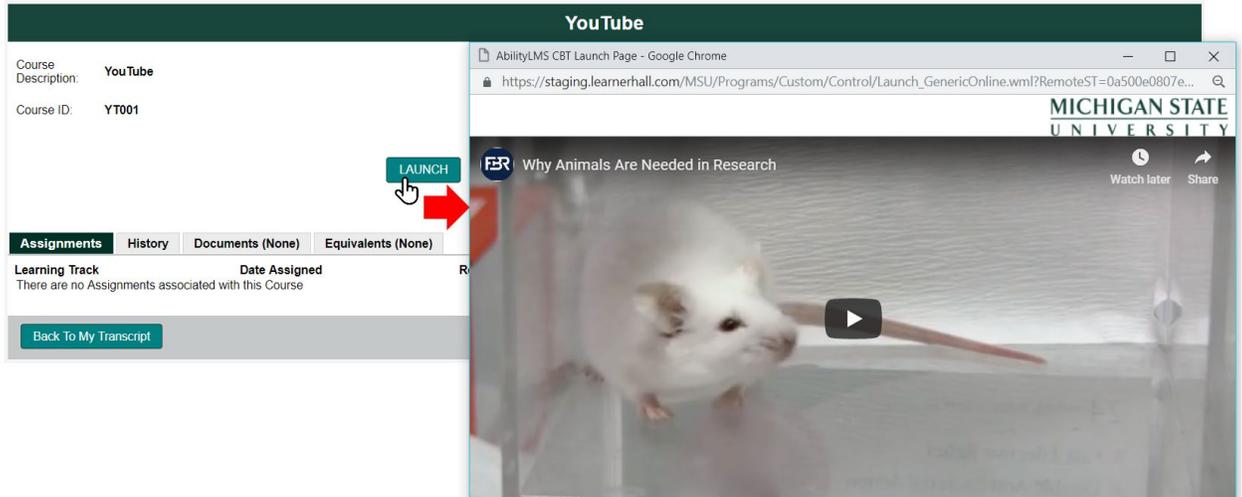
6. Now fill out the form. Note that the COURSE WRAPPER is set to YouTube. The modified URL place in the temporary Notepad text file is copied and pasted into the COURSE LAUNCH URL. When ready, click the SAVE button to create the course.

*Course ID	10/25/2018
*Course Title	YouTube
*Record Status ID	Active ▼
Date Last Changed	10/25/2018
*Course Type ID	Generic On-Line Training ▼
*Course Unit Type ID	On-Line courses ▼
Domain Key	None Selected ▼
Training Area Key	None Selected ▼
Category ID	None selected ▼
*Course Description	YouTube 0 characters typed so far
*Enrollment Rule ID	User can Enroll - Open Enrollment ▼
Days Valid	
e-Signature Required	None Selected ▼
Duration	
Course Wrapper	YouTube ▼
Course Launch URL	https://www.youtube.com/embed/iA_FfVuTfoM?rel=0
Launch Window Width	
Launch Window Height	
Browser Options	
Date Effective From	
Date Effective To	
Open Course in Popup Window?	○ No ◉ Yes
*Learner Can CANCEL?	◉ No ○ Yes
Learner Can PRINT Certificate?	◉ No ○ Yes
Learner Can REVIEW?	○ No ◉ Yes
Learner Can RETAKE?	◉ No ○ Yes

7. The YouTube course can now be added to any Catalog and/or learning Track. When assigned, the Learner will click to open the associated Course Home Page for the YouTube video.

Click the LAUNCH link to open the YouTube Video course. Once the video completes, it automatically rewinds to the beginning. Closing the Course Window displays the next workflow button in the Course Home Page, if any workflow is assigned.