

# TIPS & TRICKS

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### **I Tube...YouTube...We All Tube...**

You can find just about any recording on YouTube... no matter how obscure.

When I was attending Berry College (a few years ago) there was a song that played on Rome's Q102 Radio that I liked... but I couldn't remember the name or artist. So I searched YouTube for the one line that I could remember, (words don't come easy to me), and the top link returned was it... Words Don't Come Easy by F.R. David (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9y5eY1hKuE>). Yeah... I know... it's pretty lame...

Anyway... this week's installment of Tips & Tricks deals with YouTube and ways to get the most out of the site.

**Convert a Video for Offline Playing** - Need a video for use in class? If you go to <http://www.tubget.com> and paste in the URL of a YouTube video, you can choose to download an .mp4 version (the movie) or an .mp3 version (sound only).

NOTE: When I tried this I got a popup window while pasting the YouTube URL into the text box at TubGet. I closed the window and continued

Another site to grab a sound-only .mp3 of a YouTube video is <http://www.youtube-mp3.org>.

**Specific Starting Point** - If you would like to have a URL that will start a video at a specific starting point, simply play the video and pause it at the desired point. Right-click the video and from the menu that pops up... choose the "Copy video URL at current time" item. Now, if you paste that copied URL into a browser, YouTube will start playing at the desired point of the video. You can also send the link to someone or paste into a document.

Example: Bon Jovi - It's My Life (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jC67JzPqDG4>) - the following link starts the video at the point they guy jumps off the bridge in front of the tanker truck ([http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_detailpage&v=jC67JzPqDG4#t=164](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=jC67JzPqDG4#t=164)).

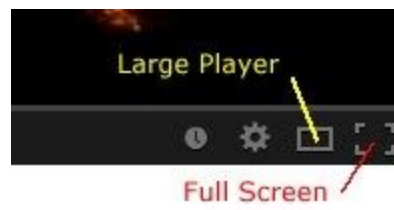
You can also just add the following code to the end of the YouTube URL: #t=xxx (where xxx is equal to the number of seconds to the desired point in the video). In the example above, I started at 2 minutes and 44 seconds into the video... thus #t=164... 164 seconds...

**YouTube TV** (formerly called YouTube Leanback) - Plays high quality full screen videos. Can select from categories or search.

**YouTube Live** - You can watch various live events at <http://www.youtube.com/live>. When I tried this one I was able to watch a challenge round of a USA Men's Curling qualification game! :)

**ViewPure and Quietube** - Using these websites (<http://www.viewpure.com> and <http://quietube.com>) you can view a YouTube video without all the distractions like comments, related videos, etc... (but some of the ads do still show).

**Large Player** - You probably know you can watch videos at the normal screen size on the YouTube page or you can play them in full screen mode... but there is also a slightly larger size that is not full screen mode. Just to the left of the Full Screen button at the bottom right corner of the video is the Large Player button (see image below).



**Viewing History** - If you are logged in on YouTube you can view your viewing history to find a video you've watched (while logged in) or clean up the list. Once logged in you can find this under the Video Manager link.

**Keyboard Shortcuts** - You can speed up your viewing with keyboard shortcuts. Once you have a video playing, click on it and then the following keys will control the video:

- Space bar toggles between play and pause
- Left arrow rewinds
- Right arrow fast forwards
- Up and down arrows control volume
- Home jumps to the beginning of the video
- End jumps to the end of the video

**Better Searching** - Placing words in quotations during a search will search for the specific terms. Plus and minus signs before keywords will include and omit them from your search respectively. Typing in INTITLE: followed by a keyword will search for that keyword in the title of

the videos. Add HD to your search will look for High Definition videos.

**Repeating Videos** - Pasting a YouTube URL into <http://www.youtuberepeater.com> will cause the video to play repeated until you stop it. You can just add the word *repeater* in between the *youtube* and *.com* of the video's URL (ie. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGcsldGOuZY> would become <http://www.youtuberepeater.com/watch?v=uGcsldGOuZY>). If you just go to <http://www.youtuberepeater.com> you can search for YouTube videos on their site to repeat.

**Feather** - If you have trouble loading YouTube videos you can join the Feather project ([http://www.youtube.com/feather\\_beta](http://www.youtube.com/feather_beta)). It reduces the amount of data downloaded by your browser to hopefully speed up the downloading of videos. This is still in testing mode and may not work with all videos.

**Automatic Playlists** - If you go to <http://www.youtube.com/disco> and type in the name of an artist or song or even a type of music... YouTube will create a playlist for you.

The last YouTube item for this list is an iTunes' look-a-like called Tube Radio FM (<http://www.tuberadio.fm>). You need to be logged in with a FREE account to make use of this site. I've not created my free account yet but will soon. Let me know if you try it and like it.

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