

## **Viddler**

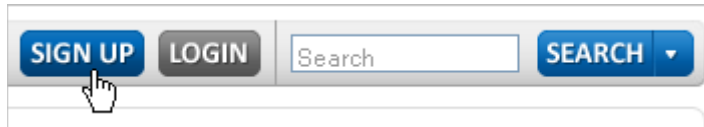
Viddler is a video-sharing website similar to YouTube. However, Viddler offers additional functionality that makes it well-suited for educational use. Viddler makes it easy for users to record video directly from a webcam and insert markers and written comments at different points on a video clip's timeline.

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## I. How do I create an account?

1. Go to <http://www.viddler.com>
2. Click **SIGN UP** in the top right corner



3. Enter a username, your e-mail address, and a password.

 A screenshot of the 'Sign up' form on the Viddler website. The form is titled 'Sign up' and contains several sections:
 

- Username:** A text input field with 'username' entered, followed by a 'Check for availability' button. Below it, a note says 'No spaces, please. Min. 4 characters, max. 15 characters.'
- Email:** A text input field with 'email@domain.com' entered. Below it, a note says 'Please use a real email address, because we'll send you an email to verify your account. And remember to use your country domain extension if you're outside the US (e.g., yahoo.com.au).'
- Password:** A text input field with masked characters (dots).
- Confirm Password:** A text input field with masked characters (dots).
- Below the password fields, a note says 'Min. 4 characters'.
- Type the words in the box:** A section with a distorted image showing the words 'MIRON' and '18th-century'. Below the image is a yellow text input field containing 'Miron 18th century'.
- Agreement:** Two checkboxes. The first is checked and labeled 'I agree to the Terms of Service'. The second is unchecked and labeled 'Keep me updated on Viddler's progress via email!'.
- Sign up:** A button at the bottom of the form.

Your username will determine the URL at which someone can find your Viddler profile and your videos. Your profile will be at <http://www.viddler.com/explore/username>. Your videos will be at <http://www.viddler.com/explore/username/videos>.

4. Enter the distorted words in the yellow box. This is a security measure to prevent people from using automated programs to create fake user accounts and abuse Viddler's free services.
5. Check the box indicating you agree to the Terms of Service and click **Sign up**.  
(You will be taken to a screen requesting additional information. You do not need to provide any of this information in order to create an account.)

6. You will receive an email at the address you entered. Follow the link provided in this message as instructed and your account will be activated.

## 2. How do I login to Viddler?

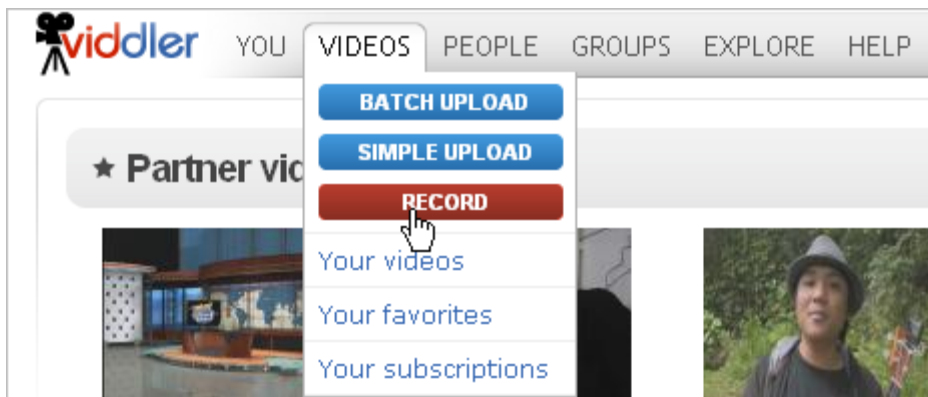
1. On any page in the Viddler website, Click **LOGIN** in the upper right corner.
2. Enter your username and password in the appropriate fields.

A screenshot of the Viddler login form. It features two input fields: one labeled 'username' and another for a password represented by dots. To the right of the password field is a blue 'LOGIN' button. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'REMEMBER ME' and a blue link labeled 'FORGOT PASSWORD?'. A mouse cursor is pointing at the 'LOGIN' button.

3. Click **LOGIN**. (Click **FORGOT PASSWORD?** to have a new password sent to you through email.)

## 3. How do I record from my webcam?

1. Make sure your webcam is connected to your computer and the software is properly installed.
2. Make sure you are logged in to Viddler.
3. Hover your mouse over **VIDEOS** in the top menu bar. A drop-down menu will appear.
4. Click **RECORD**.

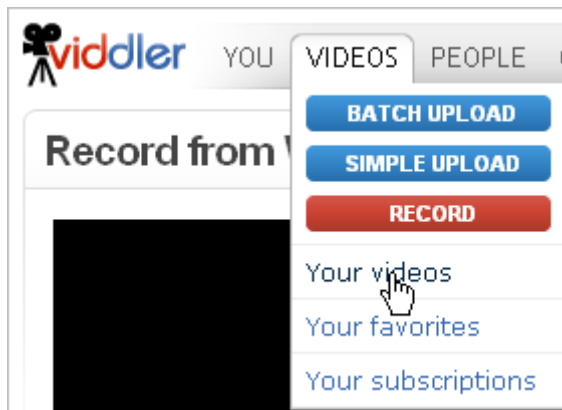


5. Follow the on-screen instructions.

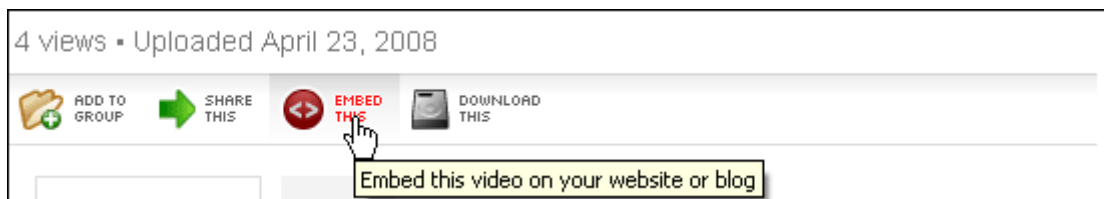
#### 4. How do I embed videos in Blackboard?

These instructions are for embedding videos that you have created into your Blackboard course. The procedure is the same for other public videos in your account. **Note:** The video will not embed properly if it is set to private. In order to embed videos, they must be set to public (viewable by everyone).

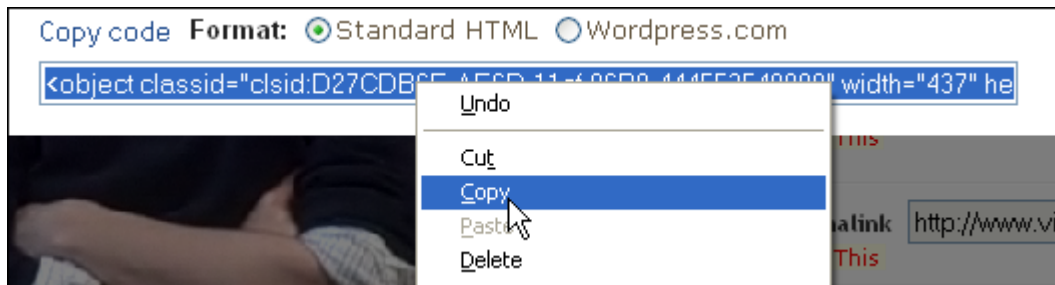
1. Make sure you are logged in to Viddler.
2. Hover your mouse over **VIDEOS** in the top menu bar. A drop-down menu will appear
3. Click **Your Videos**.



4. Beneath the video, click **EMBED THIS**.

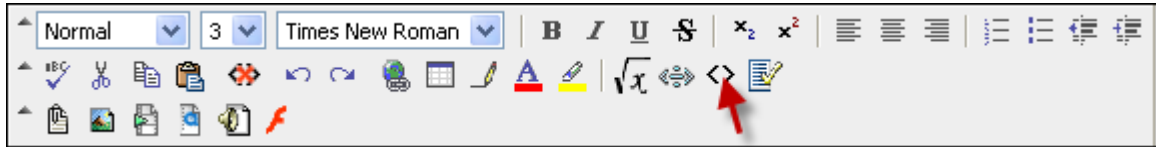


5. Right-click (ctrl-click on a Mac) the embed code at the bottom of this box and select copy.



6. Go to the content area in which you want to embed the video in Blackboard.
7. Click **Edit View** in the upper-right-hand corner.
8. Click **Item** to add a new item or click the **Modify** button to the right of an existing item to edit it.
9. Enter a descriptive title for the video.

10. In the text box toolbar, click the html source button (indicated below with a red arrow).



11. Paste the embed code in the text box.

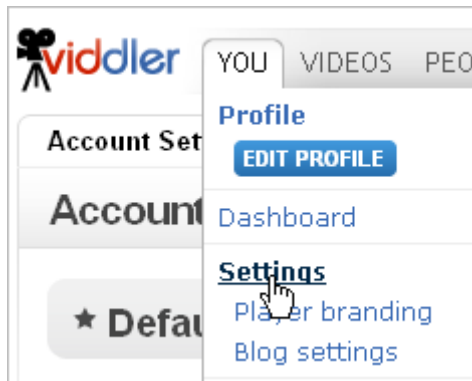
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12. Click the html source button again, and you should see a preview of the video in your text box.
13. Click **Submit**. Your students should now be able to see the video in the appropriate content area.

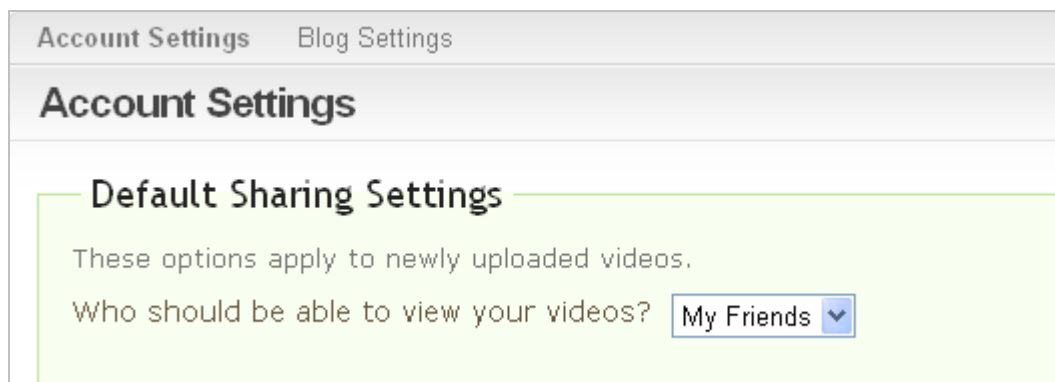
## 5. How do I restrict access to my videos?

These instructions are for changing the default settings of any new videos you record or upload. For information on changing privacy settings of existing videos, see the section titled “Show Private and Shared Videos.”

1. Make sure you are logged in to Viddler.
2. Hover your mouse over **YOU** in the top menu bar. A drop-down menu will appear.
3. Click **Settings**.



4. Under Default Sharing Settings, click the drop-down box and select **My Friends**.



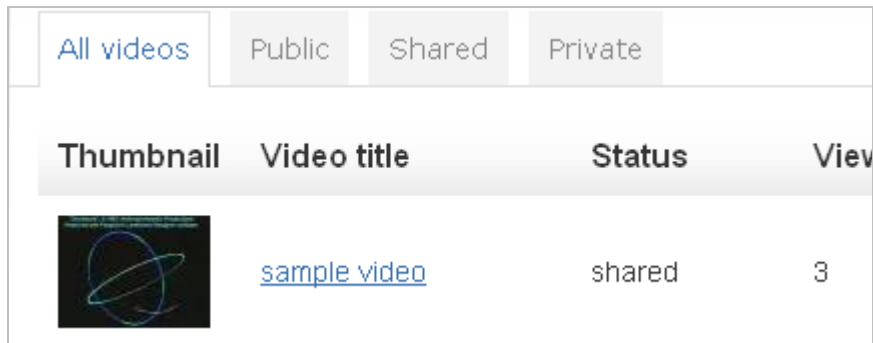
You can share restricted-access videos with users and non-users with the “Secret URL” feature. For details, see the section titled “Show Private and Shared Videos.”

5. Click **Save Changes**.

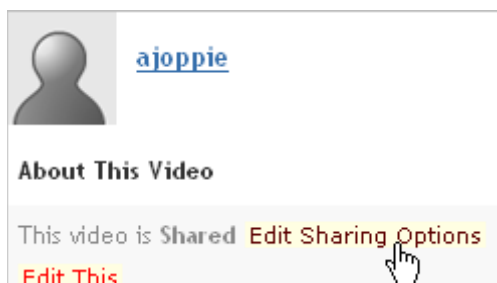
## 6. How do I share my videos?

These instructions show how to show your Viddler videos to others who may or may not have a Viddler account without making them accessible to the general public.

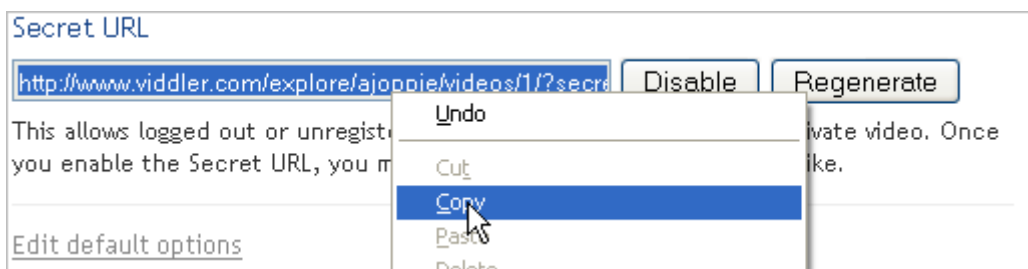
1. Make sure you are logged in to Viddler.
2. Hover your mouse over **VIDEOS** in the top menu bar. A drop-down menu will appear.
3. Click **YOUR VIDEOS**.
4. Select the video you wish to share by clicking on the thumbnail or the video title.



5. Under the heading “About This Video,” click **Edit Sharing Options**.



6. A box will appear with the title Secret URL. Click **Enable**.
7. Select the URL in the text box.
8. Right-click (ctrl-click on a Mac) and select **Copy**.

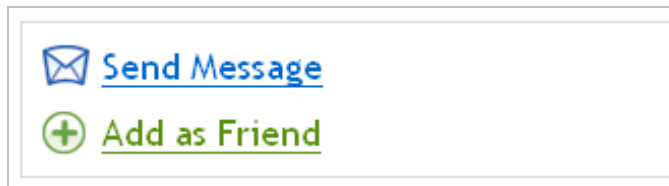


9. Paste the URL wherever you want to share it. For example, you can include the URL in the body of an email, in a Blackboard item, in an instant message, or in a discussion forum post.
10. In the Viddler window, click **Save Changes**.

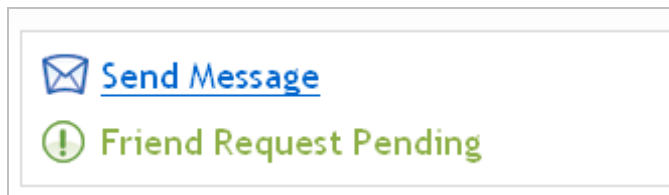
## 7. How do I add friends?

In Viddler, friends are other Viddler users with whom you can share videos that you have designated as Shared (visible to your friends).

1. Go to the profile page of the user you wish to add as a friend. The URL is [http://www.viddler.com/explore/friend's username](http://www.viddler.com/explore/friend's%20username).
2. Click **Add as Friend**.



3. If you wish, write a message to the person you are adding as a friend. Click **Submit**.
4. You will see a message that says Friends Request Pending.



Your “friend” will receive an email from support@viddler.com with a link. He or she should follow the link, click on your username, and click **Accept**.

5. You will now be able to view each other's videos that are designated as shared.