Using Zamzar for Converting Online Videos (YouTube, Google Video, TeacherTube) for Staff/Student use in the Classroom!

Contrary to popular belief, there are some very sound educational videos to be found on the web. Because of their popularity these sites, if left unblocked would bog down our internet pipeline to a slow crawl. Therefore when trying to access some of these sites staff/students are directed to the "Access Blocked" page by ISD11.

There is a neat web site that can help staff convert these videos (from home) to a usable format or allow the Technology Teacher who has been given rights (less filtered rights) to do so from within his/her building.

Hints:

I have found using Safari on the OSX Mac more successful than FireFox. I have found using FireFox on the PC successful. I have not used any other browser at this time.

Let's get started.

1. Go to <u>www.zamzar.com/</u>.



2. You will discover that Zamzar not only converts video files, but it will also convert many other files such as PDF to Word .doc as shown below.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Select files or <u>URL</u> to convert (up to 100MB in size):	Choose the format to convert to:	Enter your email address to receive converted files:	Convert (by clicking you agree to our Terms of Service)
Choose File no file selected	Convert file(s) to:		Convert

You simply select (navigate to its location) the File to be converted, choose the format you want to convert it to, enter your email address for notification, and click "Convert". There will be a short wait for the file location be sent to your email address. Pretty slick way to convert PDF's to another format that you can actually make changes to.

Let's continue with the video conversions.

3. In order to use Zamzar, you will need to get the correct tool or browser button. At the Zamzar Homepage look for the **Tools** menu at the top and click on it.

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Free online file conversion	Home Manage Files Conversion Types Tools Blog FAQ	Pricing & Signup

4. Adding the Zamzar "Convert It" button onto your browser for quick access is an essential step.

Simply drag the "Convert It!" button to your browser toolbar. Now you are ready to do some video clip conversions.

We've put together some tools to make converting ties with Zamzar even easier. Check them out below:		
Zamzar web browser button		
What is it ?		
The Zamzar web browser button is a link you can add to your web browser's "Bookmarks Toolbar". You can use it to convert files from all your favourite websites at the click of a button.		
How do I get it ?		
Make sure your 'Bookmarks Bar' is visible by choosing 'Show Bookmarks Bar' under the 'View' menu of your Safari browser. Singly drag the hutton below only your 'Bookmarks Bar' Convert it !		
If you are on a video sharing website such as YouTube or Google Video you can click the Zamzar button to convert and save the		
video you are watching (click here for a full list of supported video sites).		
On any other websile if you click the button Zamzar will auto-detect if any of the files on the page can be converted and highlight them on that page for you - you can then click a button to convert them. See a video of the button in action <u>here</u> .		

4. I logged on (less filtered access) to youtube and selected a short video clip from the Reading Rainbow TV series. You Tube Wordwide (AI) English



5. If I am interested in capturing and converting this video clip, all I need to do is to go to my Browser Toolbar and click on the "Convert with Zamzar" button.



6. You are now given an incredible amount of video conversion file choices. The **mov** format works great. Experiment on using different types of formats to see what is most successful for you and your platform. Sometimes if a video will not play, I have changed the extension to make it work.

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Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Select files or URL to convert (up to 100MB - <u>want more</u> ?): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v e.g.http://youtube.com/?v=MtbQ4J3Rft (click here for more info)	Choose the format to convert to: 3gp	Enter your email address to receive converted file:	Convert (by clicking you agree to our <u>Terms</u>) Convert
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The file/video you choose to convert is listed here. Step 1 is done for you.

Select your file type in Step 2. Type your email address in Step 3. Finally click "Convert" in Step 4.

You will be asked to verify the format you choose and the email address that you want the converted video link will be sent to. Click OK



The video will need time to be uploaded to the Zamzar site. Time will vary according to the length of the video and your connection speed.

File to convert: Uploading - Estimated time left: 4 mins 48 secs 7% completed (760 KB of 10.6 MB)	(Click to open in a Remote PC Acc Access your PC try GoToMyPC®
http://www.teachertube.com/flvideo/8140.flv Remove File U	ploading 😳

7. You will receive an email notification letting you know that the conversion has been successful. Amazingly this takes a relatively short time. Here is an example of the email notice.

Click the active link to be directed to the download site at Zamzar.	Example Terre online file conversion File conversion Fullo from Zamzar I Vou'll be pleased to know that the file that you submitted for conversion is now available for download from Zamzar - all files will be day from receipt of this mail. Thanks for converting with us ! Why not above out unbauvides conversions are that right some or Zeman 2 Atternatively click on the following link to download a copy of your converted file: http://www.zamzar.com/getFiles.php?uld=343439326562510011909876288targetID=diNtAEGEb41PudJ72yg_ZXA_1_1	
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