

SIX STEPS TO UPLOAD A POD

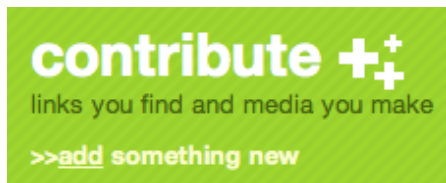
And other useful uploading info...

Step 1: Make a profile on current.com

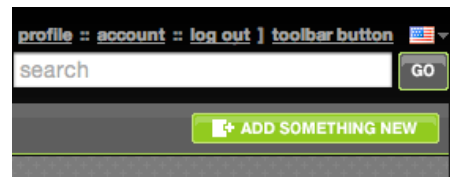
To upload a pod, you need to login to your profile on Current.com. If you haven't done so already, register and make a profile, supplying all your contact info (email, phone, address, and preferred method of payment) so that we can reach you if we want to put your pod on TV.

Step 2: Go to the upload section

If you want your video to be considered for TV, you need to upload your complete video to current.com (It won't work to upload your video to some other video site [e.g. YouTube] and then link to it from Current.com.) From the homepage, click the "contribute" box or select the "add something new" button at the top-right corner of your screen.



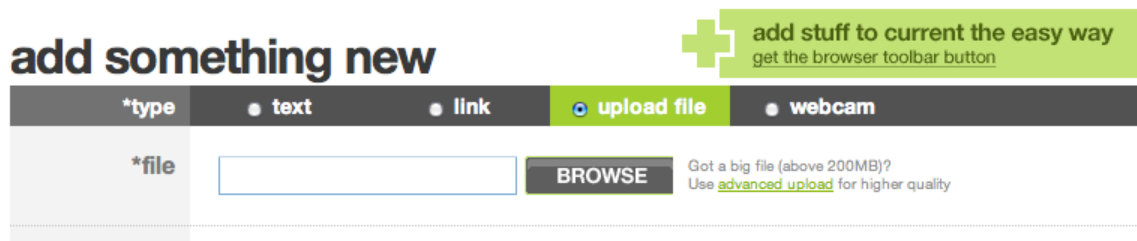
or



Note: Do not compress your file prior to uploading. If your video file is less than 200MB at full quality, use Step 3a. If your video file is larger than 200MB, use Step 3b. Current.com uses an online program called VideoEgg which compresses large files and converts them to flash video so that they can be displayed on the website.

Step 3a: Uploading small video files (less than 200MB)

Select the "upload file" radio button from the four choices on the *type menu. If your video file is less than 200MB, click "browse" and navigate to your file and press 'select'. A green bar should say 'uploading' and then should say 'complete' when the uploading process is... complete. Add a title and a description of your video. Then, jump to Step 4.

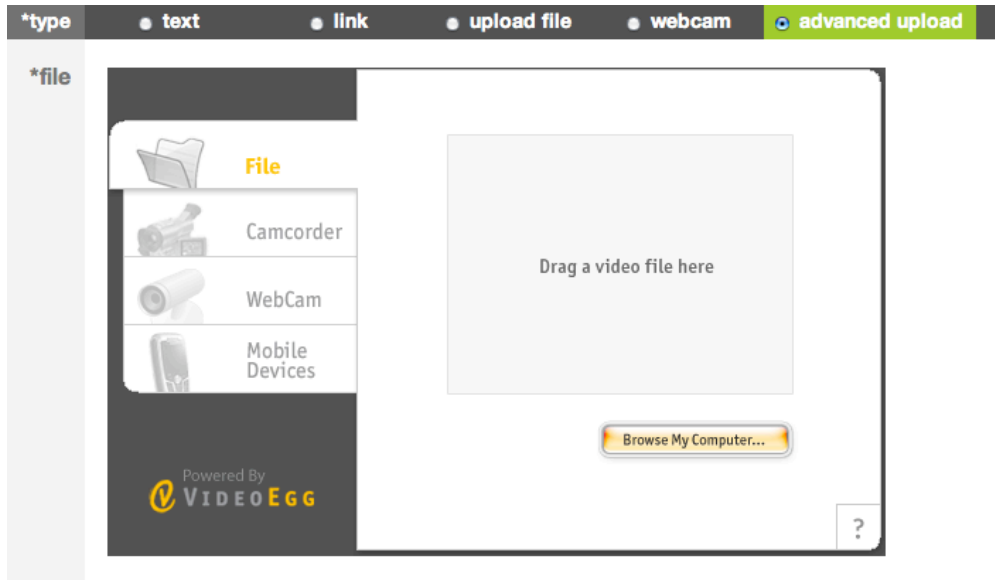


Step 3b: Uploading big video files (greater than 200 MB) – Advanced upload

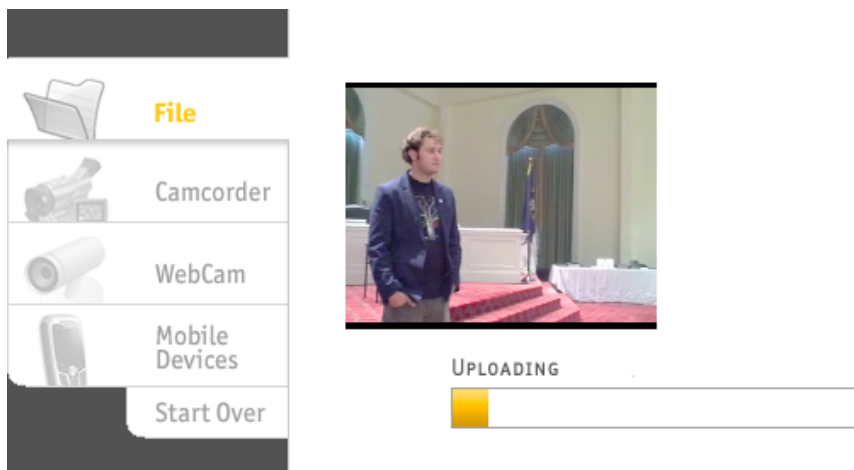
If your video file is more than 200 MB, you will need to use VideoEgg (a online program that compresses video files) to upload your file. **VideoEgg supports** standard DV (NTSC and PAL) Quicktime files (.mov) as well as: .3gp, .3gp2, .avi, .dv, .mpg, .mpeg4, .mpeg, .mqv, .wmv, .asf, .flv. **VideoEgg does NOT support:** Quicktime Streaming web files, Final Cut Movie files, SMIL, QuickTime Sprites or QuickTime VR. (See the Exporting Video section below for more information on exporting your file from Adobe Premiere, Final Cut, and iMovie.)

Note: On a Mac, you must use Safari or Internet Explorer (NOT FireFox) to run VideoEgg.

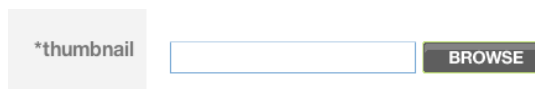
Select the "upload file" radio button from the four choices on the *type menu. Then, in the *file section, click on the link that says "Advanced upload" next to the "Browse" button. Either, the webpage will change to look like the picture below, or, if it is your first time using VideoEgg, you will be prompted to install VideoEgg.



Once VideoEgg is installed, you can either drag your video file onto the VideoEgg window or click the "Browse My Computer..." button to navigate to your file. Click upload. A yellow-orange progress bar should appear as the video uploads (see picture below.) When your video is done uploading, "uploading" should change to "uploaded," but if the progress bar reaches then end and it continues to say "uploading," proceed as if the video upload is complete.



While the upload progresses, you can add a title, description, and a thumbnail graphic (an image or still frame that represents your video). These are all mandatory steps to uploading your video! To add a thumbnail, select "browse" and navigate to the image file on your computer that you want to use. The following file formats are supported: 3gp, 3gp2, avi, dv, mpg, mpg4, mpeg, mov, mqv, wmv, asf, flv. See the Troubleshooting section for tips on how to make a thumbnail from your video.



Step 4: Tagging your video

Tag your video to appropriate topic pages. Each additional tag represents another page on Current.com where your video will be displayed. For example, if your pod is about whether or not Obama is a robot, tag it "Barack

Obama," "Robots," "'08 Presidential Election," "Technology," and so forth. Then, when you go to the "Robots" page, your video will be right there as a new item.

Note: If you want your pod to be considered for TV, it must be tagged to "VC2 Top Contenders." By selecting that you own the rights to the video file in Step 5, the video should be automatically tagged to "VC2 Top Contenders."

suggested topics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> '08 Presidential Election	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barack Obama
	<input type="checkbox"/> California Politics	<input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Finance Reform
	<input type="checkbox"/> Elections	<input type="checkbox"/> Free music
	<input type="checkbox"/> RCRD LBL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robots
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spank Rock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VC2 Top Contenders	<input type="checkbox"/> other

Step 5: Rights

If you own the rights to the file and want your video to be considered for TV, check the box next to "I want this upload to be considered for broadcast on Current TV, and I own the rights to this file." Specify what kind of content your video is:

rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I want this upload to be considered for broadcast on Current TV, and I own the rights to this file.
	Help us classify your file for TV consideration. What kind of upload is it?
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Pod (short non-fiction video, usually 1-7 minutes long, that tells a story or profiles a character)
	<input type="radio"/> V-CAM (a viewer-created ad for one of our sponsors)
	<input type="radio"/> Viewpoint (a video opinion, usually under 60 seconds)
<input type="radio"/> Other Awesome Stuff (anything else: from photos to home movies to works of fiction)	

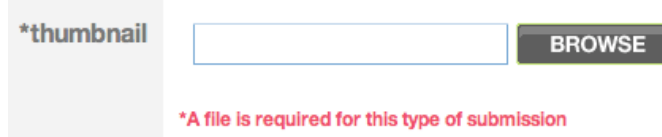
Step 6: Submit your video

Click "submit" and be patient while your video processes. This can take several minutes and after your video uploads, it will take more time (up to half an hour) for your video to play on the site. Don't get impatient if you see an image that says "video being processed, check back soon" – just check back soon!

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Troubleshooting: Having trouble uploading?

Problem 1: I'm trying to upload my video and I get an error message that says "This action requires a file."



Solution: You need to select a thumbnail to go with your video. A thumbnail is an image that represents your video. Select "browse" next to "thumbnail" and navigate to an image file you want to upload along with your video. This will become the thumbnail.

Problem 2: The progress bar looks like it's done but still says "uploading" instead of "uploaded."



Solution: This is a glitch; if the bar is 100% done, your upload is complete. Proceed as if it said "uploaded" or "complete".

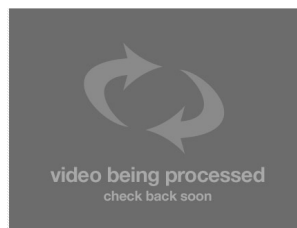
Problem 3: My uploaded video plays audio but the image is just black.

Solution: Try re-uploading your video with VideoEgg, even if it's less than 200 MB. If that doesn't work, then it's a glitch in the site and you can email support@current.com.

Problem 4: I tried to upload my video and now it just says "Transcode Failed."

Solution: Try re-uploading it in a different browser. If that doesn't work, email support@current.com.

Problem 5: After I upload my video, an image like the one below shows up. Why can't I see my video?



Solution: Patience grasshopper. The site reloads every half-hour or so. If you check back soon, you will be able to see your video. No need to upload your video a second time.

Problem 6: I can't access or download music from the music library.

Solution: To download music from Current's music library, you need to have been granted music credits. You get 10 music credits by uploading a pod or V-CAM (see Step 5 about rights). If you have been granted music credits and you still can't access the music library, send an email to vc2outreach@current.com.

Tip: How do I make a thumbnail from my video?

Solution: An easy way to make a thumbnail is to take a screenshot of the image that you want to represent your video. On a Mac, you can press Apple-Shift-4, and then make a box around the image you want to capture. The screenshot will be saved to your desktop. On a PC, there is usually a keyboard button for taking a screenshot.

Exporting Video from Adobe Premiere, Final Cut, and iMovie:

Most commercial video editing packages have preset export settings for user convenience. Simple steps for exporting optimized video content are outlined below.

Adobe Premiere:

In Adobe Premiere, the output resolution is set when the project is created.

1. When creating a new project, select "Load Preset"
2. Out of the available presets, expand "DV-NTSC" and select "Standard 48kHz"
3. Enter the name of your video and the location you wish to save it to
4. Proceed to edit your video as per normal
5. When you are done editing your movie, export it as you normally would
6. Upload your video on Current.com through VideoEgg by either selecting the correct file from the "Browse My Computer" button or by dragging and dropping the file into the VideoEgg window directly

Final Cut Pro:

1. After editing video, select "Export > Using QuickTime Conversion" from the "File" Menu
2. In the dialog box, enter the name of your video and the location you wish to save it to
3. Select "Format: QuickTime Movie" and "Use: LAN/Intranet"
4. Click Save
5. Upload your video to Current.com using VideoEgg by either selecting the correct file from the "Browse My Computer" button or by dragging and dropping the file into the VideoEgg window directly

iMovie:

1. After editing your video, select "Quicktime" from the "Share" menu
2. Select "Export Settings" and clicking the "Share" button
3. In the dialog box, enter the name of your video and the location you wish to save it to.
4. Select "Use: LAN/Intranet" in the next window that appears and click on "Save" to export your video file
5. Upload your video to Current.com using VideoEgg by either selecting the correct file from the "Browse My Computer" button or by dragging and dropping the file into the VideoEgg window directly

Windows Movie Maker:

1. After editing your video, select "Save to my computer" under "Movie Tasks" and click "Next"
2. Enter a file name and location and click "Next"
3. Select "Other settings: High quality video (large)" and click "Next"
4. Upload your video to Current.com using VideoEgg by either selecting the correct file from the "Browse My Computer" button or by dragging and dropping the file into the VideoEgg window directly

Vegas Video:

1. After editing the video, from the File menu, select "Render as"
2. In the next screen, enter the name of your video and the location you wish to save it to.
3. Change the Template selection to "NTSC DV"
4. Click on "Save"