

# Re: Trouble Playing You Tube

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- *From:* Robersabel <Robert>
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I appreciate to all that responded. I will be getting broadband in the near future.

Robert

"Bob Harris" wrote:

I agree with the others, dial-up is too slow to support streaming videos. But, if you are very, very patient, if is possible that the entire video may eventually download to a cache area on your hard drive. Once that has completed, it might be possibly to play it without delays.

However, if you are patient, you might be able to download a single video, then play it from your hard drive. The download part of that process will be painfully slow, since most You-Tube downloads are several Meg to several tens of Meg in size. You do the math to determine how long the downloading of a single You-Tube file might take.

Of course, you might get a friend with broadband to do the downloading for you.

To download a file you will need a third-party helper application. For the browser called Firefox there is a good, easy-to-use add-in called Downloadhelper. Both Firefox and Downloadhelper are free.

<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/>  
<http://www.downloadhelper.net/>

If you search the web, you might a similar helper application for Internet Explorer.

Once downloaded, you will then need a player for FLV-type files. A good free one is FLVPlayer:

<http://www.flvplayer.com/>

Note that once you log-in to AOL, you can use any browser, not just the AOL

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browser, which is really a shell on top of Internet Explorer.

If you have any option on getting broadband, consider doing it. Broadband is, of course, more expensive than dial-up. But, usually it is only about twice the price per month for something like 50 to 200 times the speed. Further, before I switched to broadband, I found that I was spending hours each month baby-sitting the downloading of patches for XP, antivirus, and other software. Even shopping on-line was painful, waiting for each small picture of each item in a web-catalog to appear. And, sometimes I timed-out or got disconnected while attempting to execute an on-line purchase. In the end I figured that my time was worth the extra money.

An alternative to having your own broadband connection, is to check whether your local library has PCs with internet. If yes, then they also probably have broadband. However, a library may impose some filters on what you can view, and will probably have limits on how long one person uses a PC. Another alternative is to find a friend with broadband and either use their PC, or if you have a portable PC, try to add it to their network (i.e., via a wireless router).

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Use AOL with dial-up XP PC

I attempt to play you tube but it cycles 2-3 seconds and stops, then starts for another 2-3 seconds.

Improves after clean cookies, disk cleanup, and defragmented.

Directions state required Bradband to play.

No option?

Robert