

Replace media in Moodle (legacy)

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 This article is designated for all users.

About

You can upload a new version to replace video and document entries (such as PDFs, DOCs, and DOCXs) while retaining their associated metadata, URL, and analytics.

This ensures your content remains current without losing valuable historical data. However, time-based metadata may require manual adjustments if it becomes misaligned with the updated media.

When replacing videos in moderated channels or categories, the updated content will be unpublished and moved to "pending moderation." In non-moderated channels or categories, the updated media will remain published without interruption.



This feature requires the [Replacemedia module](#) to be enabled.

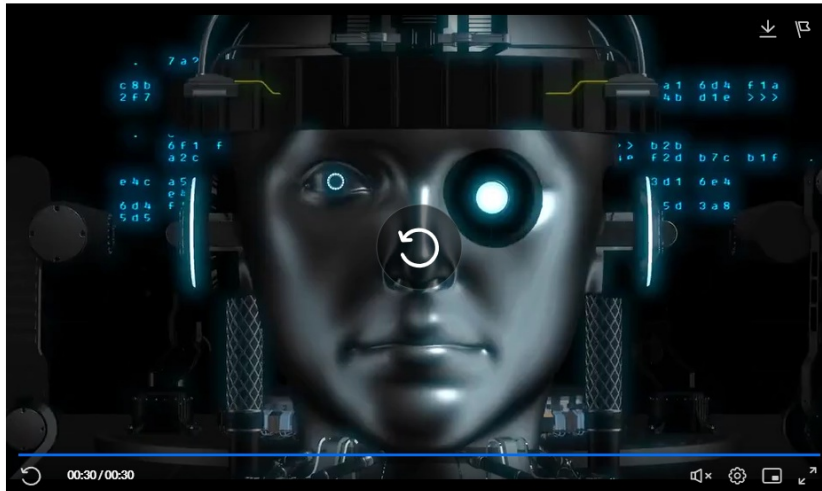
These instructions apply to the **Legacy Video Portal**. If you're using the Theming-based Video Portal, please refer to the [Content Hubs category](#).

Replace media

1. Access the edit media page.
2. Click on the **Replace Media** tab.

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Basic Info

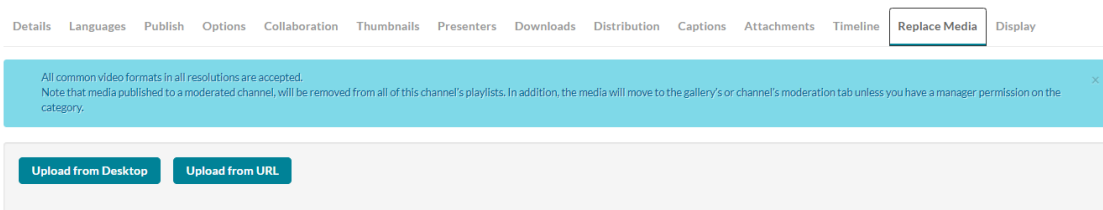
Creator: Louise [redacted]
Owner: Louise [redacted]
Media Entry ID: 1_m3tfrdr
Media Type: Video
Publish Status: Published
Creation date:
April 15, 2024 2:00 PM Asia/Jerusalem
Update date:
April 22, 2024 12:41 PM Asia/Jerusalem
Media asset update date:
April 15, 2024 2:01 PM Asia/Jerusalem

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Name:
(Required)

The 'Replace Media' page displays.



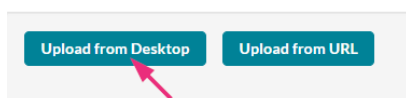
3. Click **Upload from Desktop** or **Upload from URL**.



All common video formats in all resolutions are accepted. Note that media published to a moderated channel will be removed from all of this channel's playlists. In addition, the media will move to the gallery's or channel's moderation tab unless you have a manager permission on the category.

Upload from desktop

1. Click Upload from desktop.

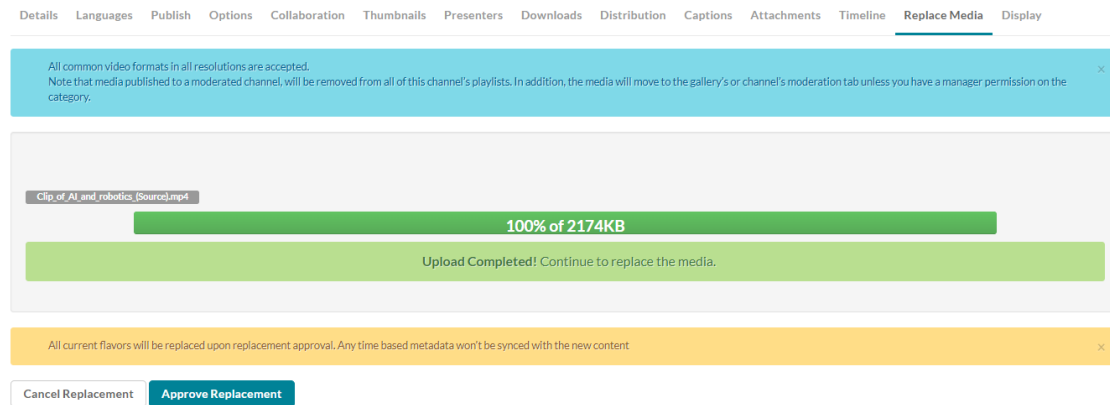


2. Select the desired file from your computer.

3. Click **Open**.

Once the file has uploaded a success message displays: *Upload completed! Continue to replace the media.*

A warning message also displays: *All current flavors will be replaced upon replacement approval. Any time-based metadata won't be synced with the new content.*



4. Click **Approve Replacement** to continue.

A message displays: *Your media is being processed.*

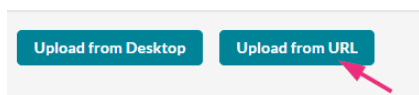
During this time, you can click **Cancel Replacement** if you want to stop the process.

Once the media has been replaced, a success message displays: *Your media was successfully replaced and unpublished from any moderated gallery/channel.*

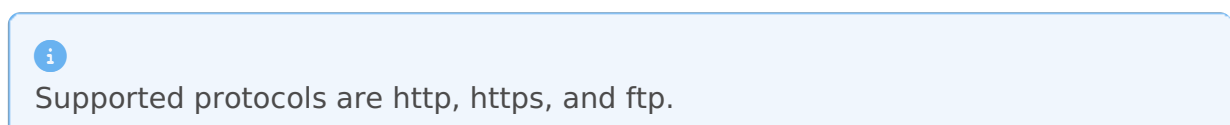
5. Click **Cancel Replacement** to complete the process. Click **Replace Again** to return to the Replace Media page.

Upload from URL

1. Click Upload from URL.



2. Type a valid URL in the "Ingest media from a the URL" field.



Below is an example of a valid link:

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Ingest media from a URL:

Validate URL

URL is OK

Supported protocols are: http, https, and ftp. If the URL is password protected, please use: protocol://username:password@domain/filepathname

Cancel Replacement
Approve Replacement

Example of Google Drive link:

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Notes for google drive file sharing:

- If the file is restricted an error will occur.
- To allow access to file go to: Google drive file > three dots icon > Share > Anyone with the link can view

General access



Anyone with the link ▼

Anyone on the internet with the link can view

Viewer ▼

3. Click **Validate URL**. If the URL is not validated, you'll receive notification.
4. After the upload is complete, click **Approve Replacement** to approve or **Cancel**

Replacement to cancel.
