Add a YouTube video in Sakai

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This article is designated for all users.

About

Importing a YouTube video lets you add publicly available videos to your media library to enrich your LMS content. This article explains how to import a YouTube video and what to expect after it’s added.

This feature requires the following to be enabled:

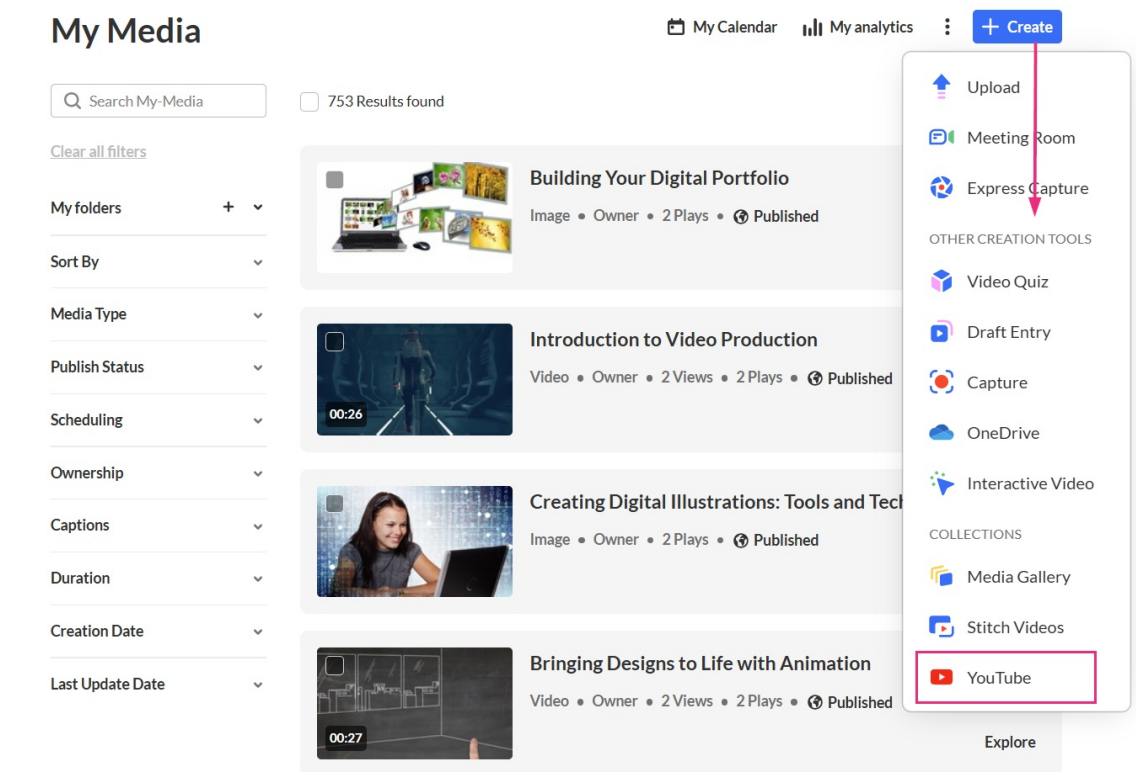
- The YouTube module
- The Theming module, with the `youtube` feature set to 'Yes'

Add a YouTube video

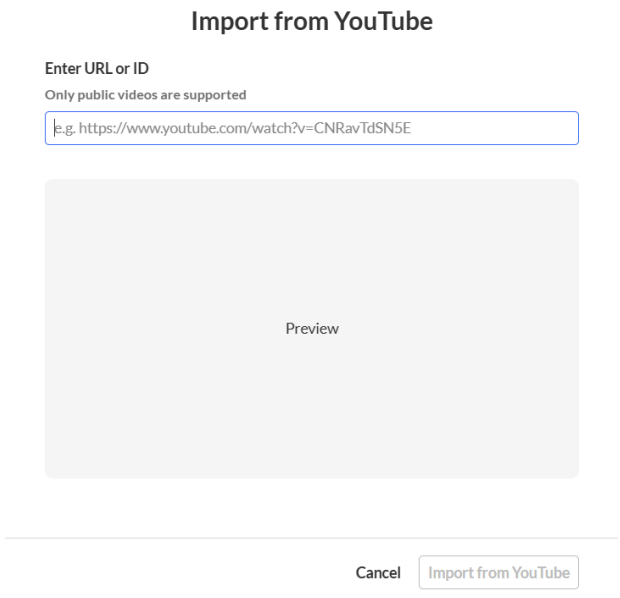
1. Go to your **My Media**.
2. Select **YouTube** from the **+Create** menu.

   If you don’t see this menu option, contact your administrator.

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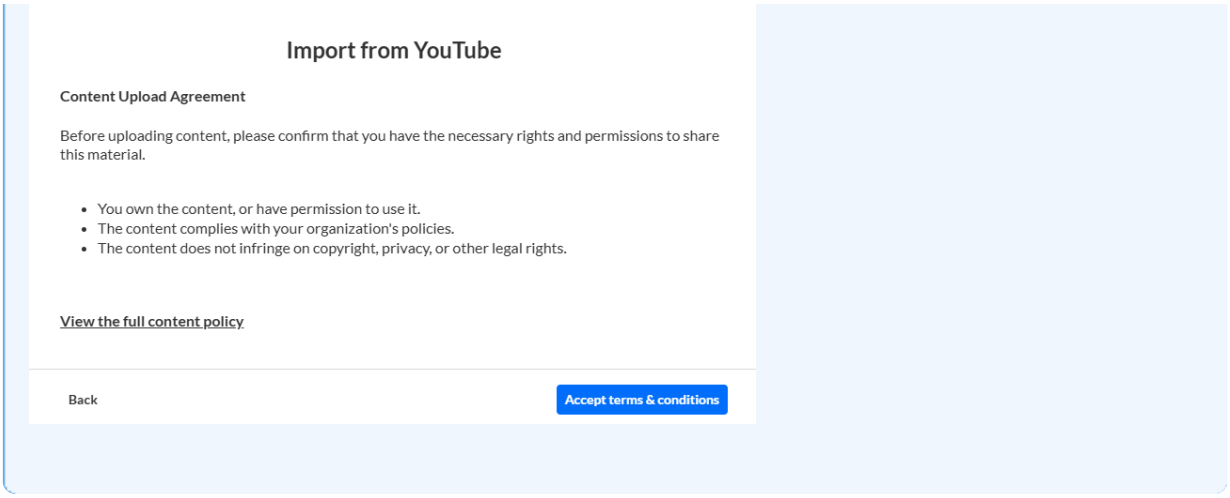


The **Import from YouTube** page opens.



If your administrator set up a disclaimer, it appears first. Read the disclaimer, and then select **Accept terms & conditions** to continue. To go back without importing, select **Back**.

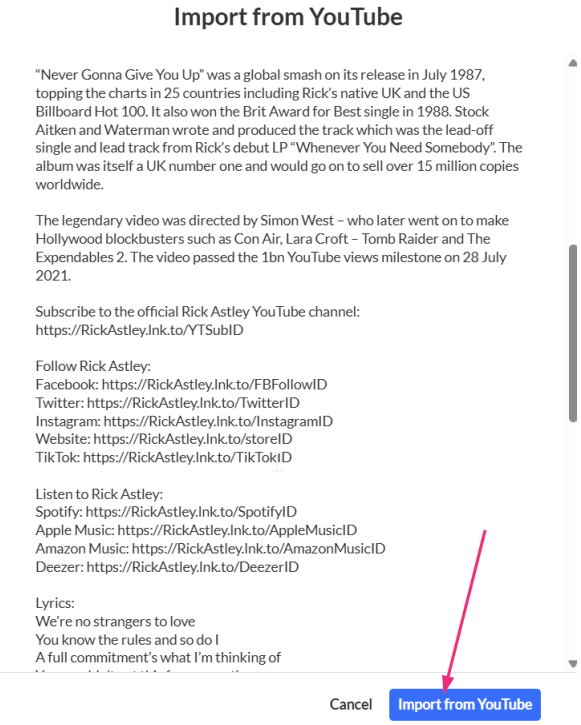
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3. Paste the YouTube link into the box.

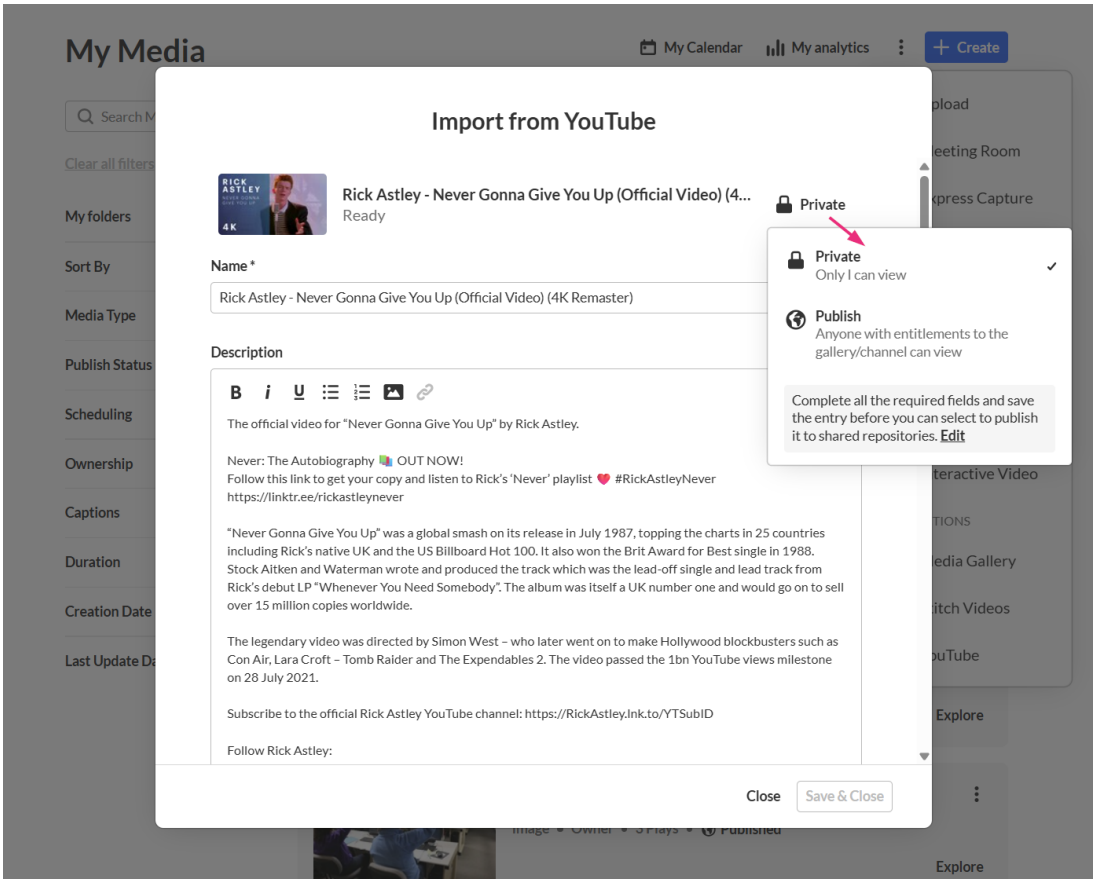
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> Only public domain videos are supported.

4. Select **Import from YouTube**.



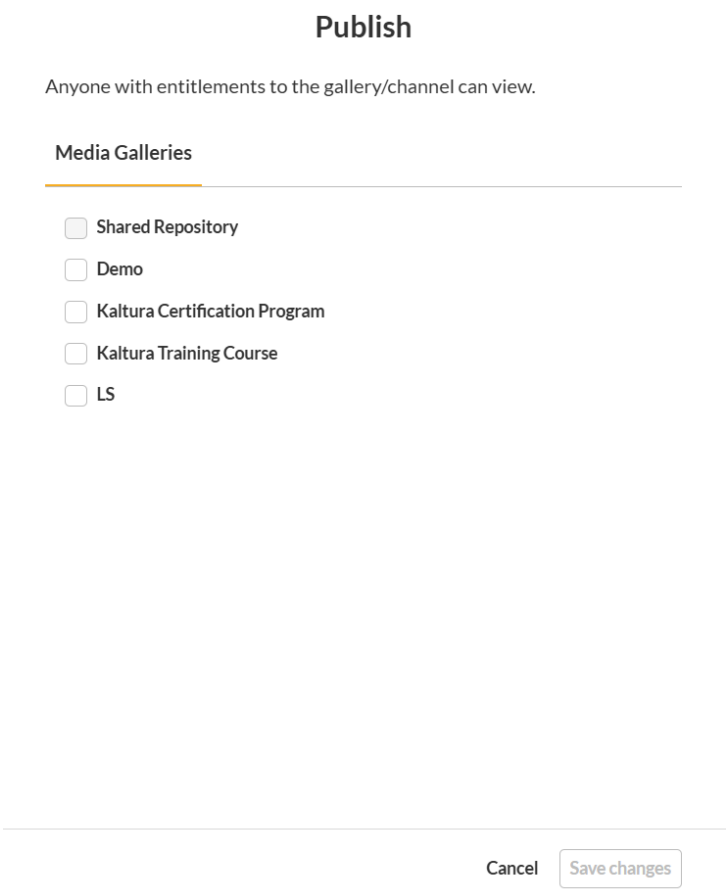
5. Edit the name, description, and metadata.
6. (Optional) Choose a **Publishing status**.

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If you're publishing, select the publishing destination, and then select **Save changes**.

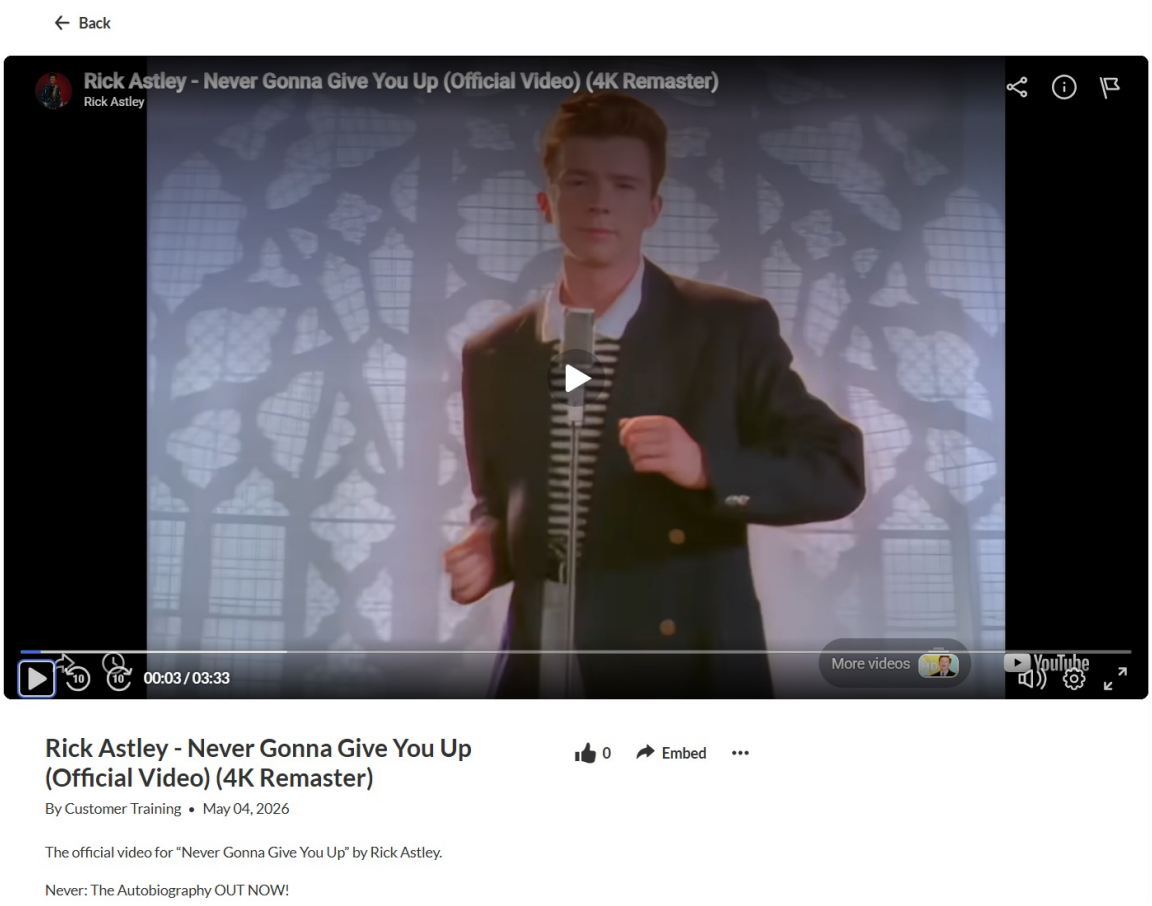
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7. When you finish, select **Save & Close**.

   The media page opens.

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Always check the availability of imported YouTube videos. If a video is deleted or unpublished on YouTube, it won't play on your site and may display a loading indicator instead.

Analytics

YouTube videos linked to Kaltura using the YouTube module have their own analytics, tracking engagement within your LMS. These stats are separate from YouTube's playback analytics.

Captioning

If a YouTube video has captions, you might see overlapping captions with the Kaltura REACH captions. To learn how to manage this, see Overlapping YouTube Captions.

The **v7 player** doesn't ingest captions from YouTube videos.

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