



Online Courseware and unitedstreaming Video

Whether streaming from unitedstreaming™ servers or uploading downloaded video into online courseware servers, it is important to protect the content so only subscribers to the unitedstreaming™ service may use the clips. Below are two ways, for both Macintosh and PC, to accomplish this.


Before You Begin: Know Which Browser is Your Default Browser

Macintosh Users: Changing your default browser can be found in your Control Panels>Internet (OS X: "System Preferences">"Internet"). Click on your "Web" tab. At the bottom of the window, you will see "Default Web Browser" and a pop-down menu. Select the appropriate browser and save changes. Use this browser when obtaining url addresses for making hyperlinks in your courseware.


Option 1: Streaming From unitedstreaming™ Servers: Retrieving the URL

For this first tutorial, we will use for both Macintosh and PC. PC Users: Microsoft Word® 2000, Blackboard® version 6, Internet Explorer® version 6.0.26. Macintosh: Netscape Navigator 7.0 and Internet Explorer. **There will be slight adaptations to the steps below depending on your setup.*


PC Users:

1. Log into <http://www.unitedstreaming.com/>.
2. Search for your video title.
3. Get to the screen that has the video clips to this title.
4. Right click over the .
5. Scroll to "Copy Shortcut".

Macintosh Users on IE:

1. Log into <http://www.unitedstreaming.com/>.
2. Search for your video title.
3. Get to the screen that has the video clips to this title.
4. Click over the .
5. Scroll to "Copy Link to Clipboard."

Netscape Navigator Users:

Click and hold over the  and scroll to "Copy Link Location."

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For Mac Users: Look for
"Copy Link to Clipboard"
as your message.

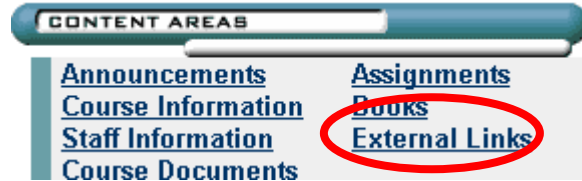




The next set of steps will demonstrate how to paste the url to make a link to the streamed video in Blackboard.

Making a Streamed Link to the unitedstreaming™ Servers

6. Click External Links.



7. Name your link, remove the existing <http://> and paste in the copied unitedstreaming™ url from the unitedstreaming.com site (PC: control +V; Mac: open apple +V).

1 Link Information

Name:

URL:

Description:

Plain Text HTML

8. Click "Yes" to the "Launch Item in external window". It will save confusion from people closing Blackboard.

2 Options

Do you want to make the link visible: Yes No

Launch Item in external window Yes No

9. You now have the link that can be modified or removed. You can also add other video clips.

External Links

Current Location: External Links

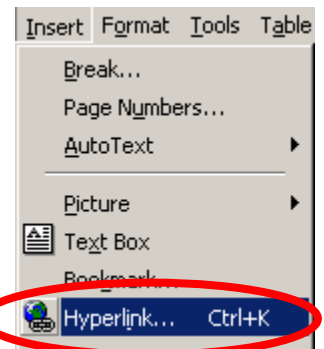
Gravity and Inertia Video (http://www.unitedstreaming.com/play.cfm?thefile=10070%2Fchp889572%2F236R%2Easf&protocol=h&e=y&title_id=10070&media_file_id=1000877&login_id=315322)

Note: Here is the copied unitedstreaming™ URL to your specific clip.

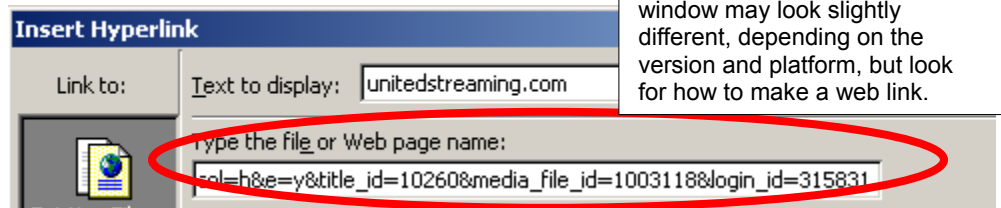


Option 2: Creating a Streamed Video in a Word Processing Document

1. Open your word processing document (existing or make a new document).
2. For your students, include directions to log into unitedstreaming™ and tell them to enter their user name and password. *Please, do not include the user name and password in this document or anywhere online.* Also mention them needing to “Log Out” of unitedstreaming™ when finished viewing the video.
3. Type in a word or phrase that will alert the student to then click your link. For example, “Click here to view video”.
4. Highlight the phrase.
5. Go to “Insert”>”Hyperlink.”

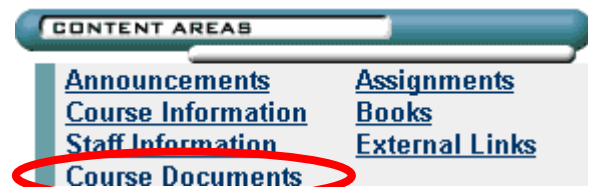


6. Paste the copied url to the unitedstreaming™ clip (PC: control +V; Mac: open apple +V).
7. Click “Ok” in the bottom right corner of the window.
8. Save and close your document.



Uploading Your Page in the Online Courseware

9. Click “Create a Course” or go into an existing course you have previously made. If you already have made a course, skip to number 3.
10. Complete the fields provided for your course.
11. Go to your “Control Panel.”
12. Choose where you want the document to be found; there are a couple choices: For this example, we will make our document a “Course Document.” Click on it.





13. Browse for your file. Click **ok** when finished with courseware's questions.

2 Content Attachments

Files may be attached to the above information. Click the Browse button to select the file to attach f link to this file.

File to Attach:

Name of Link to File:

Special Action:

Current Attached Files:

- Create a link to this file
- Create a link to this file
- Display media file within the page
- Unpackage this file

Select "Create a link to this file". I tested "display media file within the page" and the pop-up message told me you have to "have a link to a .doc extension".

14. Log in as a student to test your document. Make sure to log into unitedstreaming™ first before clicking the video link.

15. Log out when finished.

Option 3: Uploading unitedstreaming™ Video Clips

Before we begin this tutorial, it is important to remember your user agreement: If you upload content to the courseware server, it is for you and your subscribing end-users only. **You need to make sure you have not allowed "visitors" to the course with video clips in it.** You may keep the clips on the software's servers for as long as your subscription is current.

1. Click "Control Panel."
2. Click "Course Documents."
3. Click "Add item."
4. Choose a category for your "document."
5. Next section: Click "Browse" to find the video clip.
6. Select the video file. Click on it. Click "Open."
7. The next screen that appears: "Multimedia Options" – choose your features. Then click "Submit."
8. Test your video link/embed.

For QuickTime files:

You can link to the file.

You can embed the file within Blackboard. It will appear in a separate window.

For Windows Media Player files:

You can link to the video file only. A link to a Windows Media Player file would appear in a different frame and in a very small window.

You cannot embed Windows Media Player files. Trying to embed a WMP will show the player, but the control panels are ghosted. Therefore, you cannot play the video.

Editor's Note: Blackboard 6 had difficulty with Windows Media Player files in general. It was much easier to use QuickTime files for viewing – both on a Mac and a PC.