

Video



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Video

The WordPress video feature allows you to embed video files and play them back using a simple shortcode **[video]**. Supported file types are mp4, m4v, webm, ogv, wmv and flv.

Video shortcode

Following shortcode displays video player that loads pepper.mp4 file:

```
[video src="pepper.mp4"]
```

To use the shortcode in the template file, use the [do_shortcode\(\)](#) function. If the video file is stored in in your theme directory, get the file url directly using [get_template_directory_uri\(\)](#) or [get_stylesheet_uri\(\)](#) :

```
$video_file = get_template_directory_uri() . "/videos/pepper.mp4";  
echo do_shortcode( '[video mp4=' . $video_file . ']' );
```

The following video player will be loaded.

Loop and Autoplay

The shortcode video has the same option with audio. Refer to the related section for the [loop and autoplay](#) options.

The following example starts playing the video immediately after the page load and loops:

```
echo do_shortcode( '[video mp4=' . $video_file . ' loop="on" autoplay=1]' );
```

Initial image and Styling

The following basic options are supported:

Poster

Defines image to show as placeholder before the media plays.

The following same code takes `album_cover.jpg` stored in `(theme directory)/images` folder as the initial image:

```
echo do_shortcode( '[video mp4=' . $video_file . ' poster=' . get_template_directory_uri() .  
'/images/album_cover.jpg]' );
```

Height

Defines height of the media. Value is automatically detected on file upload. When you omit this option, the media file height is used.

Width

Defines width of the media. Value is automatically detected on file upload. When you omit this option, the media file width is used.

The theme's `content_width` sets the maximum width.

The following example will load the audio player with 320 pixels width and 240 pixels height:

```
echo do_shortcode( '[video mp4=' . $video_file . ' width=320 height=240]' );
```

Styling

If you want to change look & feel of video player from stylesheet, you can target the class name of “wp-video-shortcode”. If you want to show the audio player like above in 320 x 240 size, insert following code into your stylesheet:

```
.wp-video-shortcode {
    height: 240px;
    width: 320px;
}
```

Supported Video format

- mp4
- m4v
- webm
- ogv
- flv

References

For more technical details such as internal library that enables this function, refer to

- <https://make.wordpress.org/core/2013/04/08/audio-video-support-in-core/>.
- [Video Shortcode](#)
- [Function do_shortcode\(\)](#)

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