

# How to set up a YouTube channel

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YouTube is the definitive site for video sharing. Videos can be uploaded into your own channel, which is like a 'homepage' for your account, where other people can see the videos you wish to share.

This guide will give you a step by step walkthrough of setting up your own YouTube channel to upload your own videos.

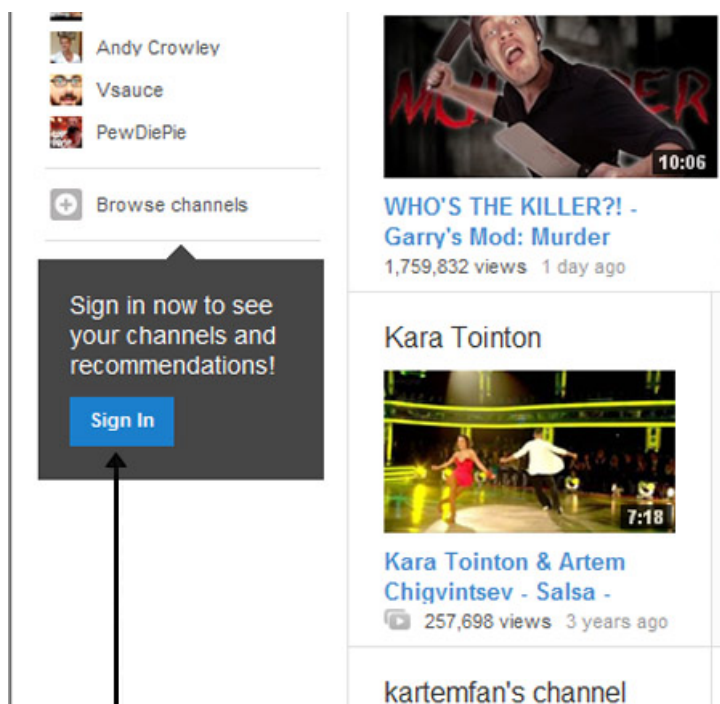
## You'll need:

- A computer with internet access and a browser installed.

***This guide is written using Windows 7 and Internet Explorer, however the process is similar for different operating systems and browsers.***

## Follow these step-by-step instructions for creating a new YouTube channel

**Step 1:** Go to the [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) website at [www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). On the website, you can sign in and set up a channel or start a new account if you don't have a Google account. Even if you don't have a Google account, click on **Sign In** and you can then create a new account. (If you have an account, sign in with your username and password).




**Step 2:** If you need to set up a new Google account, complete the next screen with your personal details. Follow the onscreen prompts. Once you have setup your account, you can return to the YouTube home screen to setup your channel and upload videos.



# One account. All of Google.

Sign in to continue to YouTube



Email

Password

Sign in

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One Google Account for everything Google



## Create your Google Account

One account is all you need

A single username and password gets you into everything Google.



Make Google yours

Set up your profile and preferences just the way you like.



Take it all with you

Switch between devices, and pick up wherever you left off.



Name

First

Last

Your current email address

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Create a password

Confirm your password

Birthday

Day

Month

Year

Gender

Mobile phone

+44

Default homepage

☒ Set Google as my default homepage.

Your default homepage in your browser is the first page that appears when you open your browser.

Prove that you're not a robot

☒ Skip this verification (phone verification may be required)

**Step 3:** Once you have set up your account, are signed in and on the home page, you can set up your channel or account home page from the main YouTube home page.

**Step 4:** Click on **Upload** at the top of the screen.



Upload

**Step 5:** The next screen will explain that you are setting up a channel and Google+ profile. It will also request you to complete the information that the public will see on the web when people go to your channel. It is also a good idea to use a username that gives an idea of the content of your channel, which helps people find it. But it does require a unique username. You can add or upload a photo if you wish. Click **Continue to upload**.

The screenshot shows a form titled "Set up your channel and begin uploading to YouTube". It is divided into two main sections: "How you'll appear" and "What you'll get".

**How you'll appear:**

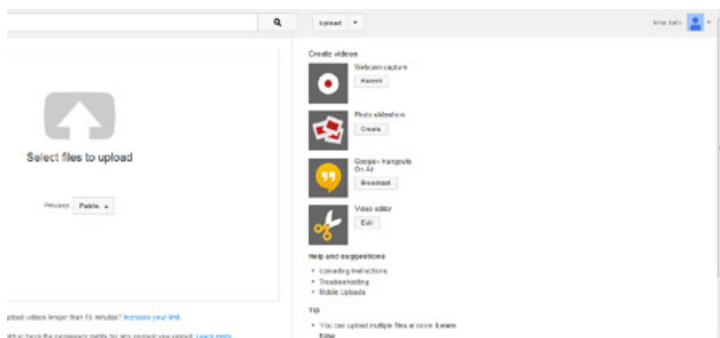
- Profile picture:** A blue circle with a white "A" and a button labeled "Add photo".
- First name:** A text input field.
- Last name:** A text input field.
- Gender:** A dropdown menu labeled "Select".
- Birthday:** Two dropdown menus labeled "Day" and "Month".
- Buttons:** "Cancel" and "Continue to upload".

**What you'll get:**

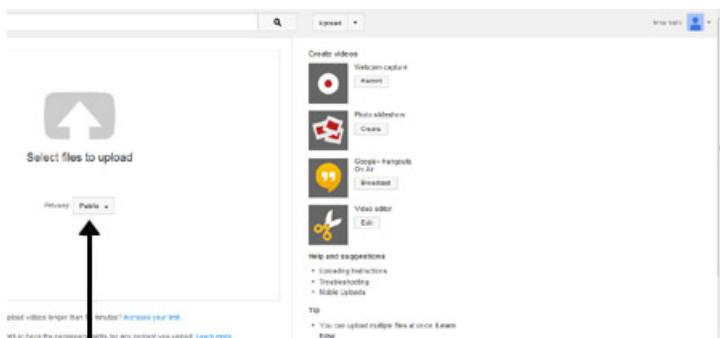
- A YouTube channel:** "Your name will appear on your YouTube channel along with your public videos and playlists. [Learn more.](#)"
- A Google+ profile:** "Your channel comes with a public Google+ profile. It helps friends find your videos and other content you share on Google. [Learn more.](#)"

An arrow points to the "Continue to upload" button.

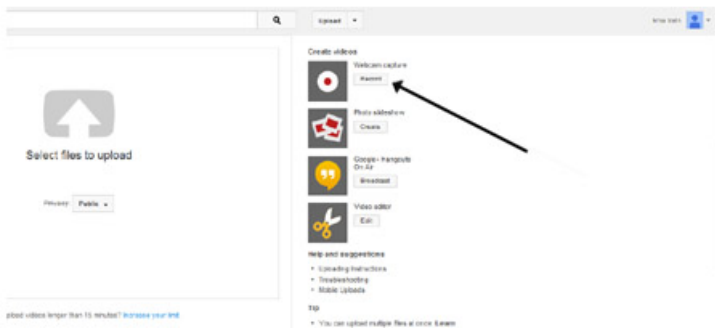
**Step 6:** Once you have clicked **Continue**, the next page will log you into your channel page, with the username you have given shown in the top right hand corner.



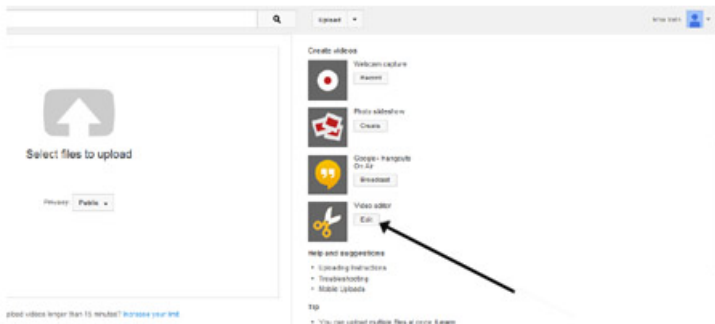
**Step 7:** You can now upload your video to your channel.



**Step 8:** Alternatively, you can record a video directly to your channel through a webcam connected to your computer.

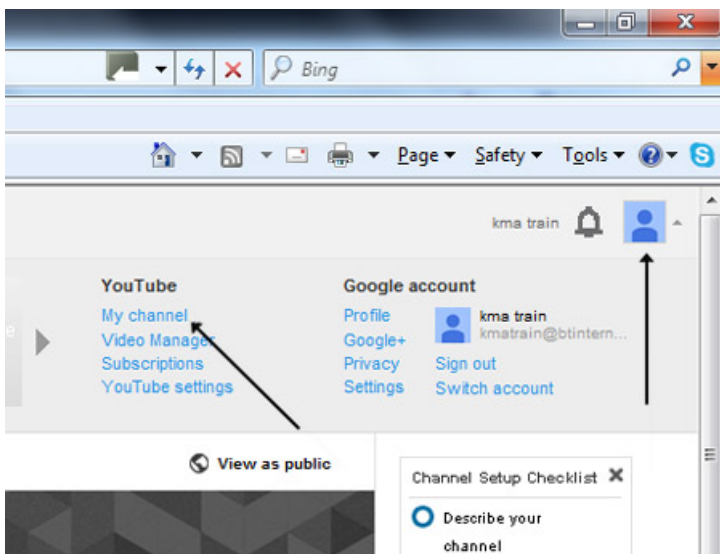


**Step 9:** Once you have uploaded your video, you can also edit it using the YouTube video edit function.

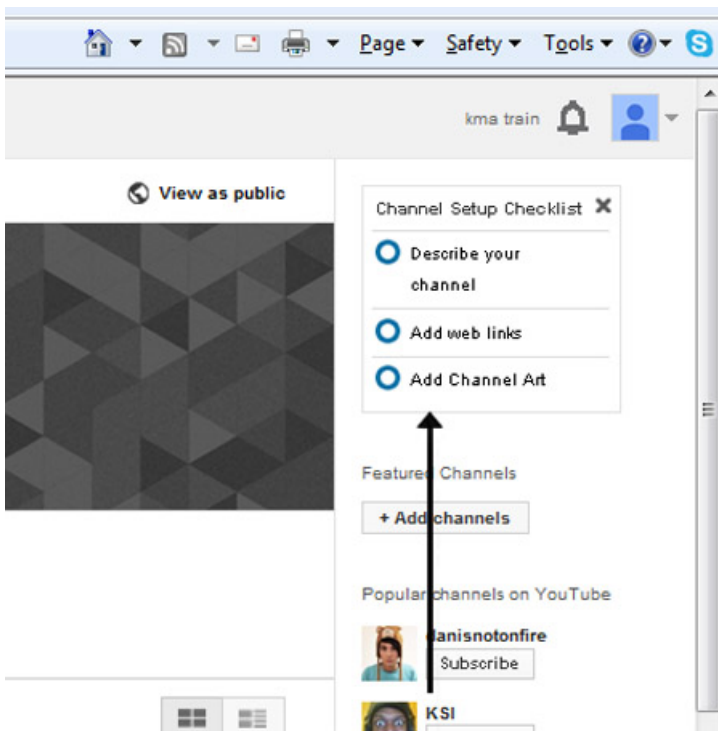


**Step 10:** To see your home channel page, click on the profile picture at the top right of the screen. You can then choose **My Channel** from the menu options.

Your channel page will load.



**Step 11:** You can now add some finishing touches to your channel. For example, you can add a written description about your channel and the genre of videos. You can add any web links to other sites and also add art or background art to your channel. You can check how your channel looks like by clicking on **View as public** on your home page.



**Step 12:** You don't have to just stop at one channel. If you like different genres of video or want to show different types of videos, you can add as many channels as you wish with different usernames.

Just create a new username and add another channel as shown above.

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