

Tools for creating WebVTT subtitles and for reusing existing subtitles

Many tools are available to make and edit HTML5 video and caption/subtitles:

- **Tools for converting existing file formats to webVTT files**, such as the `.srt` format, which is popular in the DivX/AVI/Mkv scene. This [article](#) reviews 3 of them, but there are many more. Do a quick Web search and you will get plenty of results.
- **Tools for creating subtitles/captions from scratch. Use these to generate a WebVTT file.** You can embed the `<track>` element in your own videos, on your own Web pages, or upload the WebVTT file to YouTube. We recommend [Universal Subtitles](#). It's a free online tool, very easy to use. Check the "add subtitles/captions to your video" unit of this course.
- **Enhanced HTML5 video players** that use the `<video>`, `<source>` and `<track>` elements under the hood. They also provide many extra features, including **support for subtitle/caption formats other than WebVTT (by converting on the fly)**.
- **JavaScript libraries for converting to the WebVTT format on the fly**, such as [JS_videosub](#)