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One more sign and Youtube is ad-free

Youtube is financed by advertisements, but these can easily be avoided.

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With one point more, YouTube is also ad-free.

Quickly searched for a song on Youtube and clicked it - but then first comes advertising. Such is the financing concept from Youtube, which belongs to the Google concern. Advertisements are also displayed around the video. But if a point is added to the URL of the video, the page can also be viewed without advertising - at least in the desktop view. Discovered has [a Reddit users](#) [https://www.reddit.com/r/webdev/comments/gzr3cq/fyi_you_can_bypass_youtube_ads_by_adding_a_dot/]. First, the blog [reported Ghacks](#) [<https://www.ghacks.net/2020/06/13/bypass-ads-on-youtube-and-some-paywalls-without-third-party-tools/>].

The YouTube URL is simply supplemented by another point after the .com:

Out
`https : //www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcGNvGs_dzs`
becomes
`https : //www.youtube.com./watch?v=BcGNvGs_dzs`

If a new video is searched for or clicked, the point remains, so it does not have to be re-entered for each video.

One point is enough to hide the advertising because *youtube.com.* is a fully qualified domain different from *youtube.com* . As a result, some resources cannot be requested, for example the advertising that is otherwise displayed. The Chrome / Chromium or Firefox developer tools show that some cross-origin requests are blocked.

For example, cookies or cross-origin resource sharing (CORS) are only created or allowed on many websites for the domain without a point, explains the discoverer on Reddit. In the case of YouTube, this is [googleads.g.doubleclick.net](#). The result is an ad-free YouTube.

Youtube can also be used in another way without advertising, without bypassing the provider's financing model. Like Golem.de, it offers an advertising-free subscription in addition to the open page with advertisements. ■

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