

YOUTUBE PLAYLIST VIDEO PLAYER

A guide to installing and using the plugin

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INSTALLATION

The plugin can be installed in two different ways:

1. Upload the downloaded .zip file via the Wordpress Admin Panel: to do this, go to **“Plugins” > “Add New”**. On this page select **“Upload”**, then **“Choose File”** and locate the .zip file on your computer. Then hit the **“Install Now”** button and let Wordpress do its magic.
2. Upload the extracted .zip folder and its contents to the **/wp-content/plugins/** directory using an FTP client.

ACTIVATION

Once you have uploaded the plugin you can activate it. Do this by going to **“Plugins”**. Next scroll down to **“YouTube Playlist Video Player”** and click on **Activate**.

THE ADMIN PANEL

To go to the admin panel, click on **“YouTube”** in the navigation bar. There are a bunch of settings you can customize on the tabs **“General Settings”**, **“Appearance”**, **“Controls”**, **“Colors”**, and **“Custom CSS”**. Whenever you change any of the settings, don’t forget to click on **“Save Changes”** at the bottom of your page to save the changes you made. There is also a **“Help”** tab with some quick help information.

YOUTUBE API KEY

Almost immediately you will see a message telling you to enter your own API key. The player uses YouTube’s Data API V3 and in order to use the API you will need an API key. If you do not register your own private API key the default key will be used. Remember that this default key is used by lots of other users who haven’t entered their own key, and the API only has a limited number of requests it can make per key. At the moment the limit is 50,000,000 units per day, so more than enough for one user, but it may not be enough if everyone uses the same key.

REGISTERING YOUR OWN YOUTUBE API KEY

To register your own key, follow these steps:

1. **Create a Google Account:** If you do not already have a Google account, create one now as you'll be needing it.
2. **Create a new Google Project:** Go to your [Google Console](#). Click on **“Projects”** in the upper-left, then **“Create Project”** and enter a project name & ID.
3. **Enable YouTube Data API V3:** Click on the project you have created if it hasn't already opened after creating. Then go to **“APIs & Auth”** on the left.

In the next screen, click on **“YouTube Data API V3”**. Enable the API by toggling the **OFF** button to **ON**.

4. Get API Key: Once you have enabled the API, click on **“Quota”** on the top. You can then click on **“API Access”** on the top left and create a new **“Browser Key”**. This key can be linked to a domain for security measures, but it is not obligated. Once you've created the key (it should look something like this: AlzaSyDmk3oxVjtu06AWRv60ADPvcYO9tvswzm8), copy it and use it as the **“YouTube Data V3 API Key”** option on the **“General Settings”** tab in the admin panel.

INSERTING A PLAYLIST ONTO A POST/PAGE

Playlists can be added onto your posts or pages by using the shortcode button in the editor which looks like this:



Click on the button, then copy-paste your playlist URL into the correct field and click on the **“Insert”** button. Your shortcode will be generated and added to your page or post.

Additionally you can insert the shortcode's yourself when the button is not working or when you want a couple of extra options. Use any of the following shortcodes, you can find the source option in the URL of the video/playlist/user on YouTube.

```
[ytp_playlist source="Cn1t1pybj9ffSPBohU"]
```

```
[ytp_channel source="UCq-4ombcPnNvFFS7duZfpeg"]
```

```
[ytp_user source="someusername"]
```

```
[ytp_video source="vLeQJLffSPBo"]
```

To use the **ytp_video** shortcode with multiple videos, comma-separate the id's:

[ytp_video source="vLeQJLffSPBo,hYIAffiCjhpP"]

OPTIONS IN THE SHORTCODE

You can set a variety of options in the shortcode to overrule the options from the admin panel. For example:

[ytp_playlist source="Cn1t1pybju9ffSPBohU" autoplay="0" continuous="0"]

This will overrule the **autoplay** and **continuous** option from the admin panel and turn them both off. Here is a complete list of the options for inside the shortcode:

- max_results
- pagination
- continuous
- first_video
- show_playlist (Set to: "**auto**", "**1**" or "**0**")
- playlist_type (Set to: "**vertical**", or "**horizontal**")
- show_channel_in_playlist
- show_channel_in_title
- width_type (Set to: "**responsive**", or "**limit_width**" or "**fixed_width**")
- width_max_value
- width_min_value
- width_fixed_value
- show_annotations
- now_playing_text
- load_more_text
- force_hd
- hide_youtube_logo
- autoplay
- play_control
- time_indicator (Set to: "**full**", "**1**" or "**0**")

- volume_control
- share_control
- fwd_bck_control
- youtube_link_control
- fullscreen_control
- playlist_toggle_control
- volume
- show_controls_on_load
- show_controls_on_pause
- show_controls_on_play

INSERTING A PLAYLIST AS WIDGET

In addition to adding playlists using a shortcode, you can also add them using the playlist widget. Navigate to the Widgets page in Wordpress by going to **“Appearance” > “Widgets”**. Then drag the **“YouTube Playlist Widget”** to a widget area. Choose the **“Playlist Type”** and fill in the form. Don’t forget to save. The widget should now appear on your pages.

CREATING YOUR OWN YOUTUBE PLAYLIST

You can create your own youtube playlists and use these in the player. To do so, follow these steps:

1. Go to your Channel homepage on YouTube.
2. Click on **“Playlists”** under your channel name.
3. Click on **“New Playlist”**, and make sure its set to **“Public”**.
4. Now you can add videos to that playlist.
5. Copy the playlist link and use it in the shortcode generator.

FIXING THE “AN ERROR OCCURRED WHILE RETRIEVING THE PLAYLIST” MESSAGE

If you get this message, follow these steps.

1. Make sure you have entered the correct link in the shortcode.
2. Check if the API key you have entered is correct and has YouTube Data V3 enabled. When in doubt, leave the API key field blank to use the default API key.
3. The videos in the playlist, and the playlist itself, must be **“Public”** and **“Embeddable”**.

SUPPORT

If you have any other questions or problems regarding this plugin, you can always contact me using the [contact form on my profile page](#) and I'd be happy to help. No guarantees, but I'll do my best to assist.