

Content look-up



User PC

(1) GET watch?v=videoID



YouTube front-end web server:
www.youtube.com

HTML page

(2) GET embedded object
Type = "application/x-shockwave-flash"



YouTube front-end web server

SWF Player

Content download and playback



(3) GET videoplayback?...



YouTube cache server:
...v3.lscache8.c.youtube.com

Redirect

(4) GET videoplayback?...



YouTube cache server:
...tc.v1.cache5.c.youtube.com

FLV file