

Instructions

This is a video player for your website that will keep your visitors on your site instead of being directed to YouTube where they may get distracted and not come back!

The first thing you will need to do is create your index file and download “the files you will need, if you have not done so already.

1. Link to JQuery – super important and don’t forget this! JQuery is not included in the plug in. You can link externally or to your own copy, see below.
2. Link to the rtop style sheet
3. Link to fontawesome (optional but recommended). Here is the link you can copy: `<link rel="stylesheet" href="https://use.fontawesome.com/releases/v5.8.1/css/all.css">`
4. Link to rtop video player
5. Link to the style sheet I provided. This css needs to be at the top. I moved it to the bottom to see if it worked and it did not.

I put all of these at the top. Here is a picture of what I did.

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8   <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css"/>
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10  <!-- required video player styles -->
11  <link rel="stylesheet" href="rtop.videoPlayer.1.0.2.min.css" />
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13  <!-- font awesome if optional but highly recommended -->
14  <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://use.fontawesome.com/releases/v5.8.1/css/all.css">
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16  <!-- jquery is required (any version) -->
17  <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.4.1.min.js" defer></script>
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19  <!-- required video player js source -->
20  <script type="text/javascript" src="rtop.videoPlayer.1.0.2.min.js" defer></script>
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```

Next you need to set your HTML (mark up) Include a video of your own. You can include an image that will hide the video until you press start.

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56  <!-- HTML5 VIDEO TAG -->
57  <div class="exampleVideo">
58    <div class="myVideo" id="my_video" data-video="sample.mp4" data-poster="sample.jpg" data-type="video/mp4"></div>
59  </div>
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Then you call the plug in and add options. A start button and progress bar is included but not adequate. You can add more options like full screen, sound control, play in a loop, etc. Fontawesome will give you a cute start button in the middle of the video.

I added my script for this at the bottom rather than making a separate script.js link.

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64 ▼    <script type="text/javascript">
65 ▼        $(document).ready(function(){
66 ▼            var vid = $('#my_video').RTOP_VideoPlayer({
67                showFullScreen: true,
68                showTimer: true,
69                showSoundControl: true,
70                showControls: true,
71                fontAwesomeControlIcons:true
72            });
73        });
74    </script>
75
```

There are multiple ways to link to or download jquery. Here are a few:

- cdnjs.com
- developers.google.com
- jquery.com

This is the original link for this plugin. It also has more options to choose from.

<https://github.com/redtettermer/rtop-video-player>

My instructions seem super easy but this was very intimidating while I was fumbling my way thru it. Making this lesson has actually helped me to understand it better and I think I have more confidence and can try some other plugins.