

Using an Android Tablet For Your Video Submission Assignment

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See the four steps below to get a video prepared and uploaded to Connect.

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## STEP 1: Adjust the Video Settings on Your Device

Before recording your video, change the video resolution to limit the size of the file so that it will upload to Connect more quickly.

- On your Android tablet, tap the Camera app
- Switch to the camera you plan to use (front facing or rear facing)
- Tap the  icon (settings)
- Locate the video size options.
- Select 640X480 (VGA)

Note: If you did not change the video settings before recording your speech, see [STEP 3](#) below to learn how to convert your video file to a smaller size.

## STEP 2: Record Your Video

Set up your device horizontally so that your video will appear in its proper orientation, and make sure the Home button is on the right side. If you do not orient the device correctly, the video may appear either very narrow or even upside down!

### STEP 3: Prepare Your Video for Uploading to Connect

**New!** You can upload your video directly to Connect from your Android tablet! If you did not adjust the video settings before recording your speech, you may want to [compress the video using an app on your device](#) before trying to upload.

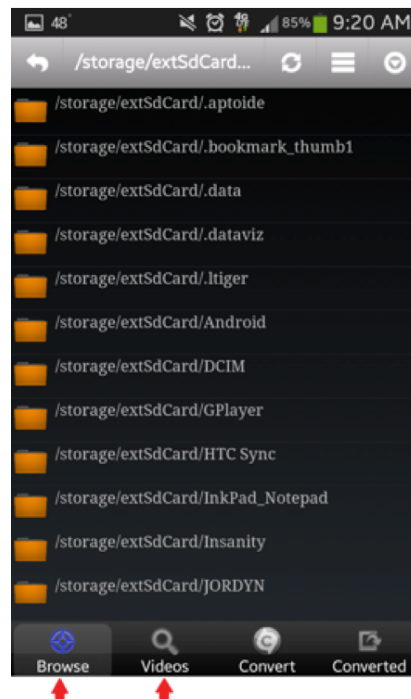
#### *Compressing Your Video Using an App on Your Device*

Note that this step will likely not be necessary if you adjusted your video settings before recording (see [Step 1](#)) and if your video is under 10 minutes in length.

If you decide you do need to compress your video, here's how: First, download an app, **Video Converter Android**, from the Play store. Search in the Play store for "Video Converter." Install the free version. The free version gives you the functionality you need for three days. After the three-day trial, you can purchase the pro version, which costs \$3.22 as of May 2016.

Once Video Converter Android (free trial) is installed on your device, open it. A "codec," which customizes the app for your device, will be recommended. Install the codec.

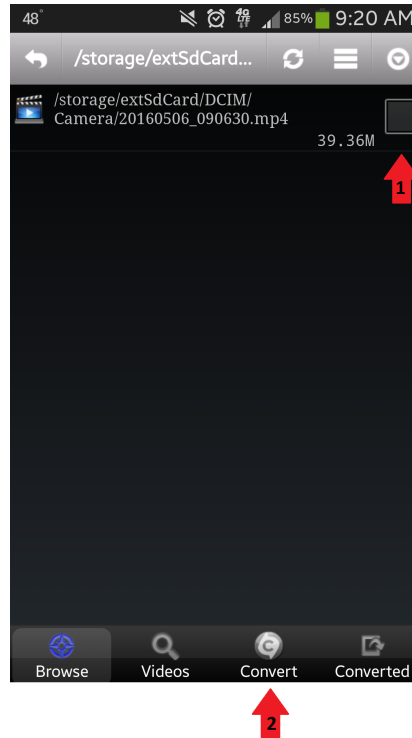
When you first start Video Converter Android, some instructions display. Click "Show Again Later" to dismiss the instructions. A list of files on your device will then display. Look through the folders or tap the video button to find your video (see red arrows below).



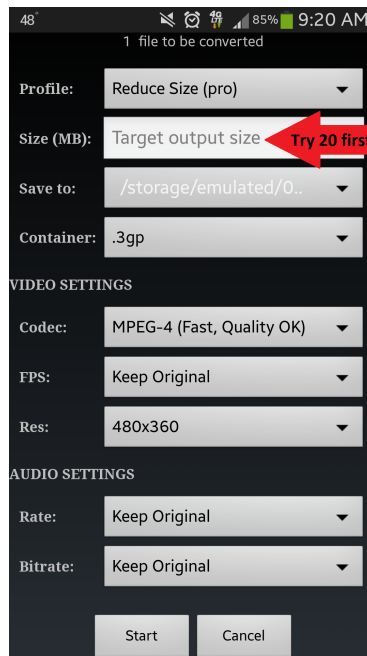
Next, select the video you want to convert. Filenames of videos recorded on the device will include the date and time the video was recorded (YYYYMMDD\_HHMMSS.mp4).

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Once you've selected your video, tap "Convert."



Next, under Profile, select Reduce Size (pro). Enter 20 as the target output size. Leave all of the other settings as is and tap "Start." Converting a large file may take some time.



If you get a message telling you that “one or more input files are too big for a single output file,” tap no ... You don’t want to convert into multiple files. Instead, increase the target output size. Try 30, and if that doesn’t work, keep trying again in increments of 10. Unless your video is extremely long, you should not have to convert to anything larger than 50 MB.

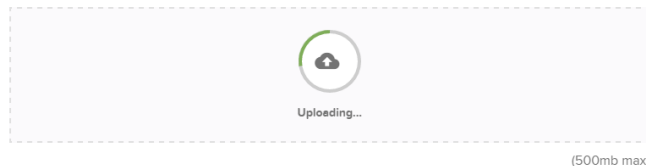
Once the video has been converted, tap the “Converted” icon at the bottom of the screen to find it. The filename will include the date as before, but the extension (the letters after the dot) will be 3gp. This is the file that you will use for Connect.

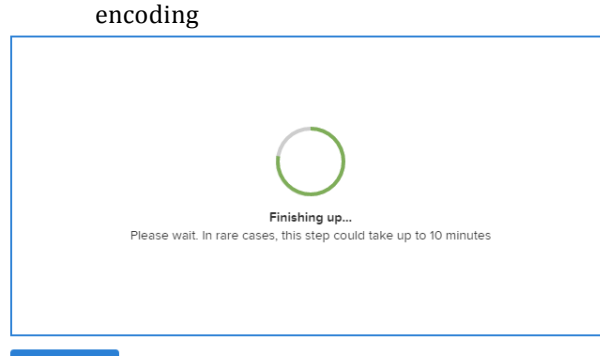
Now you are ready to [upload the file to Connect](#).

#### STEP 4: Upload Your Video to Connect


1. Using either the MHE Connect app or the Chrome browser on your iPad, log in to Connect.
2. Find your speech assignment and tap on it.
3. Read instructions from your instructor and then tap “Begin.”
4. Tap “Upload a video.”
5. Tap “Choose File,” and browse to find your video.
  - If you are using the MHE Connect app and recorded your video on this Android tablet, you will find the video in a folder labeled DCIM.
  - If you are using a Chrome browser, you will find your video in “Documents.”
6. Select the file and uploading will start.
7. Wait as your video is uploaded and then encoded. \*

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8. You should see your video when the process is finished. **Play the video to make sure you have uploaded the correct file and to verify that it plays properly.**
  - **IMPORTANT NOTE:** If your tablet has a version 4 Android Operating System, your video will not play on your device. Tap “Save & Exit” at the top of the screen and then return to Connect, and the assignment, with a computer / browser to watch and then submit the video.
9. Scroll down the page and enter a video title and (optionally) a description. If you are submitting this assignment from a computer, you can also upload any other related materials your teacher might have requested (an outline or PowerPoint, for example).
10. Tap the blue “Submit” link at the top of the page when you are ready for the instructor to view and grade your speech. You will be asked to confirm that you want to submit; tap the blue button to confirm.

Help | Save & Exit | **Submit** 

11. If your instructor has assigned a self-review for this video, you will be automatically navigated to the self-evaluation page. Be sure to complete that portion of the assignment, too! When you are done working on your self-review, tap the blue “Submit.”

### **How long will it take to upload a video to Connect?**

If your video file is 100 MB or smaller, the uploading portion of the process should take less than 10 minutes. The smaller the file, the less time it will take for the video to upload.

The second part of the process, encoding (or “finishing up”), should also require no more than 10 minutes. What’s going on behind the scenes is that your video is being put in a queue to be encoded for display online. If you wait longer than 10 minutes for encoding to complete, it may be a very busy time with many people uploading videos. If you can, you may want to exit and try again at a later time.

**If you find the uploading portion of the process is taking longer than 10 minutes:**

1. Check the file size. If the file is larger than 100 MB, follow the instructions above for compressing on a [Windows computer](#) or for compressing on a [Mac](#).
2. If the file is smaller than 100 MB, do whatever you can to reserve as much bandwidth as possible for the video upload process. **For example, shut down any streaming music or videos that may be using the same Internet access point.** If possible, you might even want to try another location.
3. If all else fails, contact our Customer Experience (CXG) team. They will work with you and may be able to upload it on your behalf.

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