How To Share Relay Videos in Sakai

Videos and large media files should always be linked from a cloud-based server or repository and should never be uploaded and hosted on the LMS directly. Here are some good reasons why...

Large video files:
- Can be network intensive (slowing down speed)
- Can cause timeout errors (inability to load on recipient's end)
- Are huge storage consumers (consider >1GB per 1hr of video and this is especially true with high res videos)
- Can cause buffering and overall bad viewing experiences (consider non-optimized delivery for smaller screens)
- Can be costly for mobile users (cellular data expenses for data heavy upload download activities)

In this step-by-step guide, you will learn how to share TechSmith Relay videos by adding video links or embed code to various Sakai course tools.

SAKAI TOOLS: Where Can Relay Videos Be Added?

- **Resources** (add web links only, cannot embed but can create path from other Sakai tools)
- **Announcements** (add links to text editor only, cannot embed videos)
- **Lessons** (add link or embed videos using Relay embed code)
TechSmith Relay: How to Copy a Video URL or Embed Code

1. Login to TechSmith Relay at uri.techsmithrelay.com

2. Open My Library and select the video you would like to share.

3. Once opened, click Share (be sure to check Privacy settings first and set your sharing permission preferences)
4. Click on Get a Link or Get Embed Code* (*Embed used for Lessons tool only)

5. Click Copy to capture the url or the embed code
How to Add Relay Links to a Folder in Sakai Resources

1. Login to Sakai sakai.uri.edu and open your course site.
2. Click on Resources from the left hand toolbar.
3. Find folder and click Actions then Add Web Links (urls).

4. Paste the copied link in the Web Address (URL) field (required) and enter the video name in the Website Name field (optional) then click Add Weblink Now.

The weblink is now added to the Sakai Resources folder and can be viewed as an external web link.

You now navigate to this web link from any of the other Sakai tools. (See example in next section).
How to Add Relay Link to a Sakai Announcement From the Newly Added Web Links added in the Course Resources Folder

5. **Click on Announcements** from the toolbar, select **Add** to post a new announcement and give the announcement a title (e.g. “Introduction”).

6. Highlight the words you would like to create a hyperlink for and click the paperclip icon from the text editor.

7. Click Browse Server on the popup screen to browse to Resources, then select OK.
8. Next, navigate to the video in your Resources folder and select the item and click OK.

9. Once the URL is populated, select a New Window (blank) from the Target tab (optional) and click OK.
10. Once back in the Announcement tool, finish writing in the text field (Body) and select settings (Access, Availability, Attachments) prior to clicking on Post Announcement to complete.
How to Embed a Relay Video in a Sakai Lesson

To embed a video in Sakai you will need to first copy the embed code from Relay. Follow the Relay steps for copying the embed code and follow these subsequent directions.

1. Select Lessons from the toolbar, click Add Content
2. Next Select Embed Content on Page
3. In your Relay window (you should already have the video selected)
4. **Click Share** and **Select Embed Code**
5. Change width and height to **640 px 400 px** (recommended)

![Here's the Embed Code]

6. **Click Copy** to copy the embed code
7. Back in the Sakai window, paste the embed code in the URL /embed field, click Save.

8. You will see a preview of your video appear in the frame below, click Save.

9. You have now successfully embedded a Relay video into Sakai Lessons. Use these same instructions for any media repository you prefer (Youtube, Vimeo etc.).