

Preparing files for the web (videos, docs, images and uploads)

When uploading content to platforms such as Odysee, or other services (YouTube, Facebook, etc.), it is essential to properly prepare your files in order to avoid technical errors, upload failures, or display issues.

1. **Properly naming your files (video and image files)**

The file name is a very important step both in general computer use and before uploading.

✓ Best practices:

- use lowercase letters
- avoid accents
- avoid spaces
- use hyphens (-) or underscores (_)
- keep it simple and descriptive

✗ Example of a bad file name:

Message de Jésus À Sœur Laurence FINALéééé.mp4


✓ Correct examples: *Get into the habit so you are always ready*

- message-jesus-soeur-laurence.mp4
- message_jesus_soeur_laurence.mp4

👉 Hyphens (-) are often preferred because they are more readable, but both methods are correct.

2. **Recommended file formats**

Each platform accepts different formats, but some are universally compatible.

 Videos (most common):

- MP4 (H.264) ✓ recommended
- MOV
- WEBM (depending on platforms)

👉 MP4 format is the safest choice to avoid upload errors.

 Images:

- JPG / JPEG ✓
 - PNG ✓ (better quality / transparency)
 - WEBP (increasingly used)
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3. 📦 File size (important)

Limits vary depending on the platform, but here are general guidelines:

📺 Videos:

- small platforms: a few hundred MB to several GB
- video platforms such as Odysee or YouTube: several GB possible depending on account type and video duration

👉 There is no single fixed rule: limits depend on the service and account type.

🖼️ Images:

- ideally under 1 to 5 MB for web use
 - banners can be larger but should remain optimized
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4. 🎨 Banner images (YouTube, Facebook, etc.)

For channel or page banners:

✓ Best practices:

- use appropriate resolution (usually very large)
- compress images without losing quality
- avoid overly heavy files

📌 Common formats:

- YouTube banner: 2560 × 1440 px
- Facebook cover: 820 × 312 px (desktop minimum recommended)

👉 Always check platform-specific requirements directly before uploading.

5. 🚀 Recommended upload method

Before uploading a file:

1. Check the file name
 2. Check the format (MP4, JPG, PNG...)
 3. Check the file size
 4. Simplify the content if necessary
 5. Start with a lightweight upload, then optimize after publication
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Conclusion (updated)

Good file preparation allows you to:

- avoid technical errors
- reduce upload failures
- save time during publishing
- and ensure better compatibility across all platforms

This method applies to videos on Odysee as well as other online services.

👉 It is also recommended to regularly do online research to check updated formats, sizes, and requirements for each platform, as these parameters may change over time.

Recommended sizes (banners & avatars)

YouTube

- Channel banner: 2560 × 1440 px (safe area 1546 × 423 px)
 - Profile picture (avatar): 800 × 800 px (displayed as a circle)
 - Video thumbnail: 1280 × 720 px
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Facebook (Pages)

- Cover photo (banner): 820 × 312 px (desktop) / 640 × 360 px (mobile)
 - Profile picture (avatar): 170 × 170 px (minimum recommended 320 × 320 px)
 - Post image: 1080 × 1080 px (recommended square format)
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Odysee

- Channel banner: 1500 × 500 px (recommended)
 - Profile picture (avatar): 400 × 400 px or higher (square format)
 - Video thumbnail: 1280 × 720 px (recommended for web compatibility)
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Important tip

- Always prefer lightweight but high-quality images
 - Use JPG or PNG depending on the need
 - Check each platform's official recommendations before publishing
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Zoom and playlist thumbnail creation

When creating a playlist on Odysee, you can use browser zoom functions to improve on-screen visibility and create a custom thumbnail.

 On Windows / PC:

- Zoom in: CTRL + +
- Zoom out: CTRL + -
- Reset zoom: CTRL + 0
- Mouse zoom: hold CTRL + scroll wheel

 On Mac:

- Zoom in: CMD (⌘) + +
- Zoom out: CMD (⌘) + -
- Reset zoom: CMD (⌘) + 0

 On Linux:

- Same behavior as Windows in most browsers:
CTRL + + / CTRL + - / CTRL + mouse wheel

Thumbnail creation (playlist cover)

Once the video is displayed on screen, you can:

- use your system screenshot tool
- select a relevant frame from the video
- save it as a playlist thumbnail

 This makes it easy to create a custom visual cover from displayed content.

Conclusion

These zoom and capture tools help optimize playlist creation by improving precision and the quality of thumbnails used.