Hi Terri!

Happy to provide some insight! First and foremost, this would not be a change that could be implemented as of now as it would affect how media displays for your current applications. As for possibly changing it for future cycles, our team's continued recommendation from this past April to now would be to use only videos! This would assist with clarity of your Reviewers' access and assured blindness to applicant's personal details.

YouTube is a good way to provide options to applicants who may not have their long videos always saved as files on their device(s). While YT upload times can be quite long, their format can house fairly large files.

Once an applicant pastes the link into their Acceptd application and submits, the link is only visible within the Application tab and is not playable within the Acceptd page since YouTube is a third party. A Reviewer would need to navigate away from the application entirely to view the media.

We cannot provide direct support if YouTube is misbehaving, and it isn't guaranteed that a Reviewer will not see an applicant's name as the person who uploaded the YouTube video.

The ratio of completed/successful submissions with this current setup has been excellent according to our stats. Let us know what you think, and we would be happy to provide further information as needed!

Best,

Marielle  
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