

Creating a Closed Caption file for Vimeo

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Unlike YouTube, which can auto-generate closed caption content using voice recognition, Vimeo requires a caption file, in .sbv format, to be uploaded to create captions. But YouTube can be used as a tool to generate the .sbv file. These instructions assume you've uploaded your video to both Vimeo and YouTube.

CREATE .SBV FILE ON YOUTUBE

sign in to SPS YouTube account, find video you want to add captions to, under "Account" enter

select "Subtitles" from left nav, click on English, click on three dots in "Subtitles column, select "Download" (this downloads the .sbv file)

open .sbv file in your text editor application (Notepad for Windows, TextEditor for Mac)

NOTE: The YouTube voice recognition is good, but compare the text to the audio from the video for accuracy and edit for proper names, punctuation, capitalization....

CONVERT TO .SRT FILE

go to

https://www.3playmedia.com/solutions/features/tools/captions-format-converter/

copy text from text editor and follow the steps on the page, download the converted .srt file

UPLOAD .SRT FILE TO VIMEO

log in to Vimeo, find video you want to add captions to, edit, go to "Distribution", scroll down to "Subtitles and captions", select English and Captions, upload .srt file Make sure to save your changes!!