

Viewing The Thumbnail by Using the Video ID

Step 1:

Copy the alphanumeric ID of the YouTube video (that you wish to view the thumbnail for).

For example, the ID of the following video is: **8hYIB38asDY**

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hYIB38asDY
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Step 2:

Paste the ID where it says **ID** in the following URLs:

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https://i.ytimg.com/vi/ID/hqdefault.jpg  
https://i.ytimg.com/vi/ID/maxresdefault.jpg
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For example:

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https://i.ytimg.com/vi/8hYIB38asDY/hqdefault.jpg  
https://i.ytimg.com/vi/8hYIB38asDY/maxresdefault.jpg
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Step 3:

Open these URLs in your browser to see the thumbnail image. You can then download the thumbnail by right clicking and saving the image to your computer.

*** Note that *hqdefault.jpg* will give you the standard definition image and *maxresdefault.jpg* will give max resolution image. Also note that not all videos will have max resolution images, but all will have standard definition images. If the video does not have a max resolution image, you will get a 404 error for the maxresdefault.jpg URL. ***