



CHAPTER 1

Introduction

Cisco Video Portal 4.1 works with established standards, operating systems, and web browsers to showcase the videos that your organization considers most important. You can browse videos conveniently and quickly, search for videos that interest you, and view other types of content interactively. Video Portal features are designed to provide the following benefits:

- **Program Guide**—Browse videos by category or title.
- **Search**—Find videos by entering keywords.
- **Customizable Playlists**—Build private playlists for your personal use, or use the public playlists that authors share.
- **Supplemental Content**—Learn more about any video to which an author has attached related materials for your use, such as downloadable files, hyperlinks, and supplemental video.
- **Advanced Controls**—Choose the viewing experience that works best for you, selecting among options such as full-screen mode. Experiment with the controls to learn what you prefer.
- **Anytime Previews**—At the same time that you watch a video, simultaneously watch thumbnail previews and read descriptions for *other* videos. If you want to play one of those videos instead of the one that you have been watching, just click its Play Video button.
- **Ask Questions**—Send your questions directly to presenters during live video events.

[Table 1-1](#) describes the software requirements to use this Video Portal release.

Table 1-1 *Requirements to Use Cisco Video Portal*

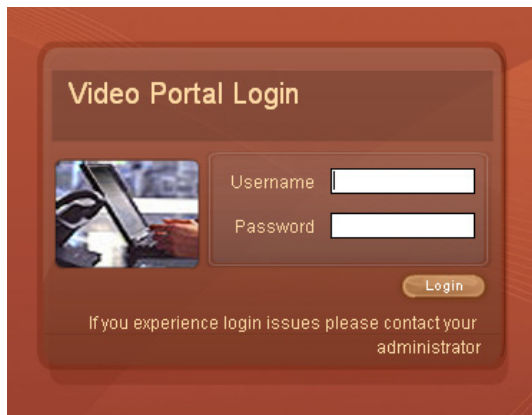
To see this video type:	In this operating system:	You must use this browser version (or a later version):	And you must use these browser plug-ins:
Flash Video	Windows	One of these: • Internet Explorer 6.0 • Internet Explorer 7.0 • Firefox 2.0	Flash 9
	Linux	Firefox 2.0	
	Mac OS X	Firefox 2.0	

Table 1-1 *Requirements to Use Cisco Video Portal (continued)*

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Windows Media	Windows	One of these: - Internet Explorer 6.0 - Internet Explorer 7.0 - Firefox 2.0	Flash 9 and one of these: - Windows Media 10 - Windows Media 11
QuickTime	Windows	One of these: - Internet Explorer 6.0 - Internet Explorer 7.0 - Firefox 2.0	Flash 9 and one of these: - QuickTime 7.0.x - QuickTime 7.1.x (except 7.1.6) - QuickTime 7.2.x

Logging In

You might be prompted to log in to your Video Portal if its administrators have configured it that way. In this case, they will tell you what username and password to use.



The image shows a login interface for a Video Portal. It has a dark orange background. At the top, the text "Video Portal Login" is displayed in a light orange font. Below this, there is a small square image of a person using a laptop. To the right of the image are two input fields: "Username" and "Password", each with a white text box. Below these fields is a "Login" button with a light orange gradient. At the bottom of the form, there is a line of text: "If you experience login issues please contact your administrator".