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The Explosion Of Video Online

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In just over a year, the idea of easily uploading your home videos or personal creative projects to

an easily accessible, popular web destination has gone from "unheard of" to commonplace. The explosion of web video is just another example of the egalitarian appeal of the Internet. If you're new to the latest craze, here are some of the major players in the world of online video.

What is You Tube?

You Tube is a video social networking site that allows its members (membership is free) to upload their own videos and tag them with keywords so that they can be categorized. You Tube is probably the best example of just how fast a "social networking" web site can grow. The company was founded in February 2005. In July or 2006 it announced that 100 million video clips per day are being uploaded from the site. It is currently the sixteenth most visited website on the Internet. Many of the uploads have been professional music videos or movie clips or clips from TV shows, and they have had their share of threats and legal action over copyright issues. You Tube is responsive to copyright violations, and has readily taken down copyrighted material when they have received objections.

What is Google Video?

Google has also opened up a video sharing service. They provide an opportunity for registrants to upload personal videos to personal blog sites or web pages. In addition, the Google video service provides a library of music videos, sports clips and movies. The films are usually for sale – Google will tease you with a couple of minutes of the footage and then offer the chance to buy it for fifteen dollars or so; or purchase a "one day pass" for \$1.99.

Google posts a "most watched" list of its amateur videos, just as You Tube does. For Google, however, the personal element of video uploading seems to be just an extension of other "personalized" services they offer. The commercial side of their video section provides feeds from AOL, Yahoo and other sources. They have a collection of music videos for which they must have received copyright clearance.

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What is Video Online?

Video Online is AOL's entry into the field. It is more a library, or collection of links to, video from all manner of sources. It is offering "video on demand" which consists of old movies for sale. They offer video in various "channels" and provide a search tool to look for "videos across the web." They also offer a "Video Uncut" service on their paid tier that has extremely high rankings among web users.

What is BlipTV?

BlipTV is a site for short form videos that provides for user uploading. The website essentially takes control of the material, however, formatting it for a video entertainment website. They are in search of quality short form video; their slogan: "Nobody does it shorter!" Clearly, their goal is to bring talent to their site, give them some exposure and gain quality programming in the process.

Independent Video vs. Corporate Programming

You Tube is the one service that was developed with the anarchist approach that drove early Internet creativity. The intent was not to lift copyrighted, professional content but rather provide a platform for all those people out there with video cameras and ideas. Their success has been unparalleled and now, speculation turns to what exactly can be done commercially with a website that draws millions of daily visits.

Much like MySpace, the advertising community isn't sure what the value proposition is and the founders of the site aren't sure what commercial application is appropriate for the site. You Tube has struck a deal with NBC to carry selected network programming over their website for periodic downloading; and thus have become one of the initial outlets for online television programming.

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The Evolution Of Video Poker

By David Olsen

Video poker has been around for over 30 years. It started out when casinos noticed that many people liked to play cards but were too scared to actually sit down at a poker table. Video poker allowed these players to play poker without having to look their opponents in the eye. With the explosion of online casinos Video Poker's popularity grew exponentially. This growth in turn led to the development of new

versions of video poker. Here we'll take a look at some of the more important developments in the video poker world.

1. Multi Hand Video Poker

Multi Hand Video Poker is like "normal" video poker on steroids. As its name implies, you're playing more than one hand at a time. Common variations include Jacks or Better (of course), 10's Or Better, Deuces Wild and more. The Games come in 4, 10, 50, and even 100 hand versions. Multi hand video poker is an exciting twist on standard single hand video poker. Today, most online casinos have at least one multi-hand version.

2. Power Poker

Power Poker is Microgaming's version of Multi-Hand Video Poker and is probably the most popular multi-hand version on the web. Currently there are 11 different Power Poker Games in 4, 10 and 50 hand versions. Playing Power Poker is like playing the single hand version of the game. You start with the same 5 cards in each hand. You then select the card(s) you wish to hold. The remaining cards are discarded and new cards replace the discarded ones. Winning hands are determined by a redefined payout schedule.

3. Progressive Video Poker

Progressive Video Poker is yet another exciting variation of good old video poker. Progressive Video poker follows the same rules as a non-progressive version of the same game. The difference is in the payout of the royal flush. Often times, progressive jackpots build through multiple casinos, so potentially the pot can be huge. When playing a Progressive machine, it's crucial to play the max coins on every play, that's the only way to win the jackpot.

4. Online Poker Rooms

Online Poker is not technically a video poker; however, since there are obvious similarities between the two, I felt a brief overview should be included here. In video poker you are playing against a machine, winning and losing hands are determined by a static payout schedule. However, when you're playing online poker, you are playing against real people. There is no predetermined payout schedule, you can win as much as your opponents are willing to wager on each hand. Also, and more importantly, Online poker allows you to bluff, meaning in theory, if you're a good enough bluffer, you can have the worst hand at the table but still win, if you've been able to convince your opponents to fold. This is the main reason for the huge popularity in online poker.

Lastly, as you can see, video poker continues to evolve. What started out as a game for would-be

poker players who were too intimidated to sit down at a real table, has, with the advent of Online Poker, come full circle. Today a poker player can sit down at a virtual table with players from around the world. Amazing.

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