

# Introduction Letter



The internet is overflowing with information. Nearly all the information that we as humans have gathered can be found on the internet. This includes facts, fiction, wild theories, lies, masked truths, and everything in between. Which leads to a problem: how do you know what is truth and what is opinion? Fact or fiction? The correct way or the fast way? The idea of Tilvid is to help organize some of that information in a way that is easy to find, easy to understand and already vetted by a community of peers.

TIL is internet slang that means "Today I Learned." Tilvid.com is a video library organized using keywords and community evaluation to help the best information be readily available for any subject imaginable. The videos are organized by keywords which are used as channels to connect videos that are relevant to each other. The community can then evaluate each video based on qualifying criteria to allow the very best videos to float to the top of each search. The quality and merit of each video is easily recognizable at a glance via the comprehensive rating system, so users will have a good idea of what they are about to watch before they click. The goal of Tilvid is create a unique platform for locating quality information on the internet.

How is Tilvid different from other websites? It is not meant to be an overarching search engine like Google; the submitted content cannot be altered or rewritten by anyone other than the original author as opposed to Wikipedia articles; and, the content of videos is driven towards information sharing rather than entertainment. Tilvid is self contained to the content that the community has submitted with the purpose of teaching and spreading information. The videos on Tilvid will be created, submitted and vetted by users because the community will provide the best answers, help and information available in a clean, easy to understand way. There is currently no popular website that does this in the same way.

We aspire to make Tilvid the one-stop site for information-seekers to find all tutorial, informational, and helpful videos organized in an intuitive and simple way. Given the magnitude of Tilvid, we will always strive to improve the community and our steady growth and input from users has given us the strength to do so.

As Neil deGrasse Tyson said, "I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday and lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you."

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