

YouTube, Disney close to deal: WSJ

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Hulu currently has four stakeholders: NBC Universal, News Corp., Providence Equity Partners and the Hulu employees.

[Google](#) purchased YouTube in 2006 for 1.65 billion dollars and has been searching for ways to translate its immense popularity into a money-making venture.

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The newspaper, citing "people familiar with the matter," said the agreement would involve Disney putting some clips, including sports content from ESPN, on [YouTube](#) and sharing [advertising revenue](#).

It said Disney would gain the right to sell advertisements against its content and then share that revenue with YouTube.

The Disney-YouTube agreement, which the newspaper said was "still in flux, is not expected to include full-length episodes of hit television shows, which Disney distributes on ABC.com, the Journal said.

It also said Disney was talking separately to video-sharing site Hulu about putting full episodes of ABC programs on its service. The deal would involve Disney taking up an equity stake in Hulu.

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