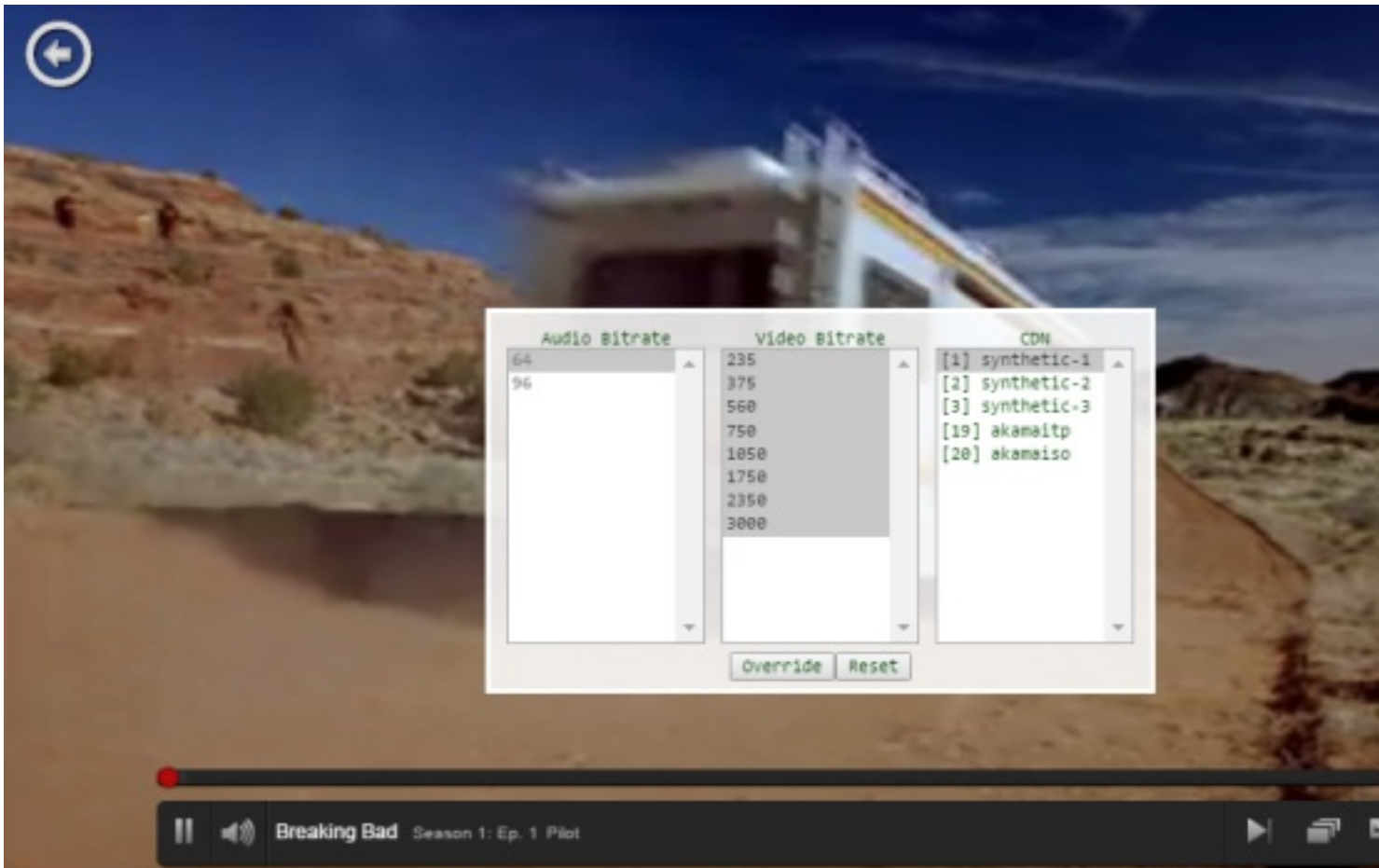


The basic Netflix plan doesn't support HD streaming but the HD and Ultra HD plans, as their names signify do. Streaming in HD doesn't just require you're subscribed to the right plan but also that you have the bandwidth to receive an HD video stream. Assuming you have both the right plan and bandwidth to support it, you might still end up with a low resolution video. Netflix might start streaming in SD and then switch to HD but if it is stuck in SD despite the conditions for it to stream in better quality, here's how you can force it to stream in higher quality.

Open Netflix and start watching. Even if it starts streaming in low quality, give it a few minutes. If it doesn't start streaming in HD, you're free to take matters into your own hands. With the stream still open, hit Ctrl+Alt+Shift+S.

A pop-up will appear with information on the video bitrate available for the stream. Select a higher bitrate, such as 450, and click 'Override'. Give it a few seconds. The video might start buffering again and if it does, wait it out. Once it starts playing again, the stream will be in HD.



[Read more about how to force Netflix to stream in HD by selecting a higher video bitrate by Brian White](#)