

Kaltura Live Stream Requirements Guide

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A good source stream is essential for live streaming to work properly. Please configure your encoder according to the following recommendations:

Encoding Guidelines

- Video codec: H.264, main profile
- Video frames per second (FPS): based on your capture device capabilities. Recommended values are 25 and 30
- Key frame interval: 2 seconds
- Audio Codec: AAC or MP3 (AAC recommended)
- Audio Sample Rate: 44100 or higher
- Audio Bitrate: 96Kbps and up
- Strict CBR encoding recommended for optimum Adaptive bit-rate performance

Obtaining RTMP Endpoint URLs and Stream Name

- In addition to video encoding configuration, you will need to configure the RTMP endpoint URLs and stream name on your encoder. See the article [RTMP Endpoints for Kaltura Live Streaming](#) for information on how to obtain the RTMP endpoint URLs and stream name for you live entry.

Single Bitrate vs Multiple Bitrate Ingest

When streaming to Kaltura, you can send either a single bitrate (using cloud transcoding) or send multiple bitrate streams (using passthrough) directly from your encoder to your live entry RTMP endpoint. In both ways you'll be able to serve ABR (adaptive bitrate) streams to your users.

Using a passthrough method is the most economical way to stream if you have sufficient bandwidth and you have already invested in on-premises encoders.

Sending Single bitrate and Using Cloud Transcoding

An on-premises live encoder sends a single bitrate stream to the RTMP endpoint that is enabled to perform real-time cloud transcoding.



Guidelines

- When possible, Kaltura recommends to send a single 720p stream with the following characteristics:
 - Video Codec: H.264
 - Resolution: 1280x720
 - FPS: up to 30 frames-per-second
 - Audio: AAC

- bitrate ~2Mbps
- Default cloud transcoding profiles are:
 - Source
 - 640x[auto] @ 964Kbps , H.264 main profile
 - 640x[auto] @ 664Kbps , H.264 baseline profile
 - 480x[auto] @ 464Kbps , H.264 baseline profile
- HD and customized transcoding profiles are possible. Contact your Kaltura representative.

Sending Multi Bit-rate and Using Pass-through

An on-premises live encoder sends multi-bitrate to the RTMP endpoint that is configured for pass-through delivery. The ingested streams pass through without any further encoding.

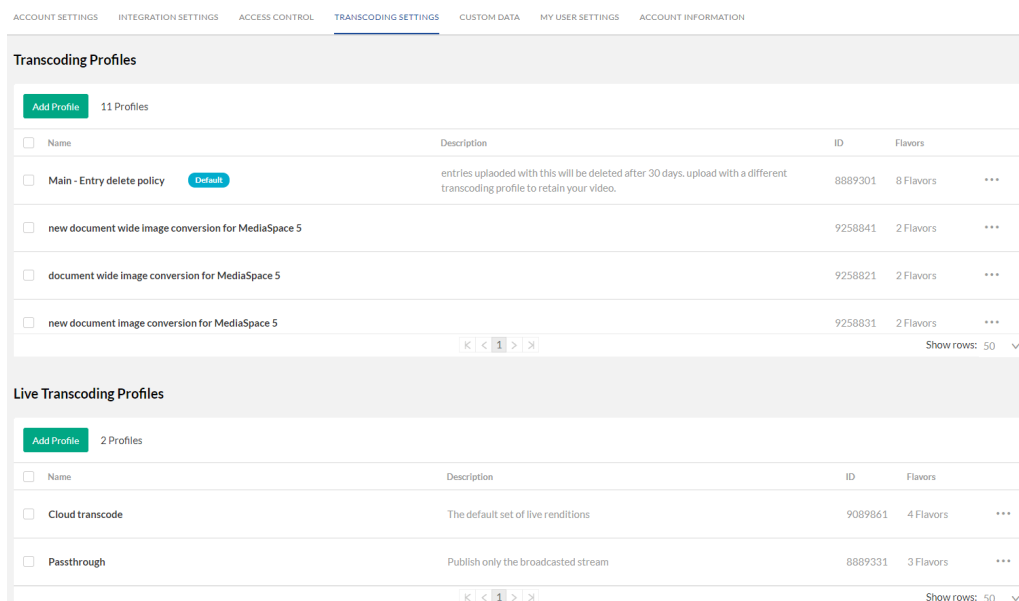


Guidelines

- Up to 3 flavors are enabled by default. Up to 6 pass-through flavors are supported. See [Configuring Additional Flavors](#) for information on how to add additional flavors.
- The Key-frame MUST be aligned on all flavors.
- Up to 15Mbps are aggregated for all flavors.

Configuring Additional Flavors


- In your KMC, go to the Settings icon and select the Transcoding Settings menu. A list of the default Live transcoding profiles is displayed.



The screenshot shows the 'Transcoding Profiles' settings page in the Kaltura interface. The page has a navigation bar with links: ACCOUNT SETTINGS, INTEGRATION SETTINGS, ACCESS CONTROL, TRANSCODING SETTINGS (active), CUSTOM DATA, MY USER SETTINGS, and ACCOUNT INFORMATION. Below the navigation bar, there are two sections: 'Transcoding Profiles' and 'Live Transcoding Profiles'. Each section has an 'Add Profile' button and a list of profiles with columns for Name, Description, ID, and Flavors. The 'Transcoding Profiles' section shows 11 profiles, including 'Main - Entry delete policy' (Default), 'new document wide image conversion for MediaSpace 5', 'document wide image conversion for MediaSpace 5', and 'new document image conversion for MediaSpace 5'. The 'Live Transcoding Profiles' section shows 2 profiles: 'Cloud transcode' and 'Passthrough'. The 'Passthrough' profile is highlighted, and its description is 'Publish only the broadcasted stream'.

- Click on "Passthrough" and then select Edit from the Actions (3 dots) menu to be able to add/remove pass-through flavors.

Live Transcoding Profiles


2 Profiles • 1 Selected  [Cancel](#)


<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Description	ID	Flavors	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloud transcode	The default set of live renditions	9089861	4 Flavors	...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Passthrough	Publish only the broadcasted stream	8889331	3 Flavors	...

[Set As Default](#)
[Edit](#)
[Delete](#)

- Click on the Flavors tab to enable the flavors based on the number of flavors your local encoder will be broadcasting. For example:
 - if you plan on broadcasting 4 flavors, enable "Source", "Ingest 2", "Ingest 3" and "Ingest 4"
 - if you plan on broadcasting 5 flavors, enable "Source", "Ingest 2", "Ingest 3", "Ingest 4" and "Ingest 5"
 - and so on (up to 6 flavors)

ACCOUNT SETTINGS INTEGRATION SETTINGS ACCESS CONTROL **TRANSCODING SETTINGS** CUSTOM DATA MY USER SETTINGS ACCOUNT INFORMATION

← **Passthrough** [Save](#) 

 ID 8889331 | Creation Date: 08/10/17 | Flavors: 3

Metadata

Flavors

23 Flavors • 3 Selected

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	ID	Format	Codec	Bitrate (kpbs)	Dimensions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Source	32	flv	N/A	N/A	640 x 480
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic/Small - WEB/MB...	33	mp4	h264b	464	480 x auto
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic/Small - WEB/MB...	34	mp4	h264b	664	640 x auto
<input type="checkbox"/>	SD/Small - WEB/MBL (...)	35	mp4	h264m	964	640 x auto
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ingest 2	36	flv	N/A	N/A	480 x 360
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ingest 3	37	flv	N/A	N/A	640 x 480
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ingest 4	39	flv	N/A	N/A	auto x 540
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ingest 5	40	flv	N/A	N/A	auto x 720
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ingest 6	41	flv	N/A	N/A	auto x 720
<input type="checkbox"/>	HD/720 - WEB/MBL (H...	42	mp4	h264h	1828	auto x 720
<input type="checkbox"/>	HD/720 - WEB/MBL (H...	43	mp4	h264h	2728	auto x 720
<input type="checkbox"/>	Audio only - English	100	mp4	N/A	N/A	auto x auto
<input type="checkbox"/>	Audio only - Spanish	101	mp4	N/A	N/A	auto x auto
<input type="checkbox"/>	Audio only - French	102	mp4	N/A	N/A	auto x auto
<input type="checkbox"/>	Audio only - German	103	mp4	N/A	N/A	auto x auto