

## Create hotspots in videos

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 This article is designated for all users.

### About

Hotspots are clickable interactive objects that you can add to videos using the **Kaltura video editor** to increase engagement and guide viewers to additional content.

You can use hotspots to:

- Direct viewers to a URL
- Jump to a specific point in a video
- Provide additional information
- Create calls to action
- Link to external pages

For simulative (pre-recorded) sessions, add hotspots to the source video. The hotspots are automatically available on the webcast entry when it is broadcast.

Hotspot cue points aren't displayed on the timeline during simulative broadcasts.

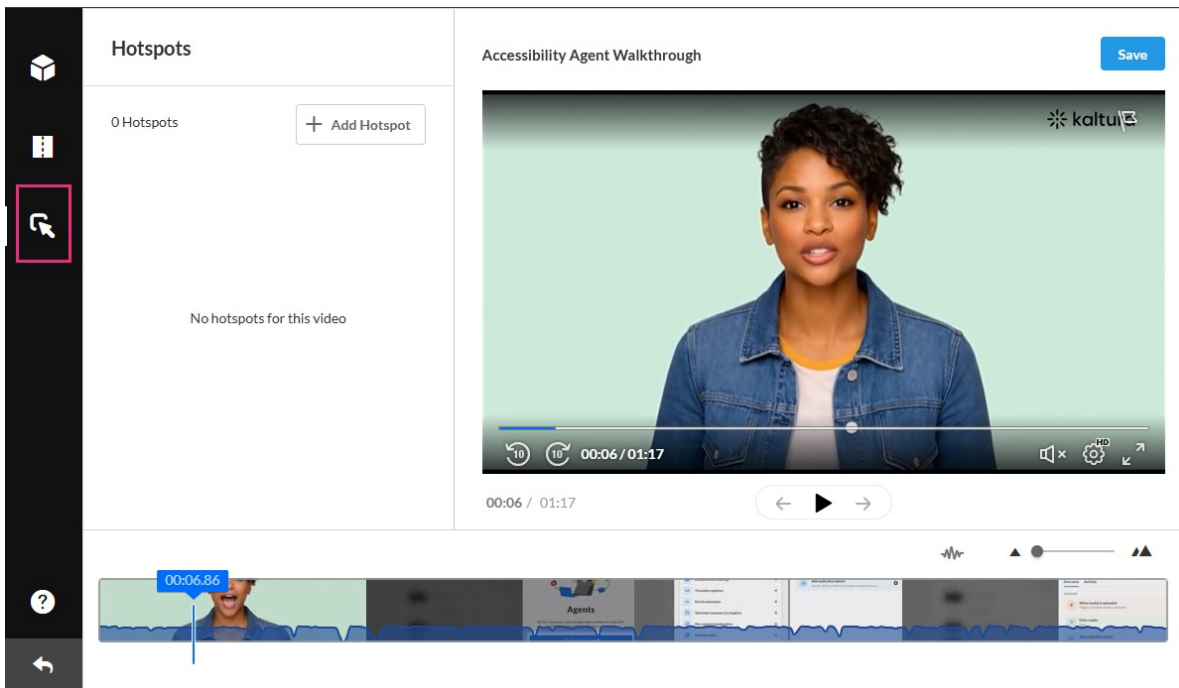


This feature requires the [Hotspots module](#) to be enabled.

### Access the hotspot editor

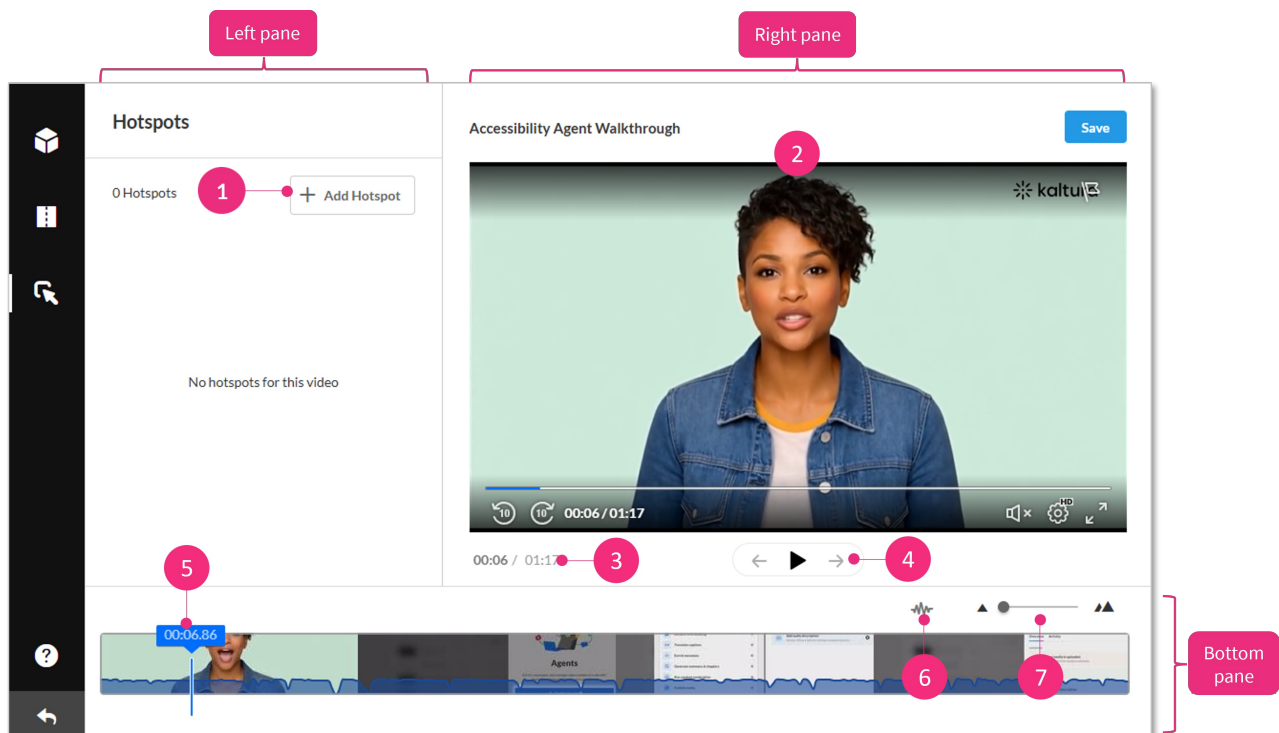
Accessing the hotspot editor varies depending on the Kaltura application you're using. See [How to launch Kaltura's hotspot editor](#).

Once the editor is open, click the **Hotspots icon** in the left sidebar to open the settings.



If you don't see the Hotspots option, contact your administrator to enable it in the [Hotspots module](#).

## Hotspot settings



The editor has three main areas:

## Left pane

Displays the **Add hotspot** button (1) and any hotspots currently configured for the media entry.

## Right pane

Includes:

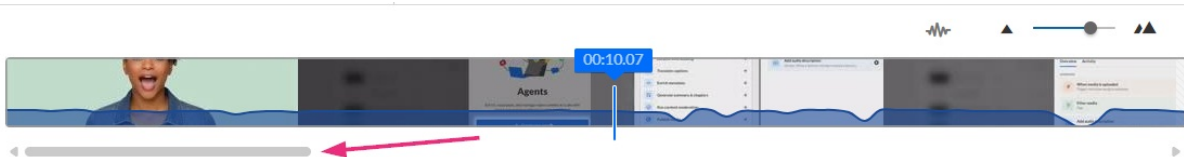
- preview player (2)
- time field (3)
- playback controls (4)

## Bottom pane

Contains the timeline and editing tools, including:

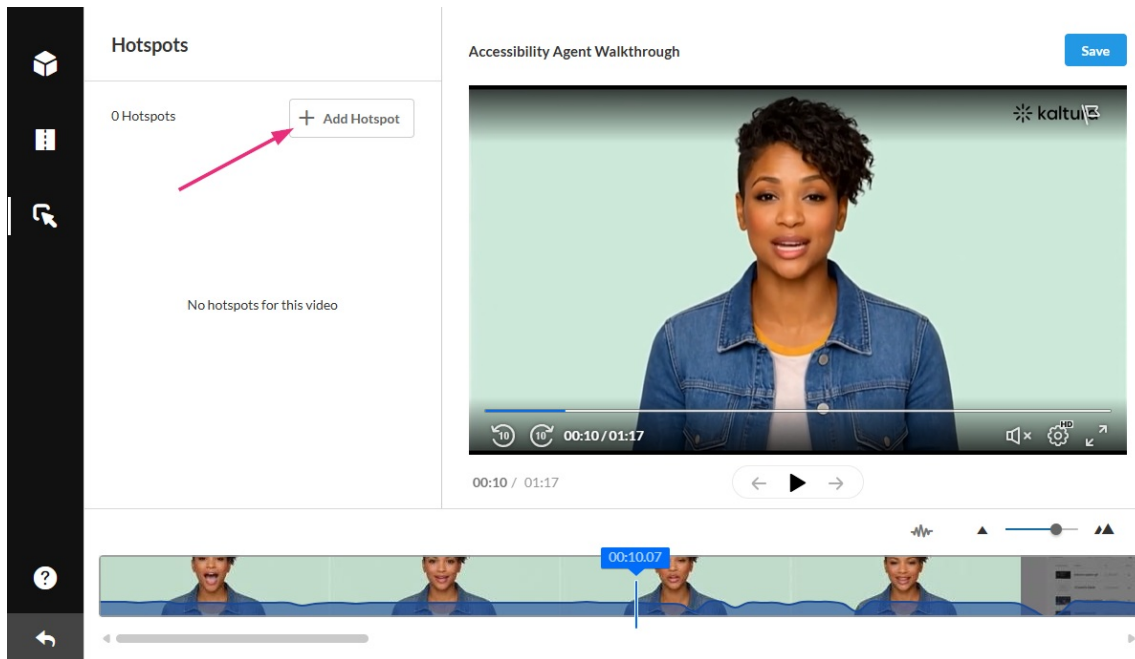
- real-time marker (5)
- show/hide audio tracks (6)
- zoom (7)

When using the zoom function, a scroll bar appears underneath the timeline, allowing you to navigate through the video.

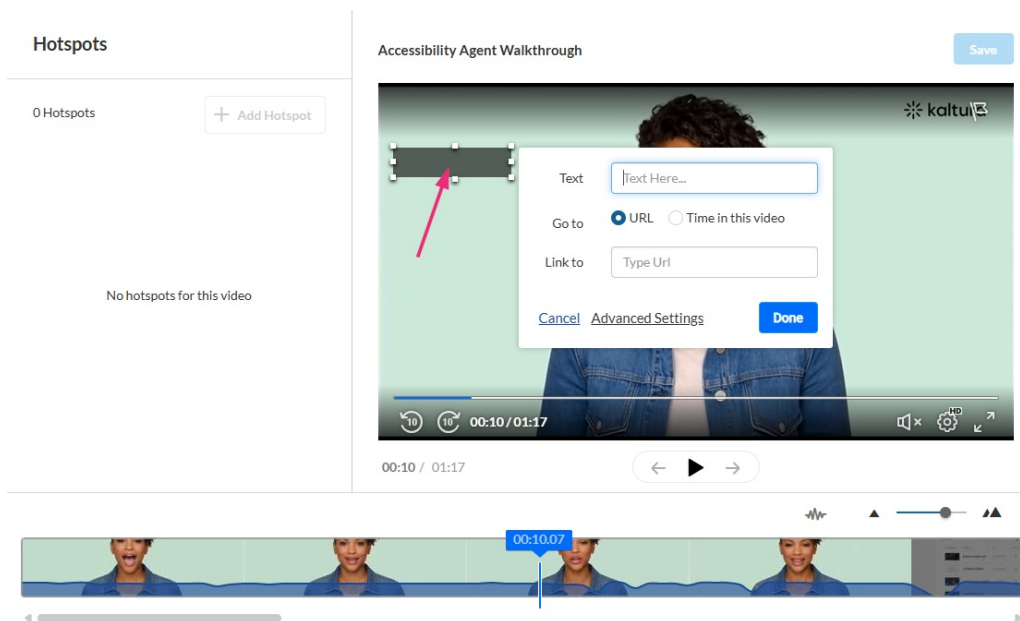


## Create a hotspot

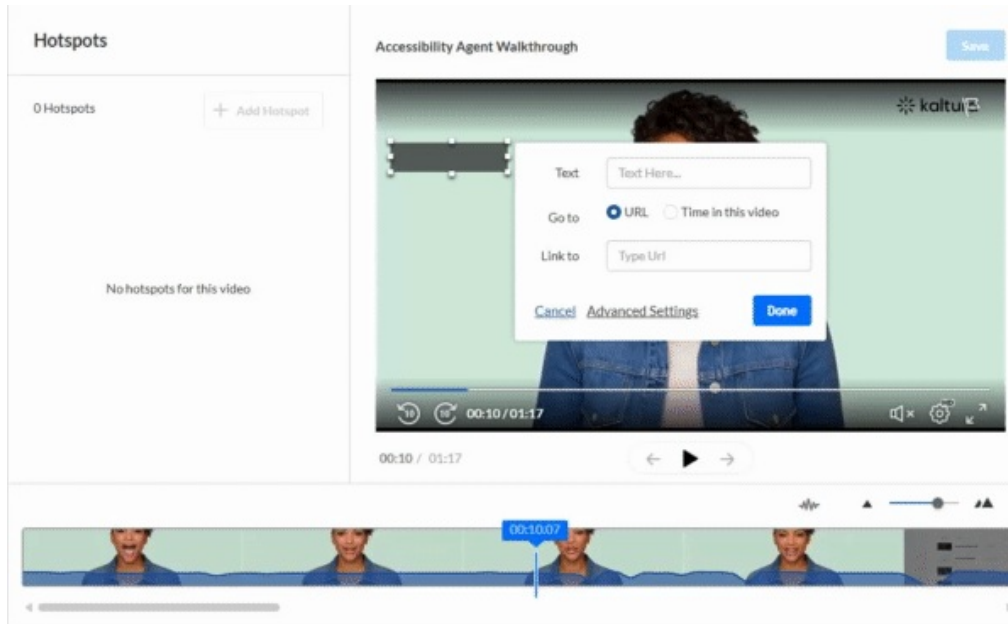
1. Move the marker to the point in the video where you want the hotspot to appear.  
You can drag the marker or play the video and pause at the desired location.
2. Click **+ Add Hotspot**.



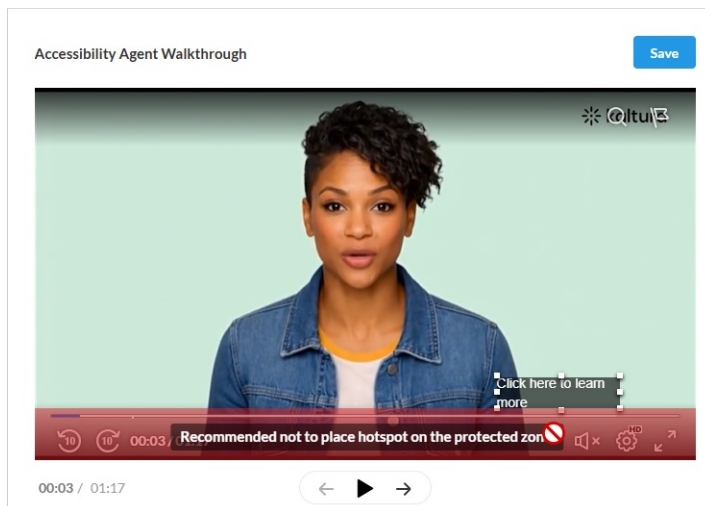
A hotspot is created at the selected time and a settings box displays.



You can drag the hotspot to reposition it. You can adjust its size and position more precisely later using the **Advanced Settings**.



If you try to place the hotspot too close to the bottom of the player, an alert appears. Hotspots can't be placed in this area because it is reserved for captions.



## Configure the hotspot settings

### Open a website or online resource

1. Enter the text for the hotspot.
2. In the **Go to** field, select **URL**.
3. Enter the destination in the **Link to** field.

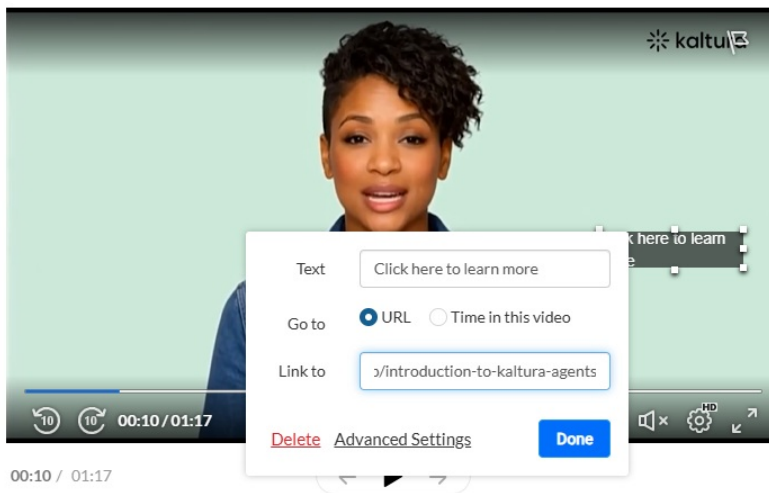
When viewers click a hotspot that contains a URL, the link opens in a new tab and video playback pauses.



To create an email link, enter `mailto:email@domain.com` in the **Link to** field.

Accessibility Agent Walkthrough

Save



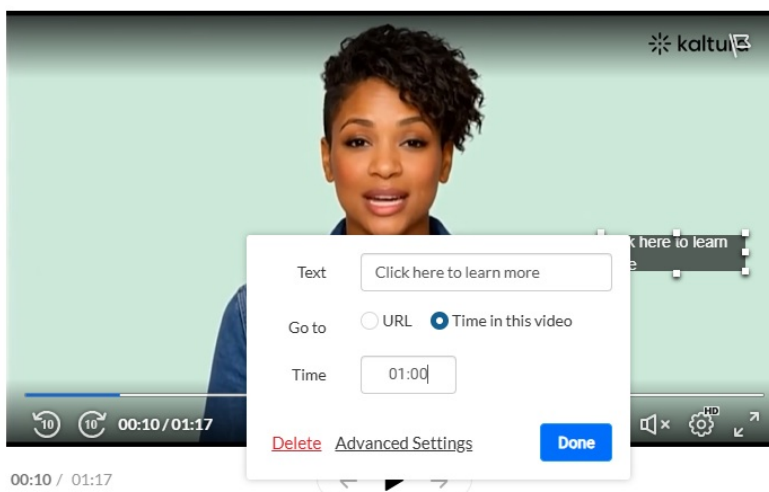
## Jump to another point in the video

1. Enter the text for the hotspot.
2. In the **Go to** field, select **Time in this video**.
3. Enter the destination time in the **Time** field.

When viewers click the hotspot, playback jumps to the specified point in the video.

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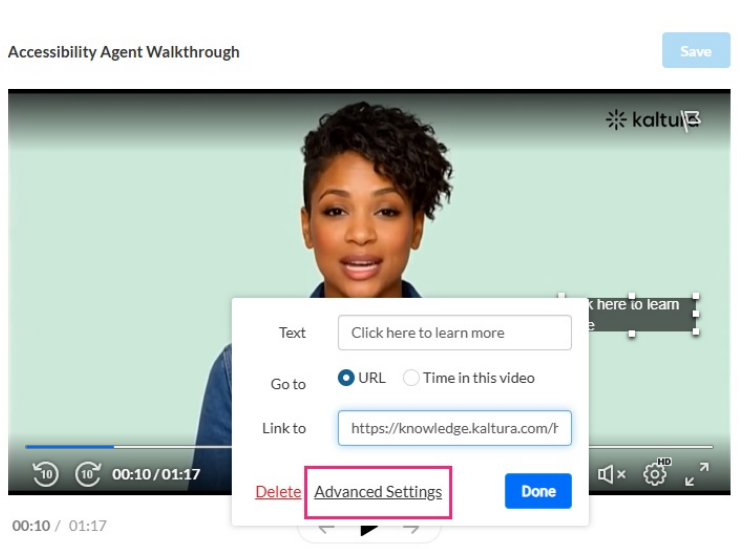
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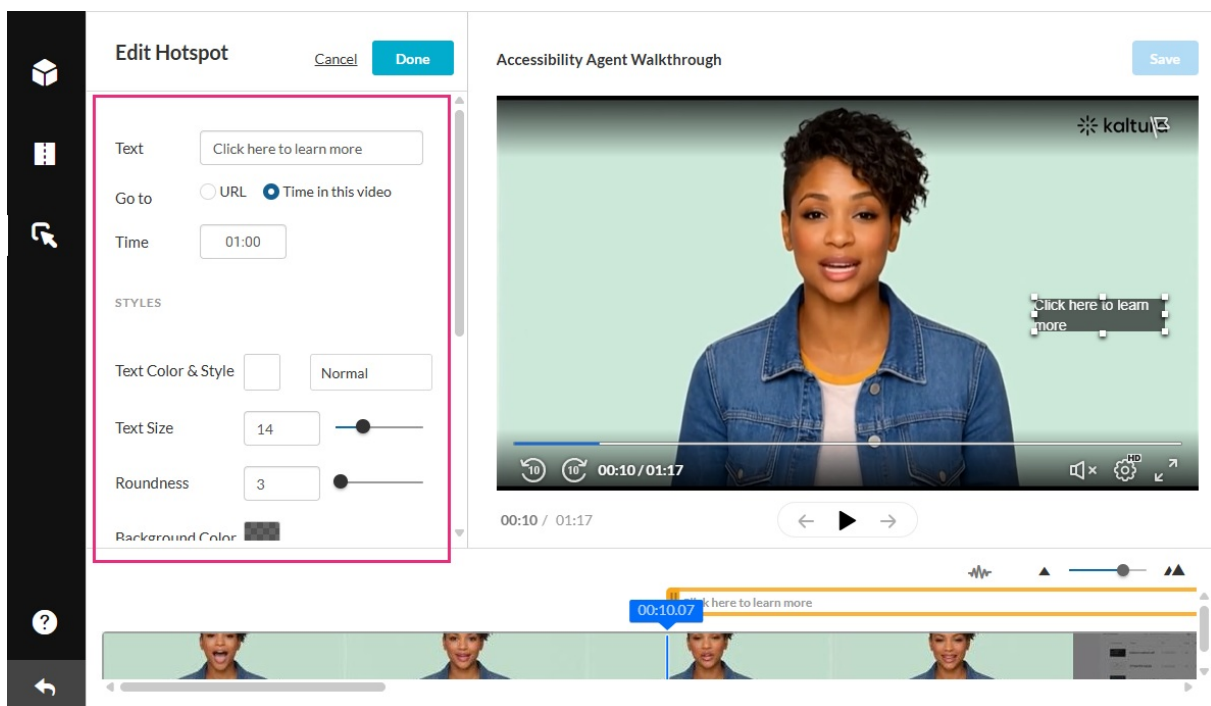
**Text**, **Go to**, and **Time** are optional. If all three fields are left blank, the hotspot is transparent.

## Customize a hotspot

### 1. Click **Advanced Settings**.



The **Edit Hotspot** panel opens.



2. You can customize the hotspot's text, appearance, position, and timing.

### Edit hotspot content

Use the following settings to update the hotspot text and behavior:

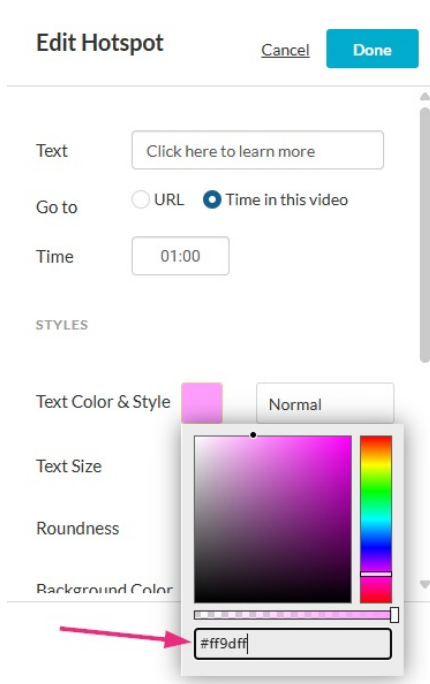
- **Text** - Edit the text you typed in.
- **Go to** - Edit where you want the hotspot to lead.

- **Time** - Change the destination time if the hotspot links to another point in the video.

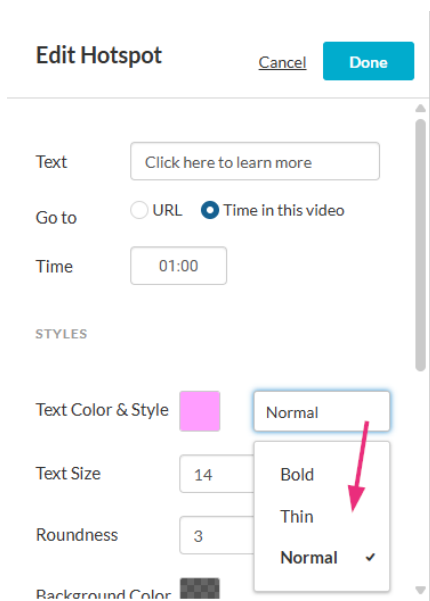
## Customize hotspot appearance

Use the style settings to change how the hotspot looks:

- **Text Color & Style** - Click to open the color palette and change the text color.



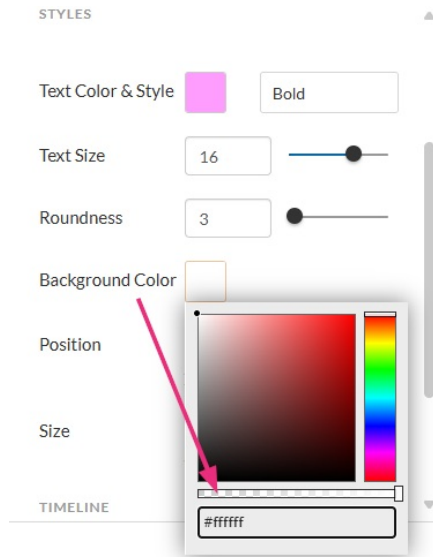
- Use the dropdown to change the font weight.



- **Text Size** - Choose the weight of the font by typing the font size, or by using the

up and down arrows or slider.

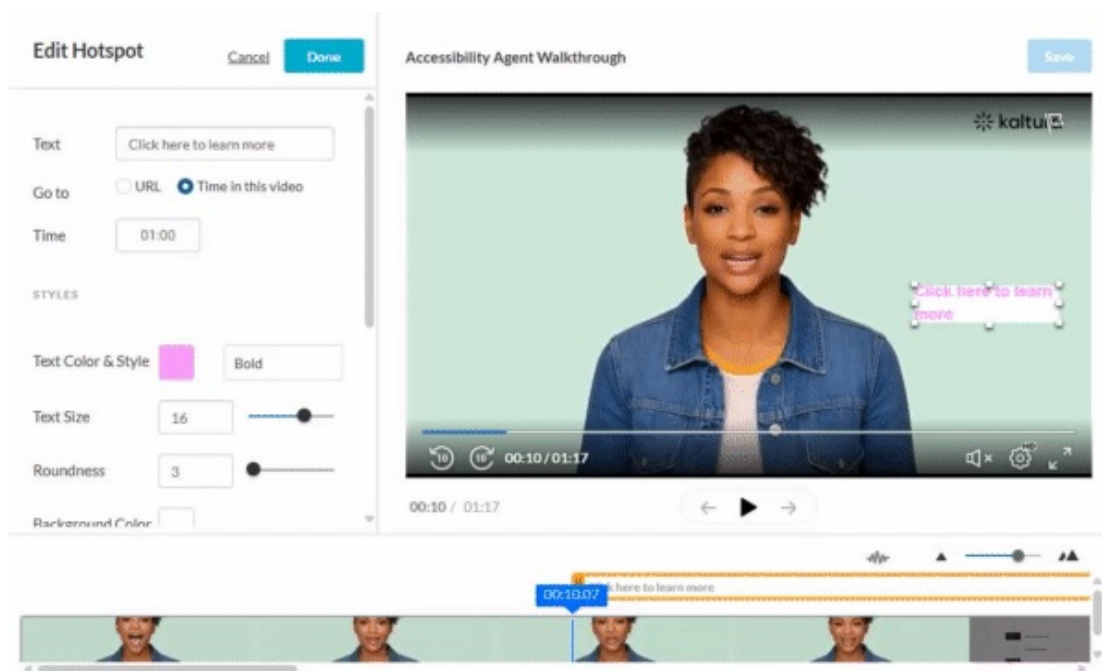
- **Roundness** - Adjust the corner roundness by typing a value or using the slider.
- **Background Color** - Select a background color from the palette or enter a HEX or RGB value.



### Adjust position and size of the hotspot

- **Position** - Enter X and Y coordinates. The point (0,0) represents the upper-left corner of the player.
- **Size** - Enter the hotspot width and height in pixels.

You can also resize and reposition the hotspot directly in the player.



## Control when the hotspot appears

Use the timeline settings to determine when the hotspot is displayed:

- **Start Time** - Set when the hotspot appears.
- **End Time** - Set when the hotspot disappears.

Click **Done** to save your settings.

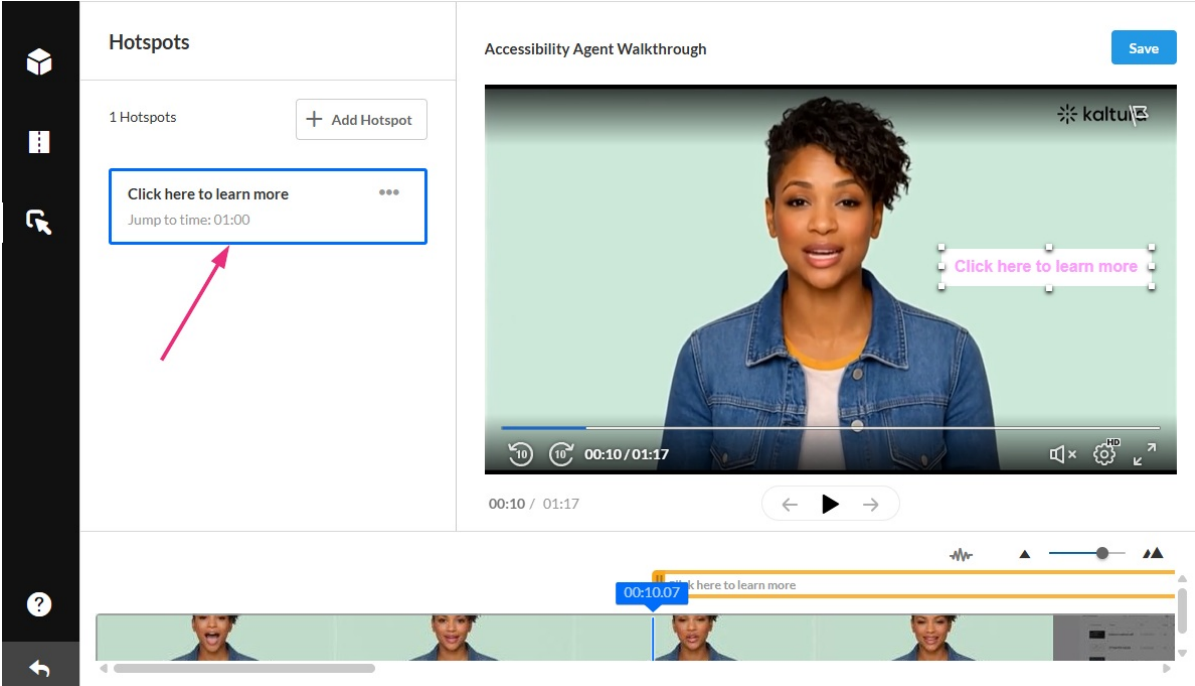
The new hotspot is added to the left pane.

3. Click **Save** at the top right to save your hotspot(s).



Changes made in **Advanced Settings** while creating a hotspot become the default settings for the current editing session. Changes made to an existing hotspot don't affect the session defaults.

The hotspot duration is highlighted in yellow on the timeline. Hotspots are ordered according to their start time. If you change a hotspot's start time, the hotspot list is reordered automatically.



The screenshot displays the Kaltura video editor interface. On the left, the 'Hotspots' pane shows a list of hotspots. One hotspot is highlighted with a blue border and contains the text 'Click here to learn more' and 'Jump to time: 01:00'. A red arrow points to this hotspot. The main video player shows a video titled 'Accessibility Agent Walkthrough' with a 'Save' button in the top right corner. The video content shows a woman speaking, with a pink hotspot overlay that says 'Click here to learn more'. The video player controls show the current time as 00:10 / 01:17. At the bottom, the timeline shows the video duration with a yellow highlight indicating the duration of the hotspot, starting at 00:10.07 and ending at 00:10.07.

## Preview hotspots

After saving your hotspots, play the media to preview them.

If you don't see hotspots during playback, contact your administrator to enable the



Hotspot plugin.

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