

## Set and modify media thumbnails

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 This article is designated for all users.

Kaltura automatically generates a default thumbnail for each video, capturing a frame at the three-second mark. If you need a different default offset, reach out to your Customer Success Manager. Additionally, you have the flexibility to set and manage your own thumbnails.



To use thumbnail customization features, the [Thumbnails module](#) must be enabled.




Editing thumbnails is not applicable for [YouTube](#) entries or [Interactive Video Path](#) entries.

## Access the thumbnail settings

1. Access the [edit media page](#).

### Demo



**Basic Info**

Creator: Louise Smith

Owner: [Louise Smith](#)

Media Entry ID: 1\_loe8jppg

Media Type: Video

Publish Status: Published

Creation date:  
August 05, 2024 2:47 PM Asia/Jerusalem

Update date:  
August 20, 2024 1:55 PM Asia/Jerusalem

Media asset update date:  
August 05, 2024 2:48 PM Asia/Jerusalem

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Name:

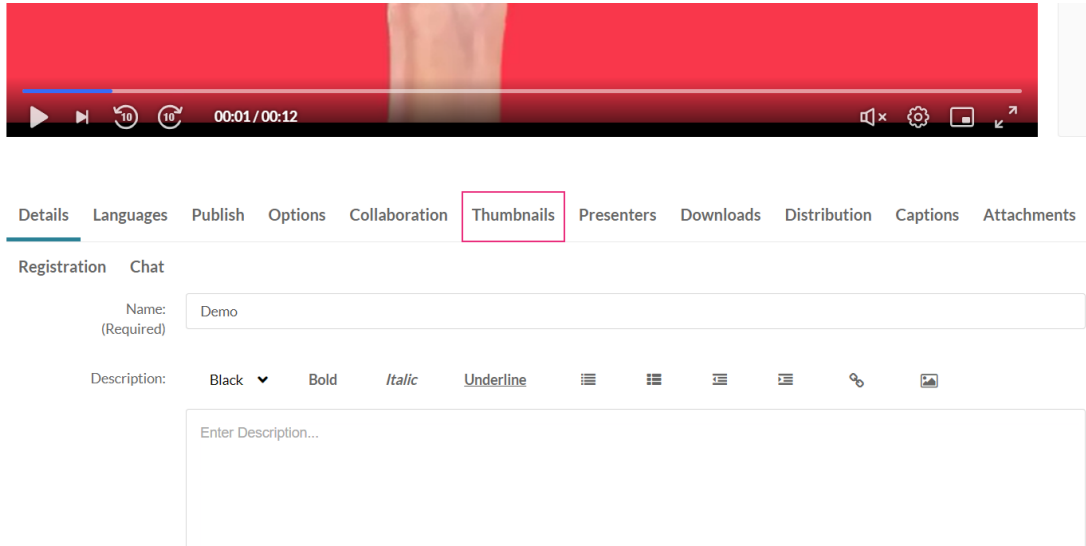
(Required)

Description: Black Bold Italic Underline Text Color Background Color Link Image

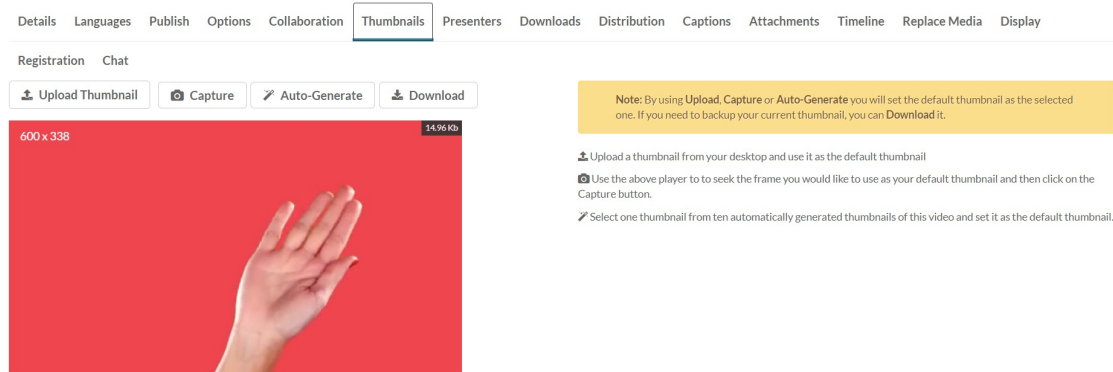
2. Click on the **Thumbnails** tab.



If this tab isn't visible, your administrator might need to enable the [Thumbnails module](#).



3. The thumbnail settings display.

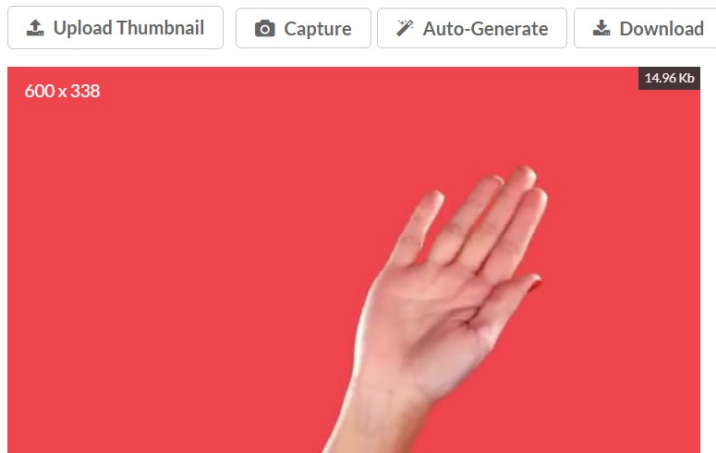


## Set and manage thumbnails

1. There are four options for setting and managing a thumbnail:

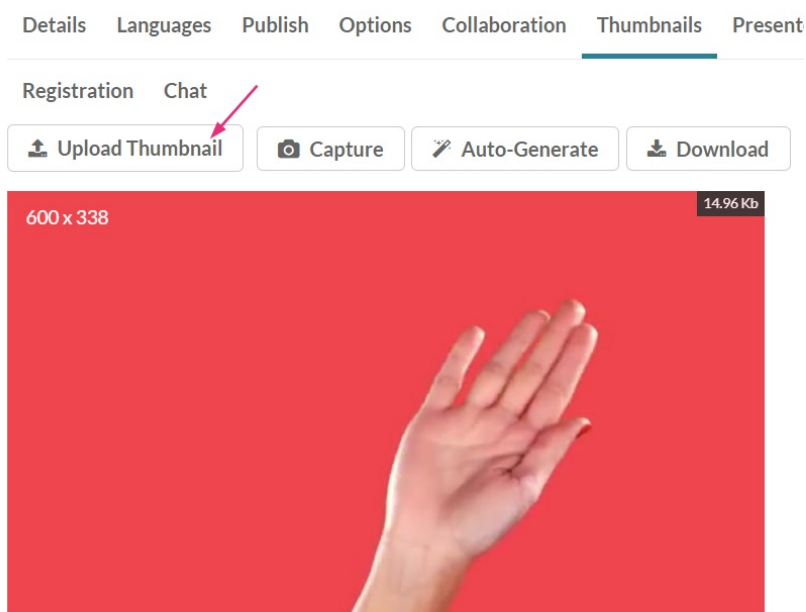
- **Upload Thumbnail** - Upload a thumbnail from your computer and use it as the default thumbnail.
- **Capture** - Use the player to select the frame you want to use as your default thumbnail and then click on the Capture button.
- **Auto-Generate** - Select one thumbnail from ten automatically generated thumbnails of the selected video and set it as the default thumbnail.

- **Download** - Download a thumbnail to back up your current thumbnail.

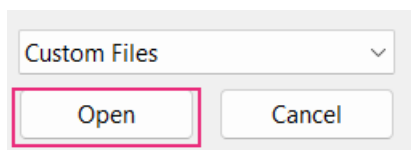


## Upload a custom thumbnail

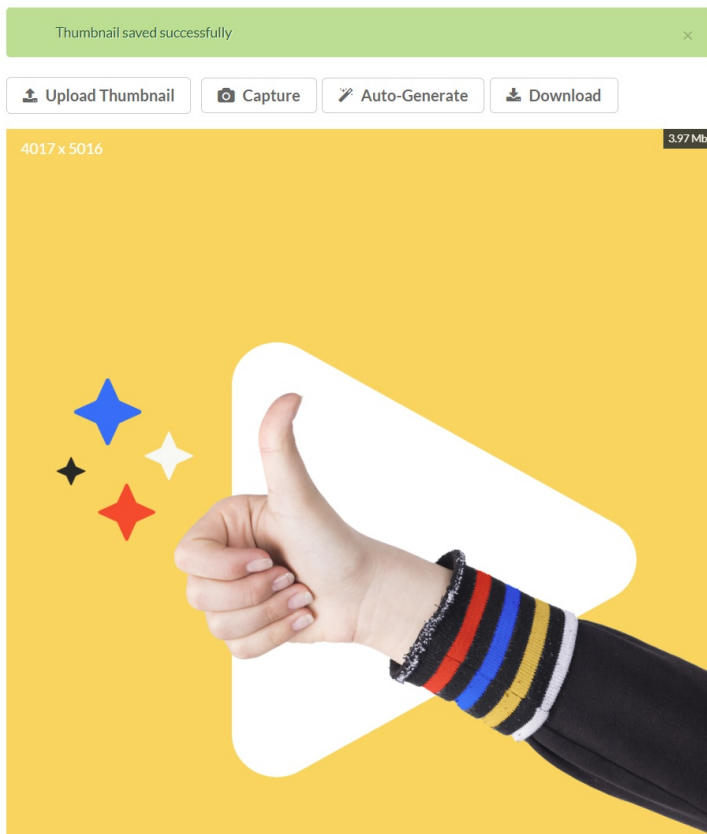
1. Click **Upload Thumbnail**.



2. Select a file from your computer and click **Open**.




The new thumbnail displays with a success message: *Thumbnail saved successfully.*



## Capture a frame from the content

1. Click the play button on the player.
2. Click **Capture** at the frame that you want to use as a thumbnail.

**Kaltura Training Services Overview**



**Basic Info**

Creator: Louise Smith

Owner: [Louise Smith](#)

Media Entry ID: 1\_m0i3u6nx

Media Type: Video

Publish Status: Published

Creation date: July 12, 2024 10:10 AM Asia/Jerusalem

Update date: August 13, 2024 6:03 PM Asia/Jerusalem

Media asset update date: July 12, 2024 10:10 AM Asia/Jerusalem

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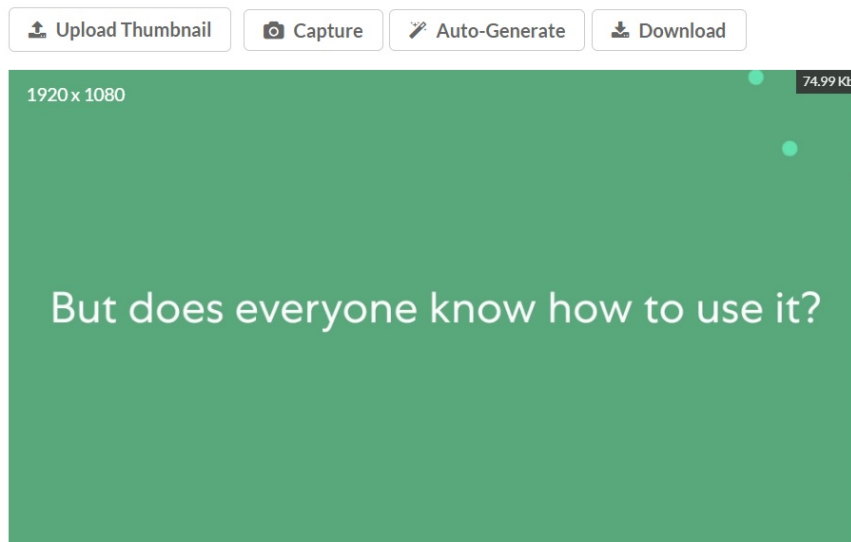
Upload Thumbnail Capture Auto-Generate Download

Upload a thumbnail from your desktop and use it as the default thumbnail

Use the above player to seek the frame you would like to use as your default thumbnail and then click on the Capture button.

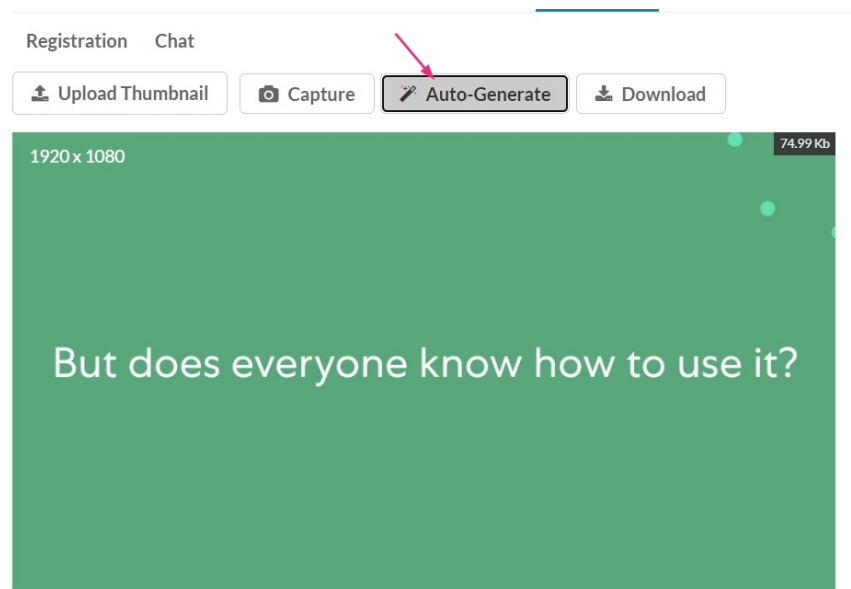
Select one thumbnail from ten automatically generated thumbnails of this video and set it as the default thumbnail.

3. The captured frame is saved automatically and displays as the thumbnail.



Select an automatically generated thumbnail

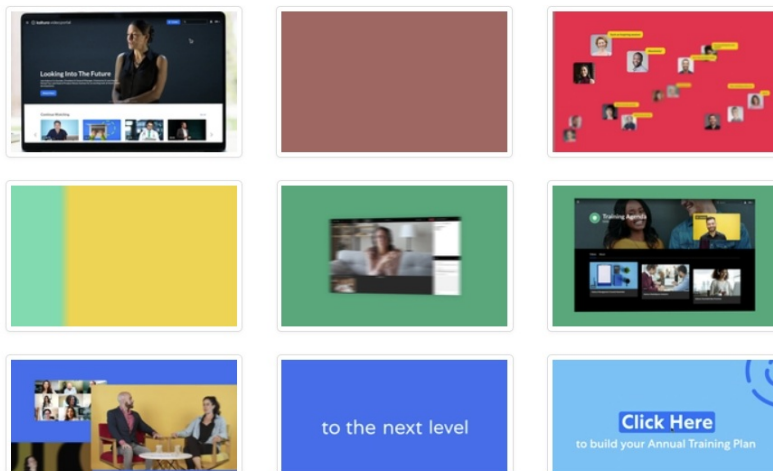
1. Click **Auto-Generate**.



A window with a selection of automatically generated thumbnails displays.

2. Select a thumbnail.

Select one of the Thumbnails

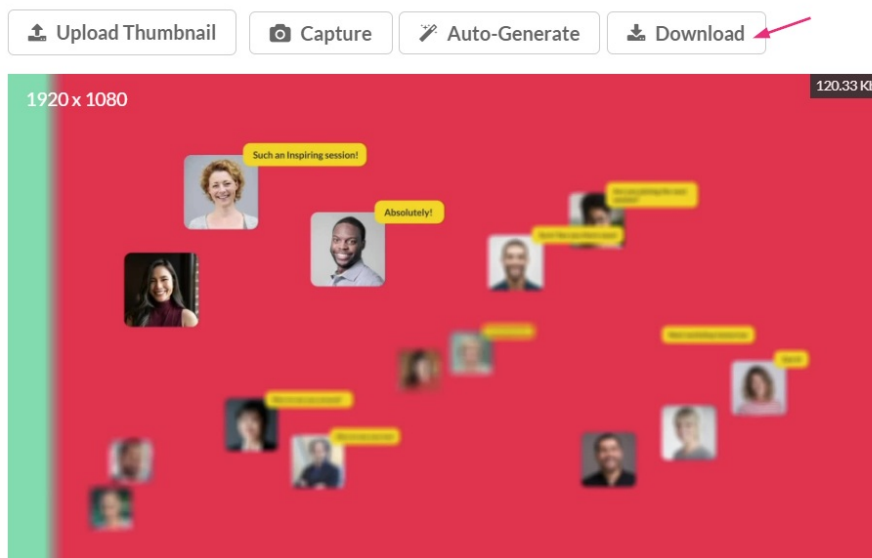


Cancel

The new thumbnail displays.

## Download a thumbnail

1. Click **Download**.



2. Save your image.