

# Channels terminology, symbols, and status icons in Video Portal

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 This article is designated for all users.

## About

This article explains terminology used across the Video Portal and Kaltura platform.

These instructions apply to the **Legacy Video Portal**. If you're using the Theming-based Video Portal, please refer to the [Content Hubs category](#).

## Terminology

**User ID** - A unique identifier for a user in your organization's system. The same ID is used in Kaltura to identify the user within a specific partner account.

**Group ID** - A unique identifier in your organization's system that represents an organizational unit or an ad-hoc security group.

A user can belong to multiple groups and can have a different role in each group. Roles may or may not be stored in your organizational systems.

**Video Portal gallery** - An open, private, or restricted gallery in the Video Portal that a defined group of users can access. Galleries are created in the Rich Media Content Management System (Rich Media CMS) and reflect your site's navigation structure.

Permissions can be assigned through:

- Group membership in your organization's system
- Manual assignment by a category manager

**Video Portal channel** - An open, private, or restricted channel in the Video Portal that a defined group of users can access.

Permissions can be assigned through:

- Group membership in your organization's system
- Manual assignment by a channel manager



A channel can be associated with one or more categories, based on the entitlements defined at the category level.

**Kaltura user** - A backend object that stores user information and is identified by the user ID.

Kaltura supports several user attributes. The following are recommended to support effective user management in the Video Portal and the Rich Media CMS:

- First name
- Last name
- Screen name (defaults to full name)

Kaltura creates users automatically in several workflows. You can also create users manually from the Rich Media CMS or using bulk upload.

Kaltura users include both Rich Media CMS administrators and Video Portal end users. Only Rich Media CMS administrators have the attribute that grants access to the Rich Media CMS.

**Kaltura category** - A backend object used to manage media collections and user entitlements in the Video Portal. A category manages access and permissions for channels and categories in the Video Portal.

**Kaltura category ID** - A unique internal identifier for a Kaltura category object.







**Kaltura category reference ID** - An optional value that links a Kaltura category to an external identifier, such as a Group ID. Uniqueness is not enforced.


**End-user entitlements** - Permissions that define whether a user can access, contribute to, or manage a specific channel or category.

In the Kaltura backend, entitlements are stored in the categoryUser object, which manages the relationship between a user and a category.

## Legacy Video Portal channel symbols and icons

The following icons apply only to the legacy Video Portal UI. If your site uses [Theming](#), see the updated channel experience in the design system. Learn more in our article [My Channels -Theming](#).

Status Icon	Status	What it means
	Open	Membership is open and non-members can view content and participate.
	Shared Repository	Membership is by invitation only. Members can publish content from this channel to any other channel according to their entitlements.
	Restricted	Non-members can view content, but users must be invited to participate.
	Private	Membership is by invitation only and only members can view content and participate
	Moderated	Media does not appear in channel until approved by channel manager.
	Public	Anyone can view content (including anonymous not logged-in users). Only channel members can contribute content according to their publishing entitlements.

 These icons are fixed system indicators. You can't customize them, change their style, or replace the icon that appears on a channel or media thumbnail.