

# Newest Features

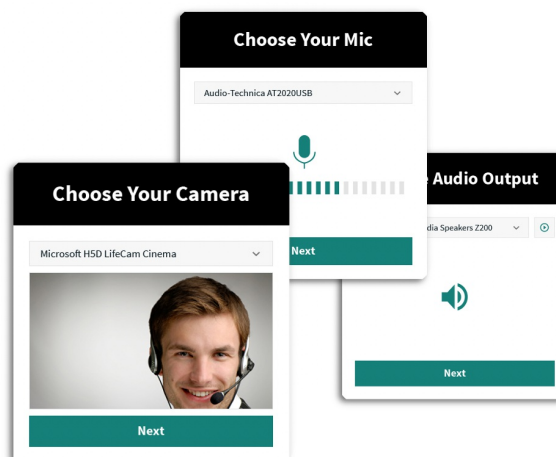
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Here are some of the newest updates and features within the Kaltura virtual classroom experience.

## Webcam/Mic Activation Wizard

**First time users** are prompted to go through a quick setup wizard to access their devices.

This ensures that the correct devices are always selected and secures the privacy of returning users by always asking them to confirm their devices.



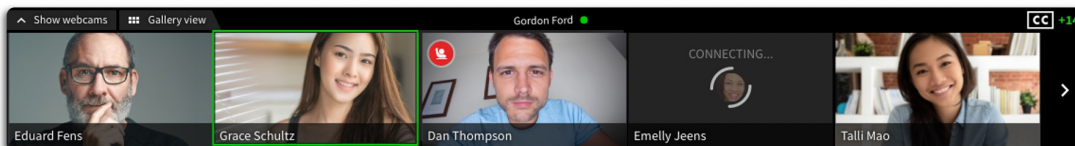
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For more information, check out [Activate Your Webcam & Microphone](#)

## Webcam Carousel + Gallery Views

Optimized to require less device resources – CPU and memory – as well as less bandwidth requirements.

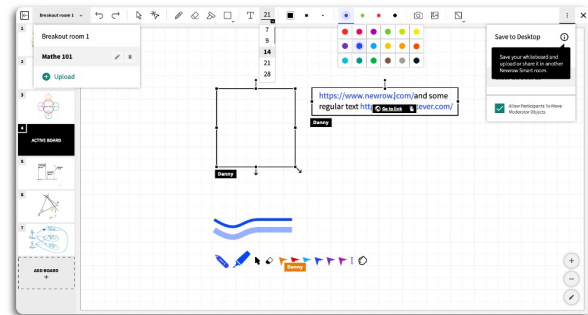
We introduced a **webcam carousel** that will allow participants to see pages of users when content is displayed. They can also use **gallery view** to see session participants. Additionally, we have opened the limit so that more people can be live with their webcams and mics.



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## Whiteboard

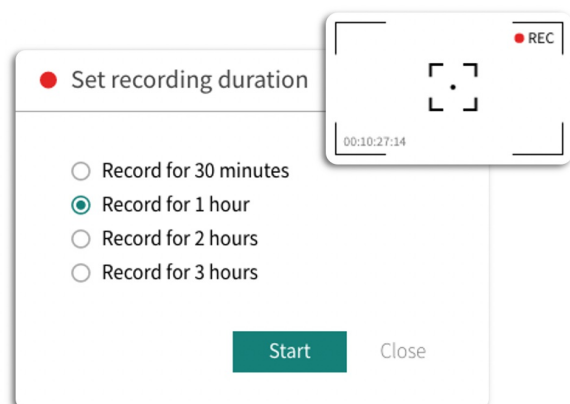
Users can add **multiple whiteboards** in the same room and change between them. They can **export** their whiteboards and **import** them in different rooms to re-use and edit their whiteboards in different rooms. This enables breakout room participants to share whiteboard activities in **breakout rooms** with the main room. The **text tool** among others has been updated and users can now upload images to the whiteboard from their computer.



For more information, check out [Draw On Your Digital Whiteboard](#)

## Recording

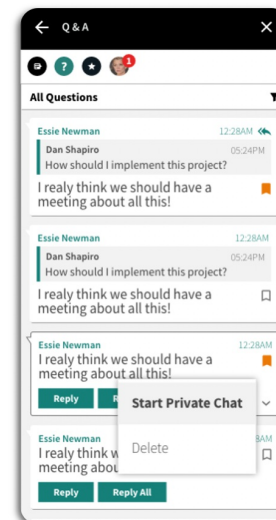
Recording start time has improved from 1-2 minutes to **less than 1 minute**. Additionally, recording files maintain a **great quality** at a fraction of the file size.



For more information, check out [Record Your Live Session](#)

## Chat - 1:1 Chat, Improved Q&A

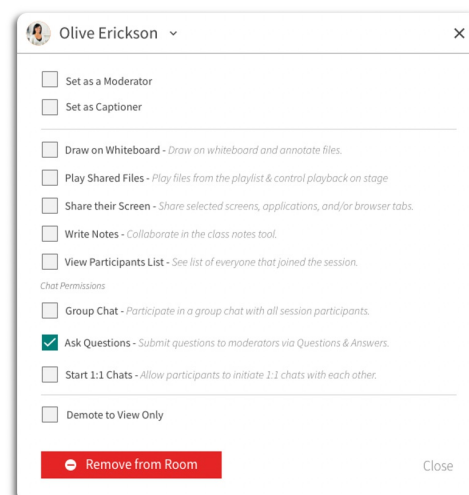
Moderators can initiate **1:1 chats with any participant**. When permission is given, participants can initiate **1:1 chats with one another**. The **Q&A** improves management of larger events by adding filtering for answered and unanswered questions as well as including option to reply to questions **directly** or **broadcasting** replies to all participants.


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For more information, check out [Send Chat Messages In Your Live Session](#)

## Default Permissions

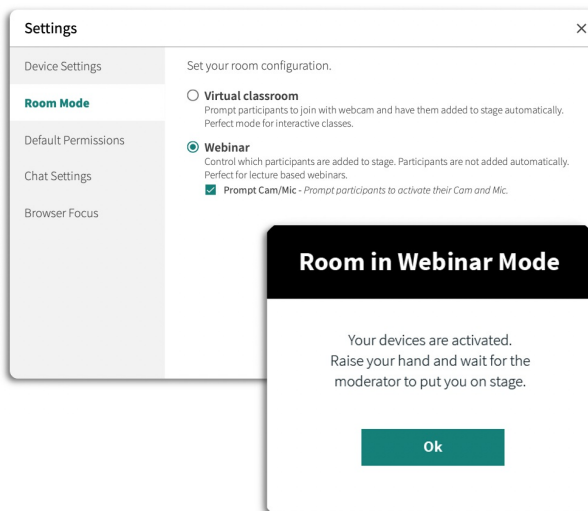
Users can set **default permission schemes** instead of having to give each participant permissions. They can easily set all participants to be able to: **Write** on the whiteboard or **annotate** files, **share** their screen, write notes or play shared files. There are new permissions such as hiding the participant list from participants, setting the participant list sorting, and chat permissions such as **hiding or showing** group chat, Q&A, 1:1 chat and more. We added browser level **chat notifications** to help bring focus to unread messages as well.


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For more information, check out [Set Default Participant Permissions](#)

## Webinar Flow Improvements

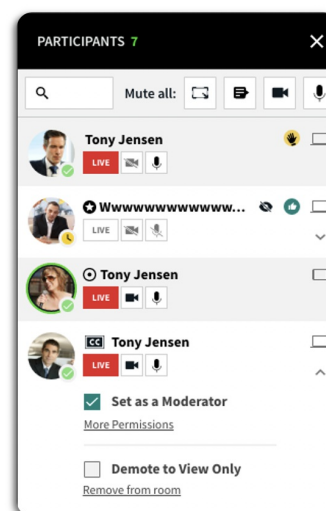
Users can now configure their webinars to **prompt** participants to turn on their devices when joining. Participants then see a message that the room is in webinar mode and are given **instructions** on how to speak up.



For more information, check out [Set Up Webinar Mode](#)

## Participant List

All new permissions in Default Permissions are available at the specific user level as well. Moderators can remove participants from the room. The Mute All behavior has been modified to mute all participants without muting the moderators. If a participant is muted by the moderator, then when they try to turn on their mic, they see a message that they have been muted. There is also the ability to Mute All webcams and quick action buttons to quickly give everyone permission to engage in the room chat (or not) or draw on the whiteboard (or not).



For more information, check out [Set Participant Permissions](#)