Express Capture vs Kaltura Capture

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This article is designated for all users.

About

Kaltura Capture and **Express Capture** both let you create and upload recordings to Kaltura. Express Capture is designed for quick recordings from a supported desktop browser, while Kaltura Capture is an installed desktop application with additional recording and presentation tools.

Express Capture comes in two versions. **Express Capture 2.0**, the upgraded version, adds a teleprompter, background effects, and settings for your video and audio. It's available only if Theming is enabled on your site.

Express Capture

- **Browser-based recording:** Record directly from a supported desktop browser without installing an application.
- **Camera, microphone, and screen capture:** Record one camera, one screen, and audio.
- **Quick recording workflow:** Preview the recording, record it again, download a local copy, or upload it to Kaltura.
- **Recording tools:** Pause and resume recording. Express Capture 2.0 also has a teleprompter, background blur and virtual backgrounds, framing and lighting assistance, and video settings such as resolution, orientation, and format. Neither version has annotations or a whiteboard.
- **Desktop only:** Express Capture is not supported on mobile devices or tablets, including iPhones and iPads.

Kaltura Capture

- **Installed desktop application:** Kaltura Capture must be downloaded and installed on your computer.
- **Multiple recording sources:** Record up to two cameras, two screens, and audio.
- **Presentation tools:** Use annotations and the whiteboard while recording, and automatically generate chapters from PowerPoint presentations.
- **Recording controls:** Pause and resume recording and select the camera and screen-capture resolution.

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- **Offline recording:** Record without an internet connection and upload the recording when a connection is available.

Which tool should I use?

Use **Express Capture** for quick recordings from a supported desktop browser when you don't need to install an application or use advanced recording tools.

Use **Kaltura Capture** for more complex recordings that require multiple sources, annotations, a whiteboard, PowerPoint chapter generation, or offline recording.

Feature comparison

Feature	Express Capture		Kaltura Capture
	1.0	2.0	
Deployment method	Desktop browser	Desktop browser	Installed desktop application
Audio capture	Yes	Yes	Yes
Camera capture	Yes, one camera	Yes, one camera	Yes, up to two cameras
Screen capture	Yes, one screen	Yes, one screen	Yes, up to two screens
Annotations and whiteboard	No	No	Yes
Automatically generate chapters from PowerPoint	No	No	Yes
Deploy through SCCM (System Center Configuration Manager)	No	No	Yes
Pause and resume recording	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Feature	Express Capture		Kaltura Capture
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Save a recording to your computer	Yes, using **Download a copy**	Yes, using **Download a copy**	Yes
Select camera and screen-capture resolution	No	Yes, camera only	Yes
Teleprompter	No	Yes	No
Background blur and virtual backgrounds	No	Yes	No
Framing, lighting, and audio level assistance	No	Yes	No
Choose video orientation, frame rate, and format	No	Yes	No
VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure) compatibility	Yes*	No	No

*In a virtual desktop environment, Express Capture 1.0 works only if the browser can access your camera and microphone. Support depends on how the virtual desktop is configured.

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