Theming module

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This article is designated for administrators.

About

The **Theming module** is the foundation of the modern Content Hubs experience. New features and pages are built on Theming, making this module a prerequisite for future Theming-based capabilities.

Once enabled, the module unlocks the Theme Builder, allowing administrators to design, preview, and publish a fully branded site by controlling layouts, colors, fonts, and page structure from a single place.

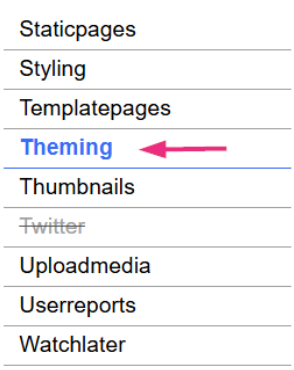
If your instance uses custom CSS, contact your Kaltura representative before enabling Theming.

The Theming module also lets administrators migrate an existing legacy homepage to a Theming-based homepage.

The migration creates a new Home template page, transfers the homepage hero and playlists, updates site navigation to use the new page, and disables the legacy Home module.

Configure

1. Go to your Configuration Management console and click on the **Theming** module. You can also navigate directly using a link: `https://{your_site_URL}/admin/config/tab/theming`.



The Theming page displays.

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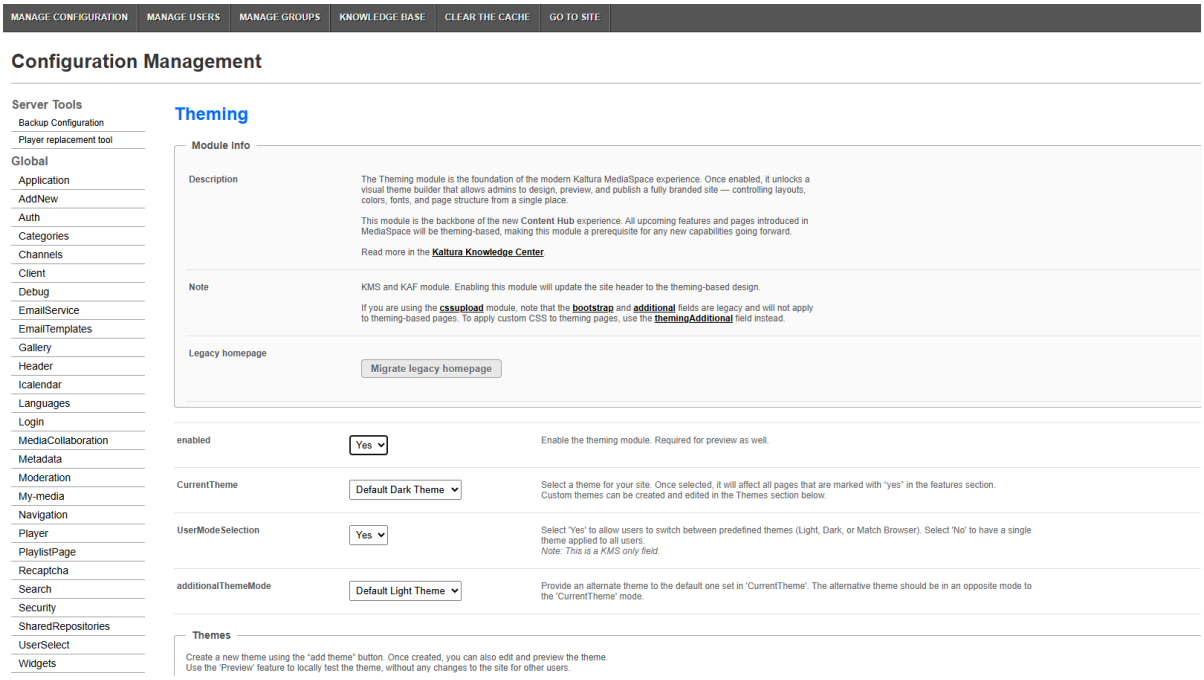


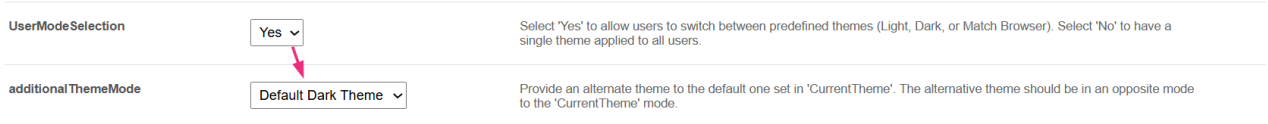
2. Configure the following:

enabled - Set to 'Yes' to enable the module.

currentTheme - Choose the default theme for your site. You can select the built-in Light or Dark theme, or a custom theme you've created (see below). The selected theme applies to all pages set to 'Yes' in the **Features** section (see below).

Once a theme is selected here, it updates the site's header and other Theming-enabled pages to match the chosen design.

UserModeSelection - Set to 'Yes' to let logged-in users choose their preferred theme from the user menu. When enabled, an additional field appears:



additionalThemeMode - Choose an alternate theme (must be the opposite of the one set in currentTheme, for example, if **CurrentTheme** is 'Light', select 'Dark' here). Options include:

- **Light** – Forces Light theme across the site
- **Dark** – Forces Dark theme
- **Match Browser** – Follows the user's browser or system setting

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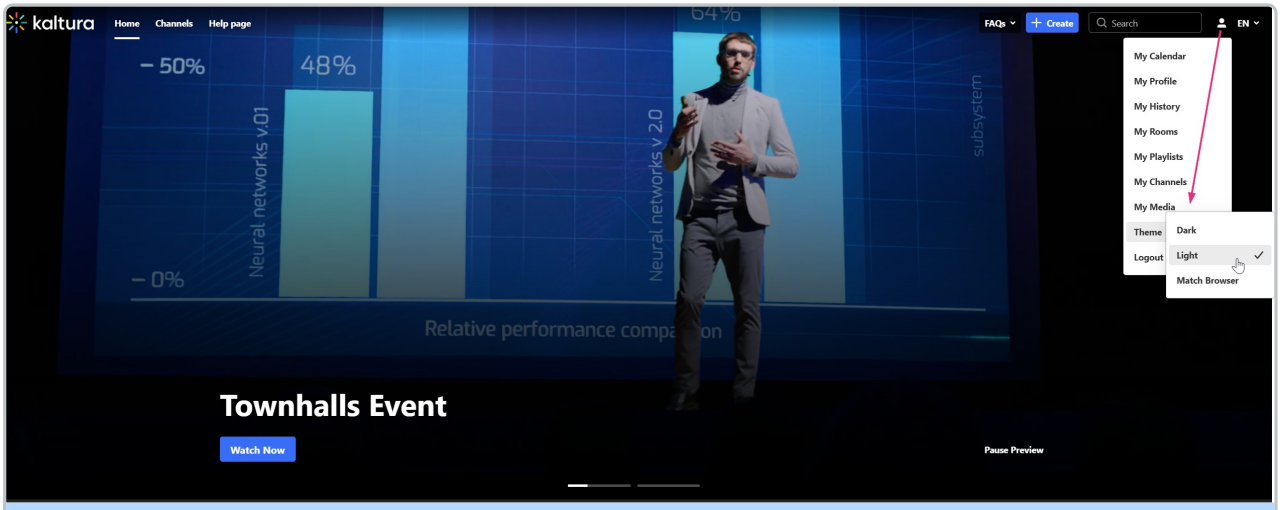
Both **CurrentTheme** and **additionalThemeMode** must be defined for theme switching to work. User selection applies immediately and is saved for future visits.

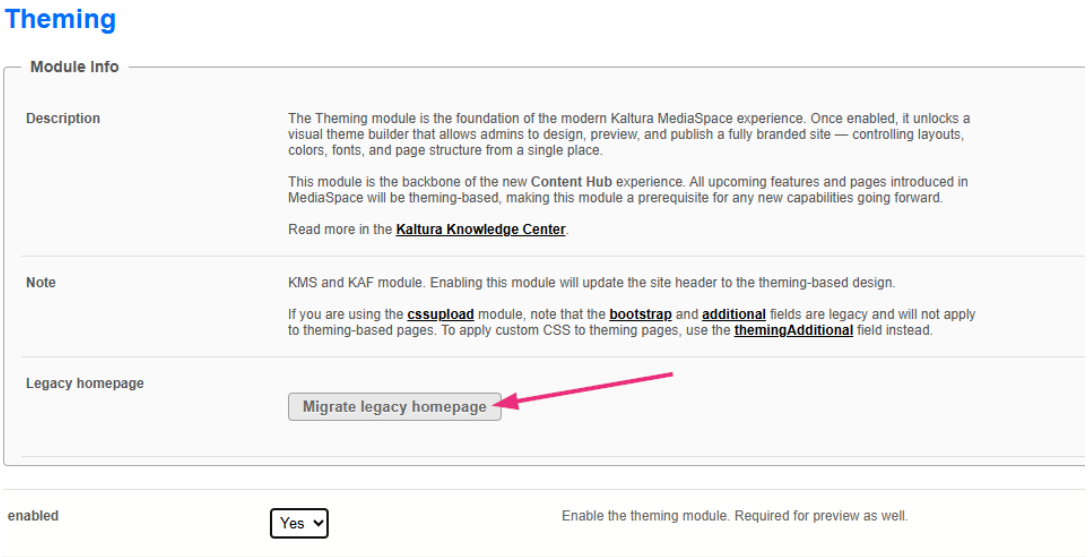


User menu with new theme selection option

Migrate the legacy homepage

If the **Home module** is enabled, the **Migrate legacy homepage** button is available. Use it to migrate the legacy homepage to a Theming-based homepage.

Click **Migrate legacy homepage**.



When the migration finishes successfully, a confirmation message displays with:

- The URL of the new homepage.
- Confirmation that the legacy Home module has been disabled.
- A reminder to review the Navigation module and confirm that only the intended homepage is enabled.

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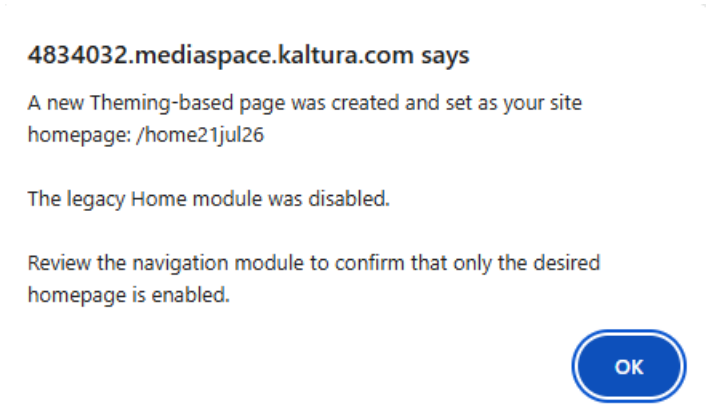
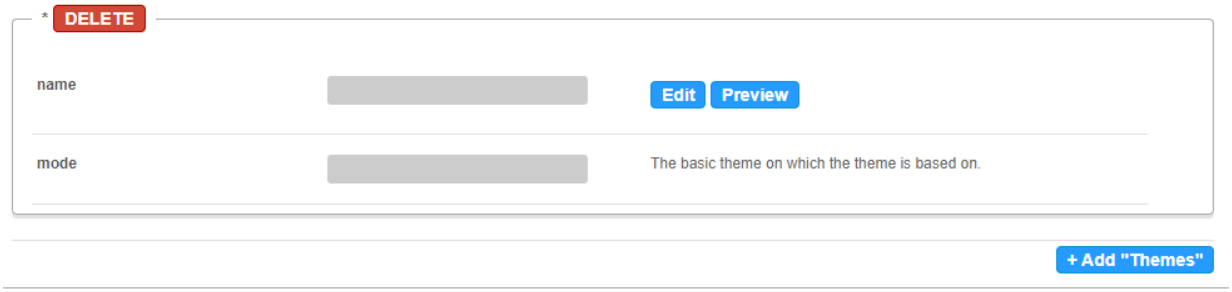


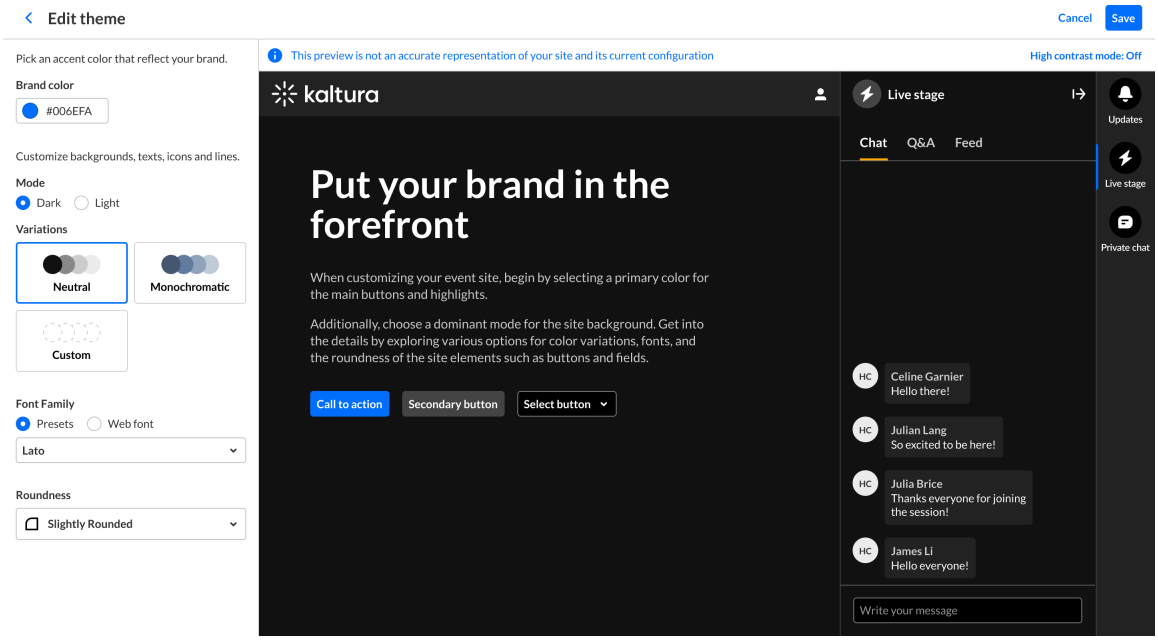
Themes

1. Click the +**Add Themes** button.

   A new field displays:



2. Click **Edit**.
3. The **Theme Builder** opens.



4. Use the Theme Builder to design and manage your custom theme. Once you're

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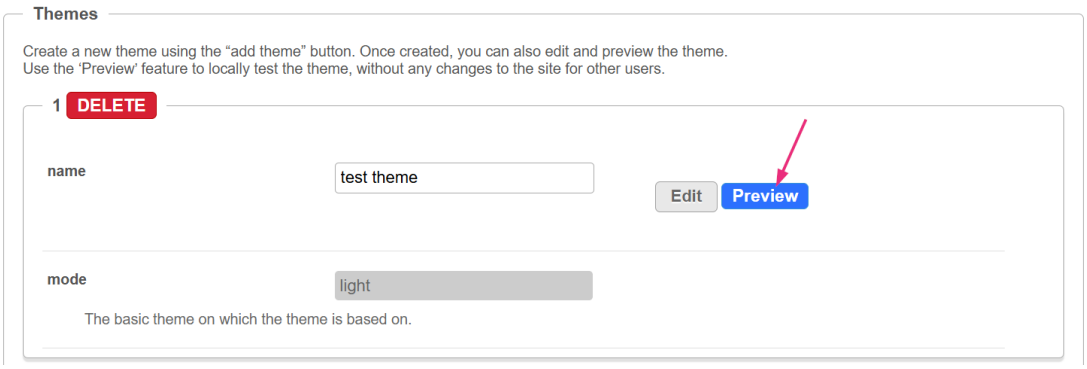
done customizing, your theme will be available in the **CurrentTheme** dropdown, ready to be set as your site's default.

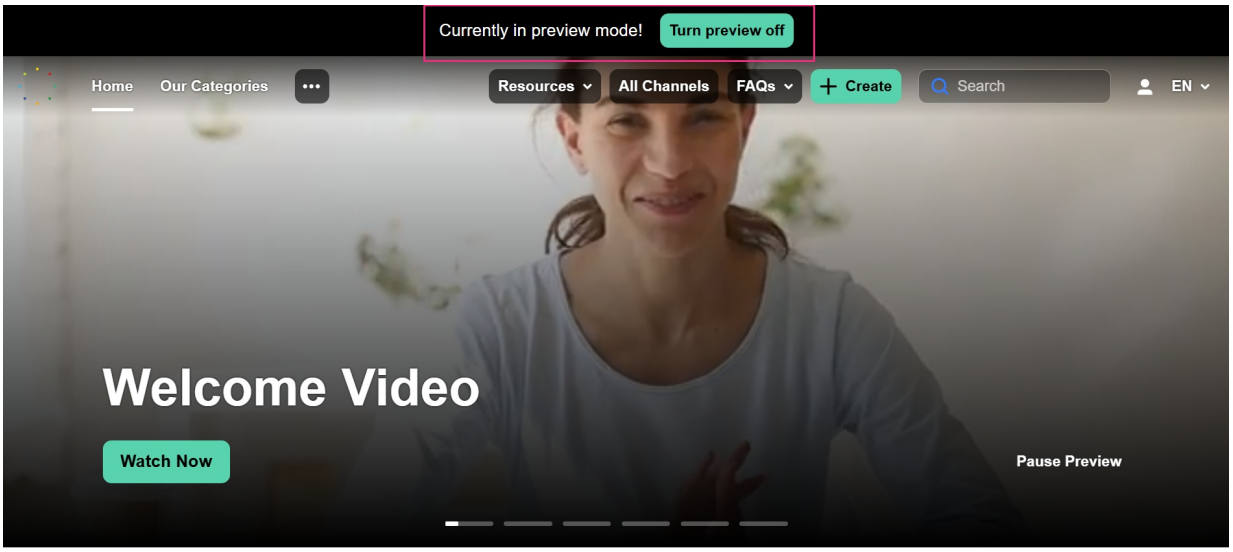
For detailed steps, see our article Theme Builder.

5. Click **Preview** to see how your theme looks on the site without affecting what other users see.



You'll be redirected to the site with a preview banner below the top menu, letting you know you're in preview mode. This preview is local to your browser and doesn't impact other users.

To exit preview mode, click **Turn Preview Off** in the banner.



After you have customized a theme, you can set it as your site's default theme from the **CurrentTheme** dropdown.

To add **custom CSS**, you can use the **themingAdditional** field in the cssupload module.

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Features

Use this section to choose which Theming-based pages and features to enable.

- Set a feature to 'Yes' to apply your selected theme to that page for all users. The selected theme in the **CurrentTheme** field is applied to enabled pages.
- Set a feature to 'No' if you want to preview it before enabling it. Preview mode displays all Theming-based pages as though their features are set to Yes.

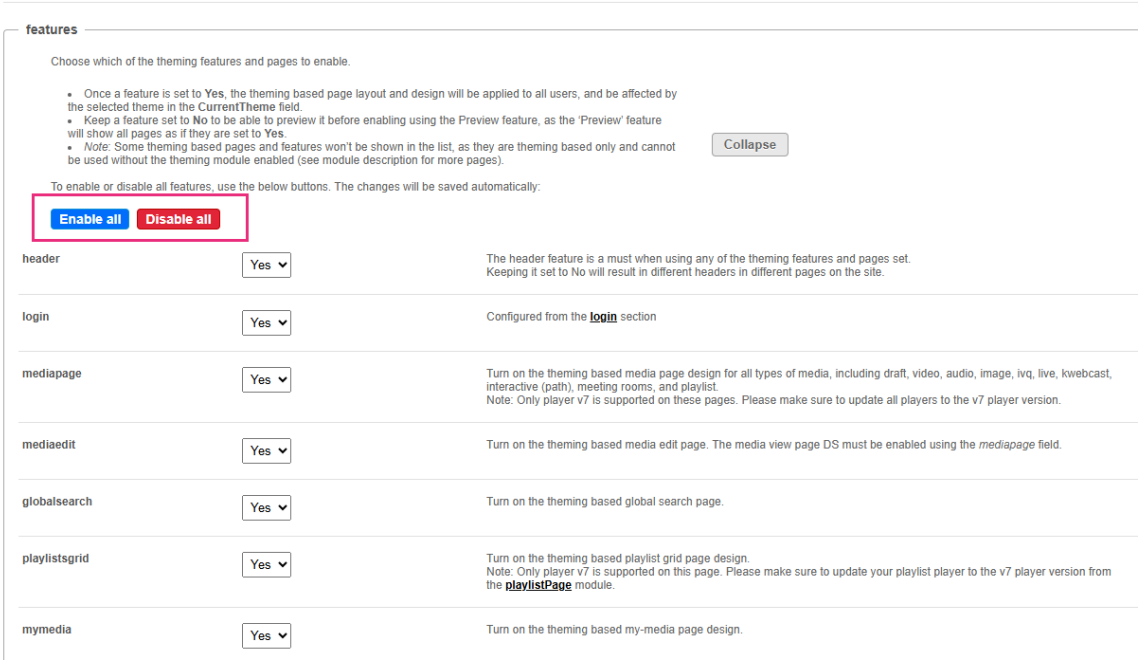
Some Theming-based features don’t appear in this list as they are always enabled when the Theming module is active. See the Related modules section below for details.

Enable or disable all features

The **Enable all** and **Disable all** buttons appear above the feature list.

- Click **Enable all** to set every Theming feature to 'Yes', including hidden Theming features and ChannelThemingUI.
- Click **Disable all** to set every Theming feature to 'No', including hidden Theming features and ChannelThemingUI.

Changes are saved automatically.



header - The header feature must be enabled when using any Theming-based pages or features. If it's set to 'No', different pages on the site may display different headers.

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login - This is configured in the login module.

mediapage - Turn on the Theming-based media page for all types of media, including draft entry, video, audio, image, video quiz, live, kwebcase, interactive (path) video, meeting rooms, and playlist. Only **player v7** is supported on these pages. Please make sure to update all players to the v7 player version.

mediaedit - Enables the Theming-based Edit media page with a tab-based layout. If disabled, the legacy Edit media page is displayed.

globalsearch - Enables the Theming-based global search page.

playlistsgrid - Enables the Theming-based playlist grid page. When a user clicks 'See All', they are redirected to that playlist in grid view.

Only the v7 player is supported on this page. Make sure to update the playlist player ID to the v7 player in the playlistPage module.

mymedia - Enables the Theming-based My Media page design

allchannels - Enables the Theming-based All Channels page, which is configured in the Channels module.

mychannels - The My Channels page is configured in the Channels module.

createchannel - Enables the Theming-based Create Channel modal.

gallerypage - Enables the Theming-based Gallery page. The page can be configured from the Gallery module.

createplaylist - Enables the Theming-based 'Createplaylist'.

myplaylists - Enables the Theming-based My playlists page.

tagsearch - Enables the Theming-based tags search page (global search).

editplaylist - Enables the Theming-based edit playlist page.

playlistdetails - Enables the Theming-based playlist details page. This feature is not officially released, and is only available for evaluation mode.

playlist - Enables the Theming-based playlist playback page design. Only **player v7** is supported on this page. Please make sure to update your playlist player ID to the V7 player version on the playlistPage module.

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The **playlist** feature depends on the 'mediapage' feature. If 'mediapage' is disabled, the playlist option won't appear in this list.

galleryedit - Enables the Theming-based gallery edit page.

coursemediagalleryedit - Enables the Theming-based media gallery edit page. For LMS integrations only (KAF).

channeledit - Enables the Theming-based channel edit page. Requires the ChannelThemingUI module to also be enabled.

createdby - This redirects clicks on the creator's name ("by [creator's name]") to the Theming-based profile page, opening the Media tab. See Search content by creator to learn more.

channels - These are configured in the channelthemingui module.

quizcreation - This is configured in the quiz module.

personalprofile - This is configured in the personalprofile module.

addfromurl - Enables the *Import from URL* option in the +Create menu, allowing users to add media via a direct link. Requires the addfromurl module.

browseandembed - This is configured in the Browseandembed module. Can only be used only v3 of the BSE.

registration - This is configured in the Siteregistration module.

channelcollections - This is configured in the channelcollections module.

editor - Turns on the Theming-based layout for the video editor (enabled in the editor module)

footer - This is configured in the footer module.

myhistory - This turns on the Theming-based My History page. The page can be configured from the History module.

helppage - This is configured in the helppage module.

kcapture - This is configured in the kalturacapture module.

createtownhall - Enables the Theming-based Town Hall modal.

createroom - Enables the Theming-based 'Create a room' modal.

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recorder - This is configured in the recorder module.

recyclebin - Enables the Theming-based recycle bin.

analytics - This is configured from the user reports module.

> **Quiz analytics** is not currently supported in the Theming interface and opens in the legacy analytics page.

youtube - This is configured in the Youtube module.

Related modules

Enabling the Theming module is a prerequisite for the following modules:

1. CustomPages module
2. TemplatePages module
3. HelpPage module
4. PersonalProfile module
5. Footer module
6. ListPage module
7. Login module
8. Upload Mediamodule
9. ChannelThemingUI module
10. ChannelCollections module
11. PlaylistPage module
12. Search module
13. GroupsPage module
14. AddNew module
15. AddFromURL

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