

Set the media thumbnail

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 This article is designated for all users.

About

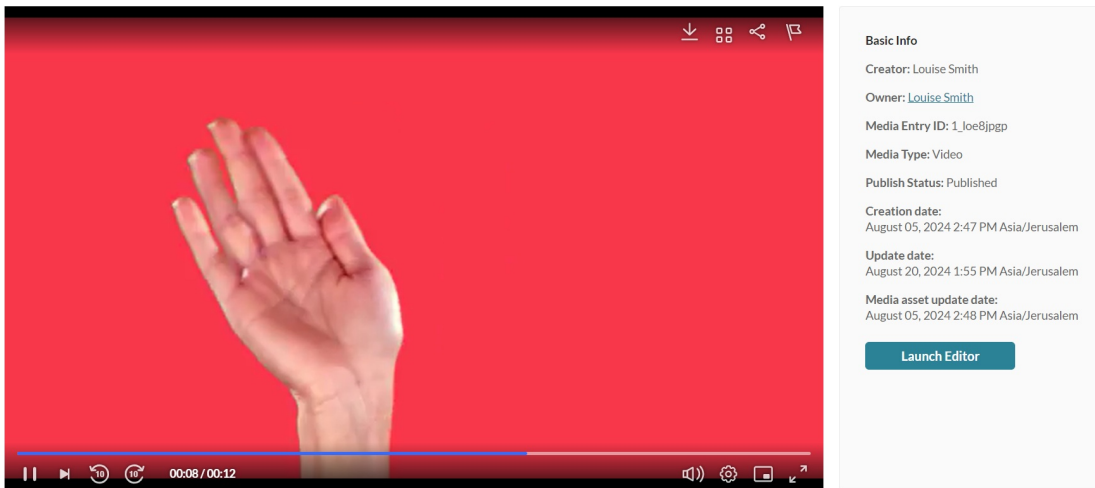
Kaltura automatically generates a default thumbnail for each video, capturing a frame at the three-second mark. If you need a different default offset, reach out to your Customer Success Manager.

Additionally, you have the flexibility to set and manage your own thumbnails. This article will guide you through the process.

Access the thumbnail settings

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






Demo



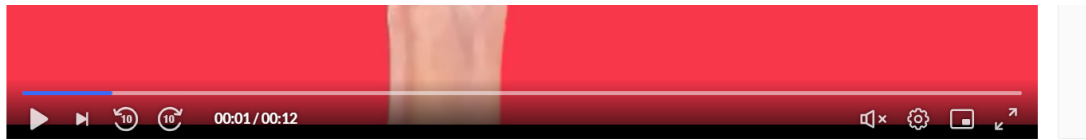
The screenshot displays a video player interface. The video player shows a hand reaching up against a red background. The video player controls at the bottom include a play/pause button, a progress bar at 00:08 / 00:12, and volume and full-screen icons. To the right of the video player is a sidebar with the following information:

- Basic Info**
- Creator: Louise Smith
- Owner: [Louise Smith](#)
- Media Entry ID: 1_loe8jppp
- 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

Below the video player is a navigation menu with the following tabs: Details, Languages, Publish, Options, Collaboration, **Thumbnails**, Presenters, Downloads, Distribution, Captions, Attachments, Timeline, Replace Media, Display. Below the navigation menu is a registration form with the following fields:

- Registration: Chat
- Name: (Required)
- Description: **Black** **Bold** *Italic* Underline     







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




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Enter Description...

 Editing thumbnails is not applicable for YouTube entries.




The thumbnail settings display.

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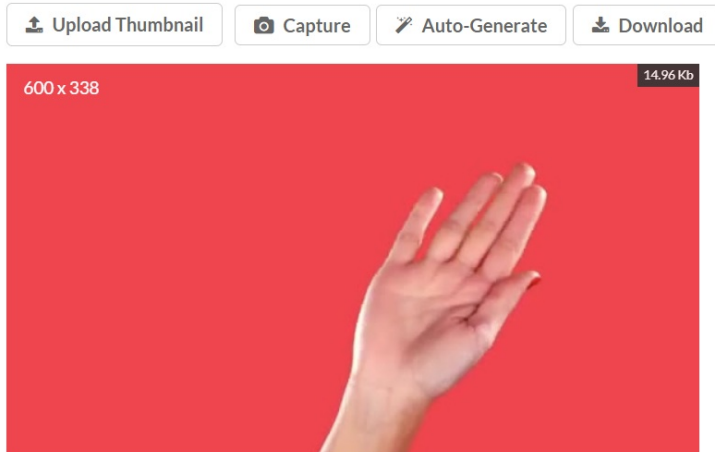
Note: By using **Upload**, **Capture** or **Auto-Generate** you will set the default thumbnail as the selected one. If you need to backup your current thumbnail, you can **Download** it.

-  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.

Set and manage thumbnails

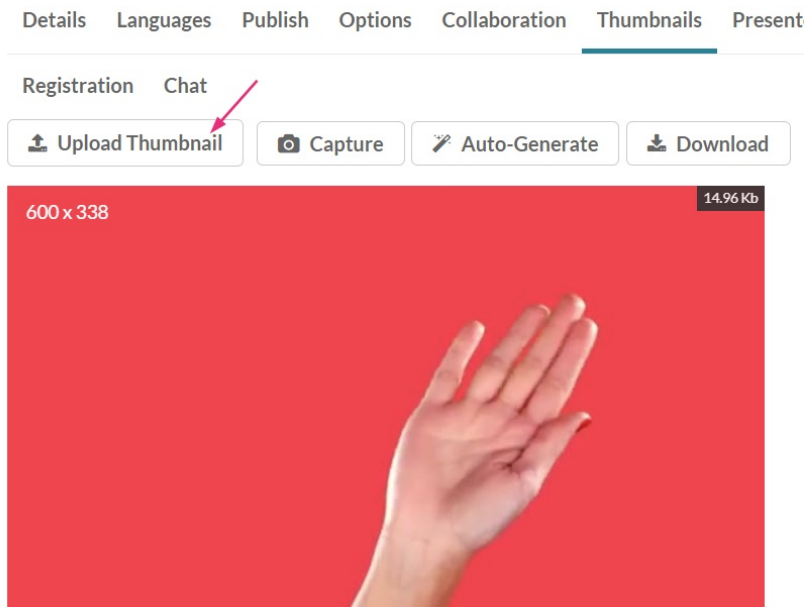
There are four options for setting and managing a thumbnail:

- **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.

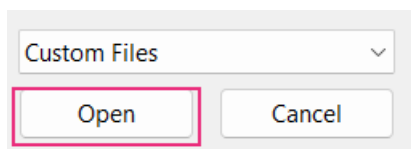


Upload a custom thumbnail

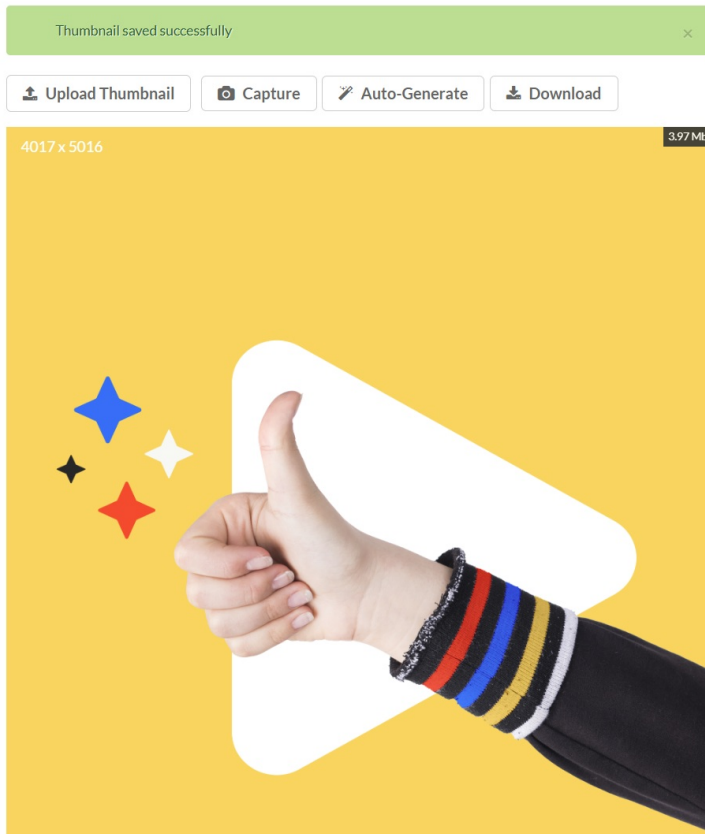
1. Click **Upload Thumbnail**.



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



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

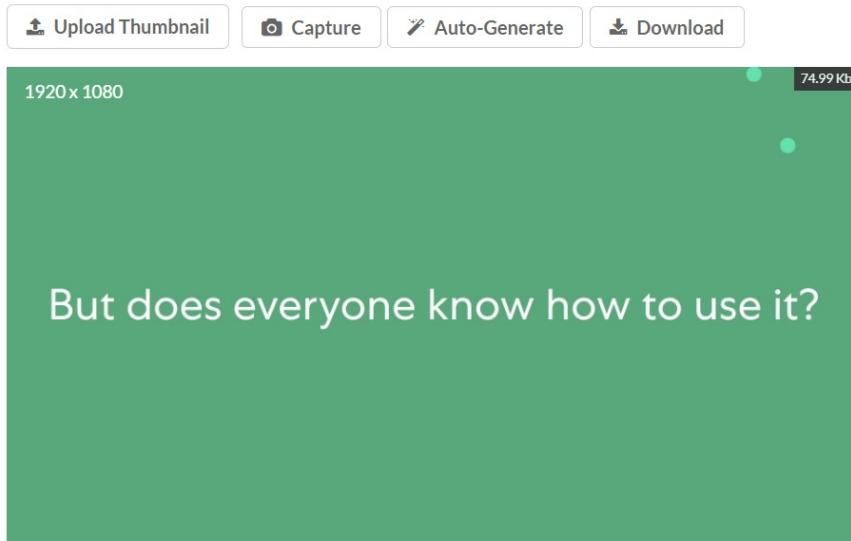


Capture a frame from the content

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

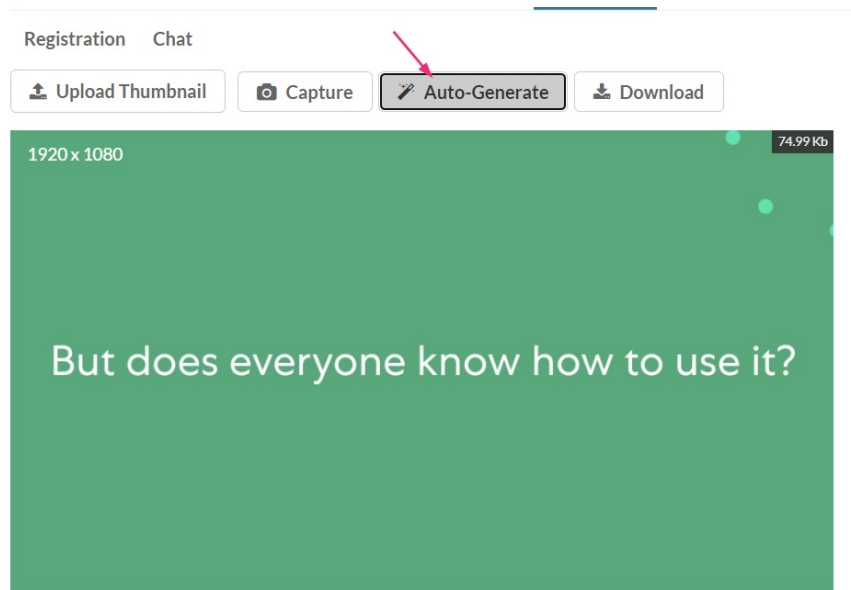
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The captured frame is saved automatically and displays as the thumbnail.



Select an automatically generated thumbnail

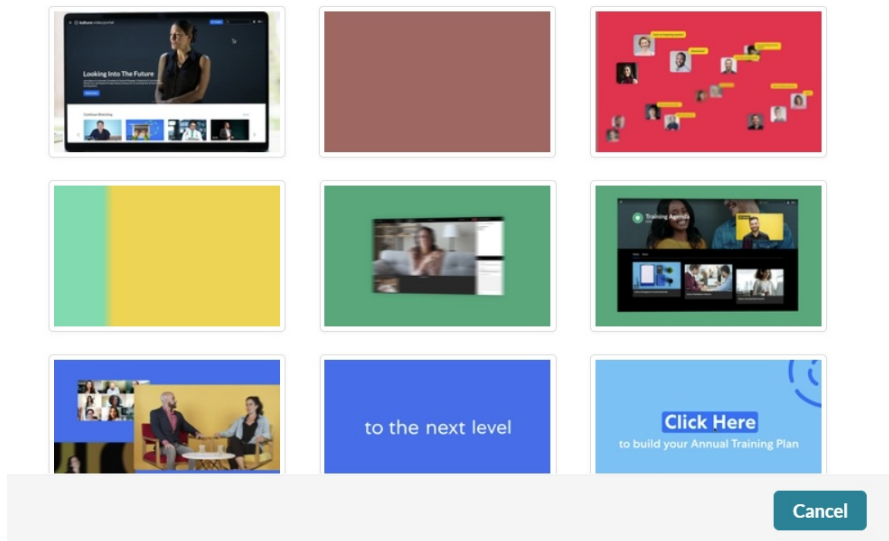
1. Click **Auto-Generate**.



A window with a selection of automatically generated thumbnails displays.

2. Select a thumbnail.

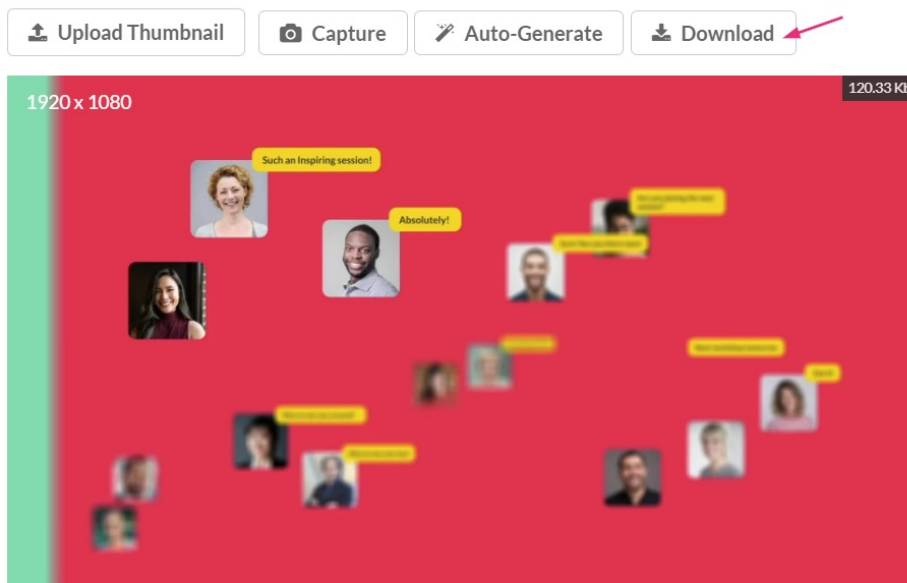
Select one of the Thumbnails



The new thumbnail displays.

Download a thumbnail

Click **Download**.



The image downloads.