Categories module

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This article is designated for administrators.

About

The **Categories module** defines the root category used by your Kaltura application and controls how media from this and other connected Kaltura applications is surfaced to users.

In **Content Hubs or legacy Video Portal**, categories appear to users as galleries in the site's navigation menu.

In **LMS Extensions or LMS Video integrations**, categories are used behind the scenes to support features such as Media Galleries and shared repositories.

Before you start

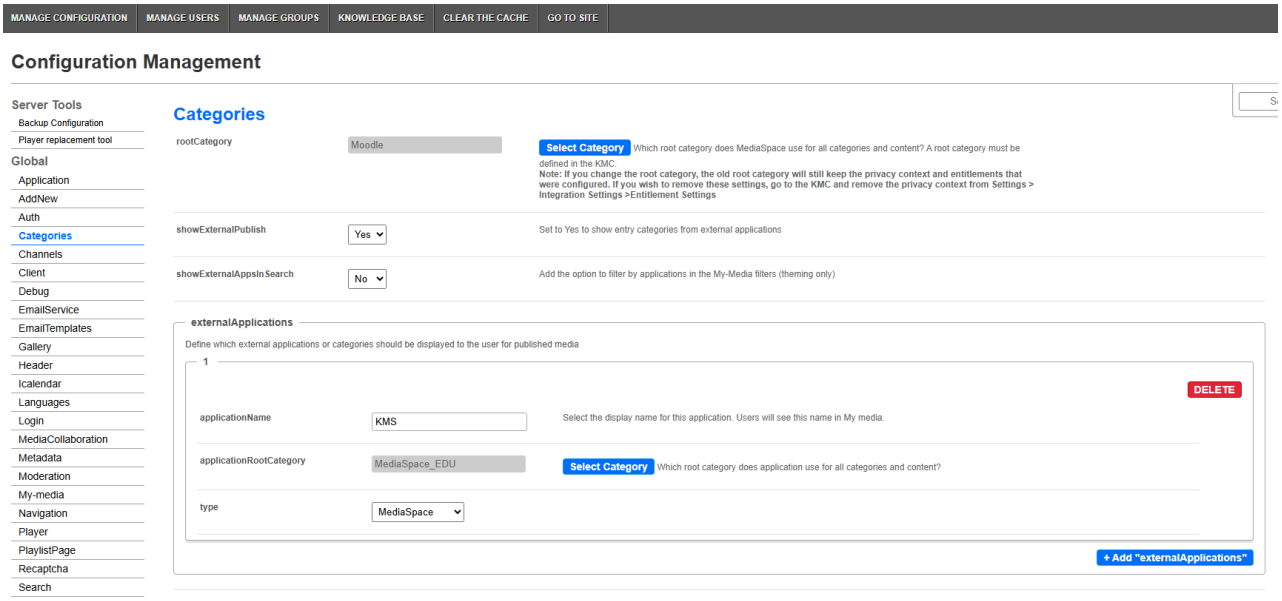
Before configuring this module, you must create the required categories in the Rich Media Content Management System (Rich Media CMS). See our article Create categories in Rich Media CMS.

Configure

1. Go to your Configuration Management console, locate the **Categories** module in the left panel, then select it.. You can also navigate to it directly using a link: `https://{your_site_URL}/admin/config/tab/categories`.

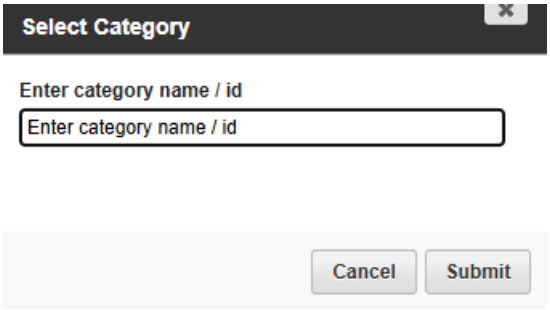
The **Categories** page displays.

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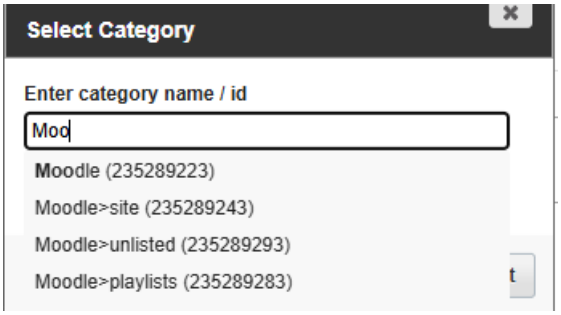


2. Configure the following:

a. **rootCategory** - Click **Select Category**.



b. Start typing the category name, and select the root category you created in the Rich Media CMS.



c. Click **Submit**.

The root category should not be changed after initial configuration. You can rename the category in the Rich Media CMS.

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External applications (optional)

These settings are used when media from other Kaltura applications (for example, another Content Hub or LMS instance) should be visible to users.

showExternalPublish - Set to 'Yes' to show categories from external applications.

showExternalAppsInSearch - Set to 'Yes' to add the option to filter by applications in the My Media filters (Theming only)

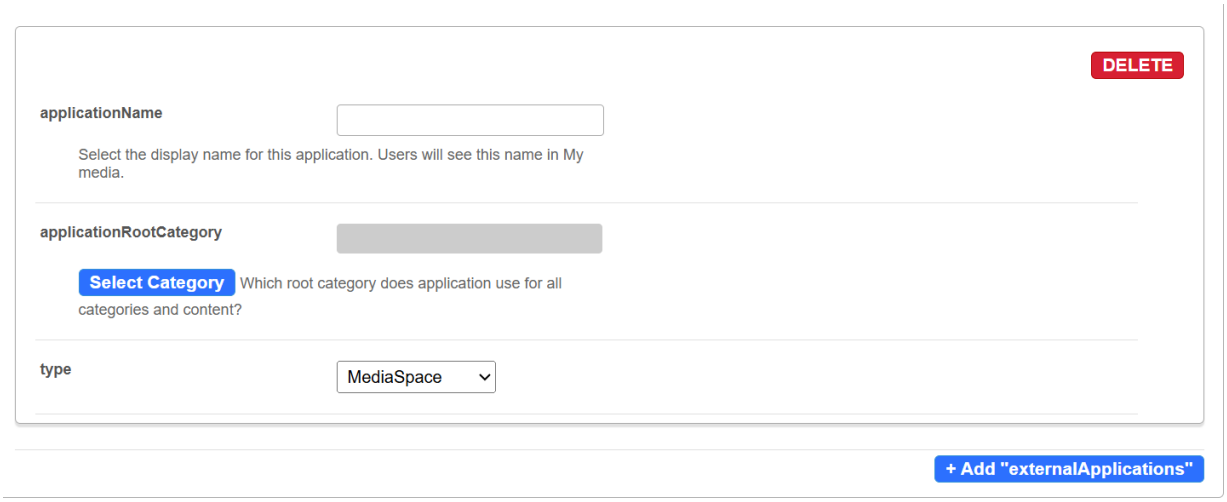
Add external applications

Set the fields in this section for each external application you want to add.

If you have multiple sites connected to the same KAF environment, you can use this section to surface media published in those external applications. For more information, see External applications overview.

a. Click **+AddexternalApplications**.

Additional fields appear.



b. Configure the fields:

- **applicationName** - Select the display name for this application. Users will see this name in My media.
- **applicationRootCategory** - The Select category window opens. Start typing the category name, and select the root category you created in the Rich Media CMS.

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- **type** - Select one of the drop-down options: **MediaSpace** (also known as legacy Video Portal), **KAF application** or **Other**.

You can repeat the steps to configure multiple external applications.

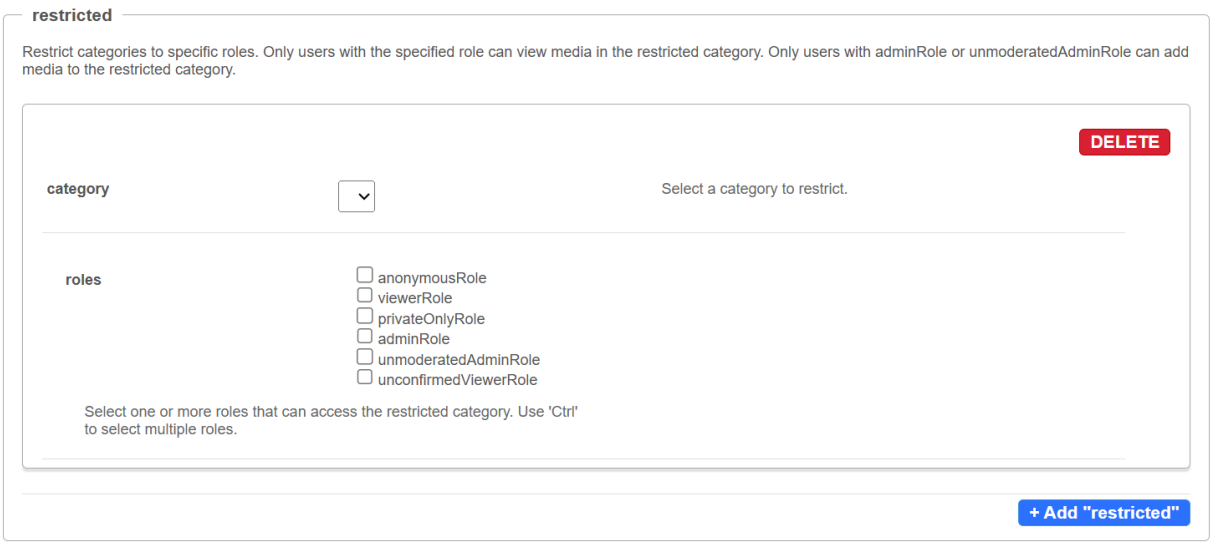
Restrict categories by role (optional)

You can limit access to specific categories so that only selected roles can view media within them.

> Only users with the **adminRole** or **unmoderatedAdminRole** can add media to the restricted category.

a. Click **+Add "restricted".**

Additional fields appear.



b. Complete the fields:

- **category** - Select the category to restrict.

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- **roles** - Select one or more roles that can access the restricted category.

You can set restrictions on multiple categories.

Assigning **anonymousRole** only applies if anonymous access has been enabled globally in the Auth module

3. Click **Save**.

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