

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 **Video Portal**, categories appear to users as [galleries](#) in the site's navigation menu.

In **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 Kaltura Management Console (KMC). See our article [Create categories in KMC](#).

Configure

1. Go to your Configuration Management console and click the **Categories** module. You can also navigate to it directly using a link:

https://{{your_site_URL}}/admin/config/tabs/categories.

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The 'Categories' page displays.

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Categories

rootCategory Moodle

Select Category Which root category does MediaSpace use for all categories and content? A root category must be defined in the KMC.
Note: If you change the root category, the old root category will still keep the privacy context and entitlements that were configured. If you wish to remove these settings, go to the KMC and remove the privacy context from Settings > Integration Settings >Entitlement Settings

showExternalPublish Yes

Set to Yes to show entry categories from external applications

showExternalAppsInSearch No

Add the option to filter by applications in the My-Media filters (theming only)

externalApplications

Define which external applications or categories should be displayed to the user for published media

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applicationName KMS

Select the display name for this application. Users will see this name in My media.

DELETE

applicationRootCategory MediaSpace_EDU

Select Category Which root category does application use for all categories and content?

type MediaSpace

+ Add "externalApplications"

2. Configure the following:

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

Select Category

Enter category name / id

Cancel **Submit**

b. Start typing the category name, and select the root category you created in the KMC.

Select Category

Enter category name / id

- Moodle (235289223)
- Moodle>site (235289243)
- Moodle>unlisted (235289293)
- Moodle>playlists (235289283)

c. Click **Submit**.



The root category should not be changed after initial configuration. You may rename the category in the KMC — the change will automatically reflect in KAF.



External applications (optional)

These settings are used when media from other Kaltura applications (for example, another Video Portal 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 LMS integrations or Video Portal instances 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 **+Add externalApplications**.

Additional fields appear.

applicationName DELETE

Select the display name for this application. Users will see this name in My media.

applicationRootCategory Select Category Which root category does application use for all categories and content?

type MediaSpace

+ Add "externalApplications"

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 KMC.

Select Category

Enter category name / id

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Cancel Submit

- **type** - Select one of the drop-down options: **MediaSpace** (also known as 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.

restricted

Restrict categories to specific roles. Only users with the specified role can view media in the restricted category. Only users with adminRole or unmoderatedAdminRole can add media to the restricted category.

category	<input type="button" value="▼"/>	Select a category to restrict.	DELETE
roles	<input type="checkbox"/> anonymousRole <input type="checkbox"/> viewerRole <input type="checkbox"/> privateOnlyRole <input type="checkbox"/> adminRole <input type="checkbox"/> unmoderatedAdminRole <input type="checkbox"/> unconfirmedViewerRole		
Select one or more roles that can access the restricted category. Use 'Ctrl' to select multiple roles.			
+ Add "restricted"			

- b. Complete the fields:

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



- **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**.