

Introduction to Kaltura's player settings

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About

This article gives an overview of the player configuration areas in the Player Studio. From here, admins fine-tune playback, appearance, third-party integrations, and advanced behavior for each player type.

With a wide range of options, you can shape the player to match your brand, accessibility standards, and workflow - everything from captions and CTAs to casting, analytics, and custom CSS - so it works exactly the way you want.

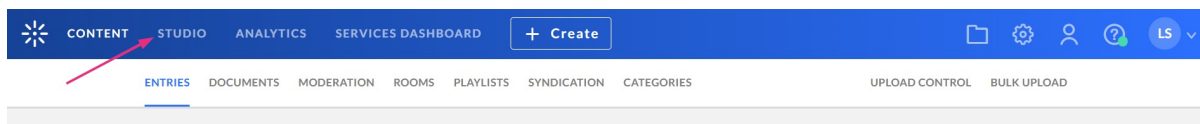
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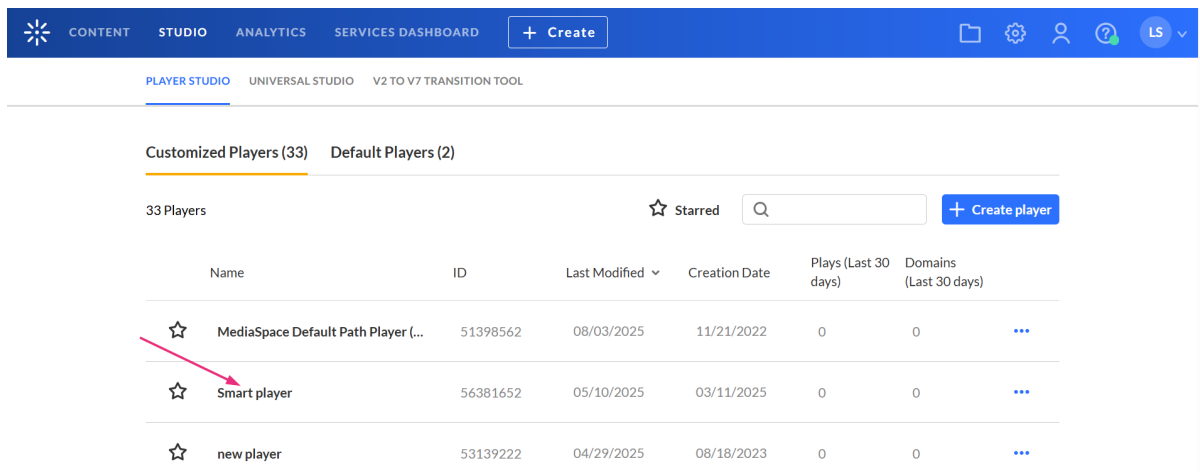
For individual guides per setting, see the [Player settings category](#).

Access the settings

1. Log into the Rich Media CMS and click the **Studio** tab.



2. From the list, choose the player you want to customize.



The settings page displays.

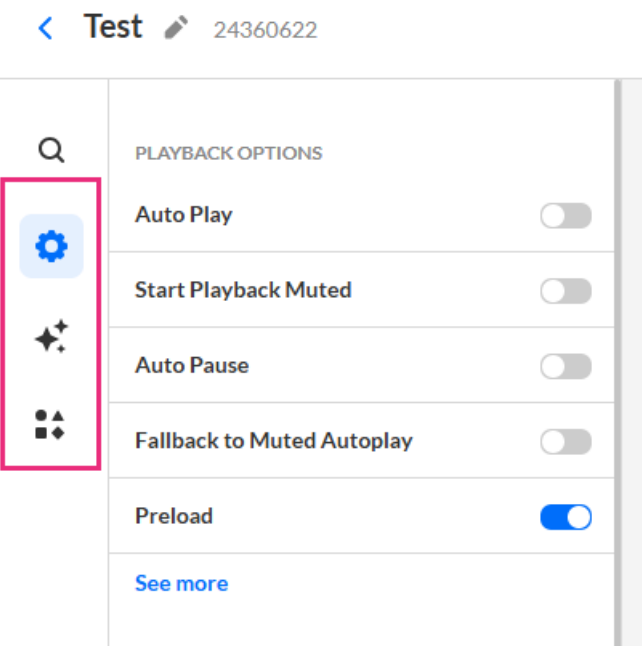


Settings page at a glance

There are three tabs in the player settings:

- **Settings** - Includes Playback options, Accessibility & language, Navigation & discovery, Engagement & interactivity, and Controls & permissions
- **Visual** - Appearance, colors, branding elements, and styling
- **Integrations** - Third-party services

Use these tabs to move between functional areas as you configure the player.














Settings tab



Organized into three sections:

- **Playback options** - How media starts and plays (e.g., autoplay, start playback muted, preload) and player-specific playback features for Audio and Reels. Playback options vary depending on the type of player (VOD, audio, or Reels).
- **Accessibility & language** - Tools that support accessible playback, including captions and transcript settings.
- **Navigation & discovery** - Features that help viewers browse and explore content, like related videos and chapters.
- **Engagement & interactivity** - Options that add interaction, such as quizzes, hotspots, and call-to-action elements.
- **Controls & permissions** - Viewer controls and restrictions, including moderation and download permissions.

VOD player		Audio player		Reels player	
	PLAYBACK OPTIONS		PLAYBACK OPTIONS		PLAYBACK OPTIONS
	Auto Play <input type="checkbox"/>		Auto Play <input type="checkbox"/>		Auto Play <input type="checkbox"/>
	Start Playback Muted <input type="checkbox"/>		Additional playback option 		Additional playback option 
	Auto Pause <input type="checkbox"/>		Start Playback Muted <input type="checkbox"/>		Start Playback Muted <input type="checkbox"/>
	Fallback to Muted Autoplay <input type="checkbox"/>		Auto Pause <input type="checkbox"/>		Auto Pause <input type="checkbox"/>
	Preload <input type="checkbox"/>		Fallback to Muted Autoplay <input type="checkbox"/>		Fallback to Muted Autoplay <input type="checkbox"/>
	Prioritize audio description <input type="checkbox"/>		Preload <input type="checkbox"/>		Prioritize audio description <input type="checkbox"/>
	Sort audio tracks alphabetically <input type="checkbox"/>		Sort audio tracks alphabetically <input type="checkbox"/>		Sort audio tracks alphabetically <input type="checkbox"/>

Visual tab



Controls the look and feel of the player, including theme (where applicable), player and live colors, background, external CSS, logo, watermark, error slate, and bumpers. See our article [Visual settings in player](#) for more information.

Integrations tab

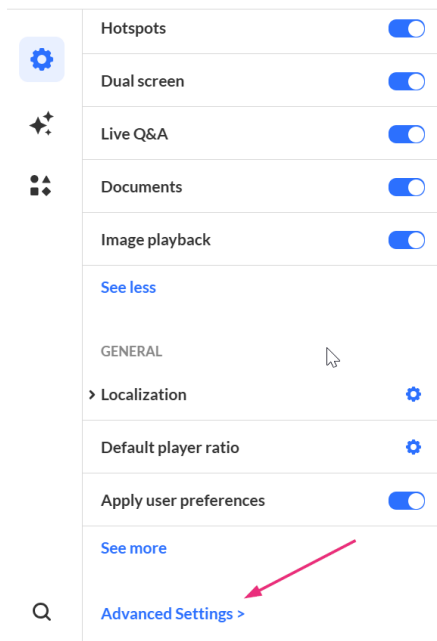


Connects the player to third-party services, such as YouTube playback, AirPlay and Chromecast, SEO enhancements, analytics platforms (e.g., Yobora, Google Tag Manager, Google Analytics), and monetization via IMA/IMA DAI. See our article [Integration settings in player](#) for more information.

Advanced settings

On the main settings tab, scroll to the bottom and click **Advanced settings** to open the JSON editor. Use it for configuration that isn't available in the main settings.

See our article [Advanced settings in player](#) for more information.



Player types

The settings you see depend on the player you're customizing (VOD, audio, or Reels). The following tags are used in the player settings articles to show which players support a feature:

Tag	Player
VOD	VOD player
AUDIO	Audio player
REELS	Reels player

Preview your player

You can preview your changes as you configure the player. You can also change the preview media by clicking the arrow next to the preview video name and choosing a

demo or one of your account videos/playlists (ideally one that includes the feature you want to test, like captions, dual screen, quizzes, or hotspots).



The screenshot displays the Kaltura video player interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with various settings:

- PLAYBACK OPTIONS:** Auto Play, Start Playback Muted, Auto Pause, Fallback to Muted Autoplay, Preload, and See more.
- ACCESSIBILITY & LANGUAGE:** Localization, Captions default display, Transcript, Extended audio description, and Apply user preferences.
- NAVIGATION & DISCOVERY:** Navigation, Related, and Summary & chapters.

The main video player shows a man in a lab coat standing behind a table with chemistry glassware. A whiteboard in the background has the word "Strategy" written on it. A play button is centered over the video. At the bottom of the player, there are icons for share, mobile, and a resolution indicator (1360 x 765).

On the right side, a "Demo Videos" menu is open, showing a list of videos under the "Entries" tab:

- Demo video (Caption, hotspot) - checked
- Demo quiz (Captions, quiz)
- 360 demo video (360 video)

A pink arrow points to the "360 demo video" entry. At the bottom of the menu, there is a dropdown menu currently set to "Demo video".