

Join a Kaltura Room as a viewer or on stage

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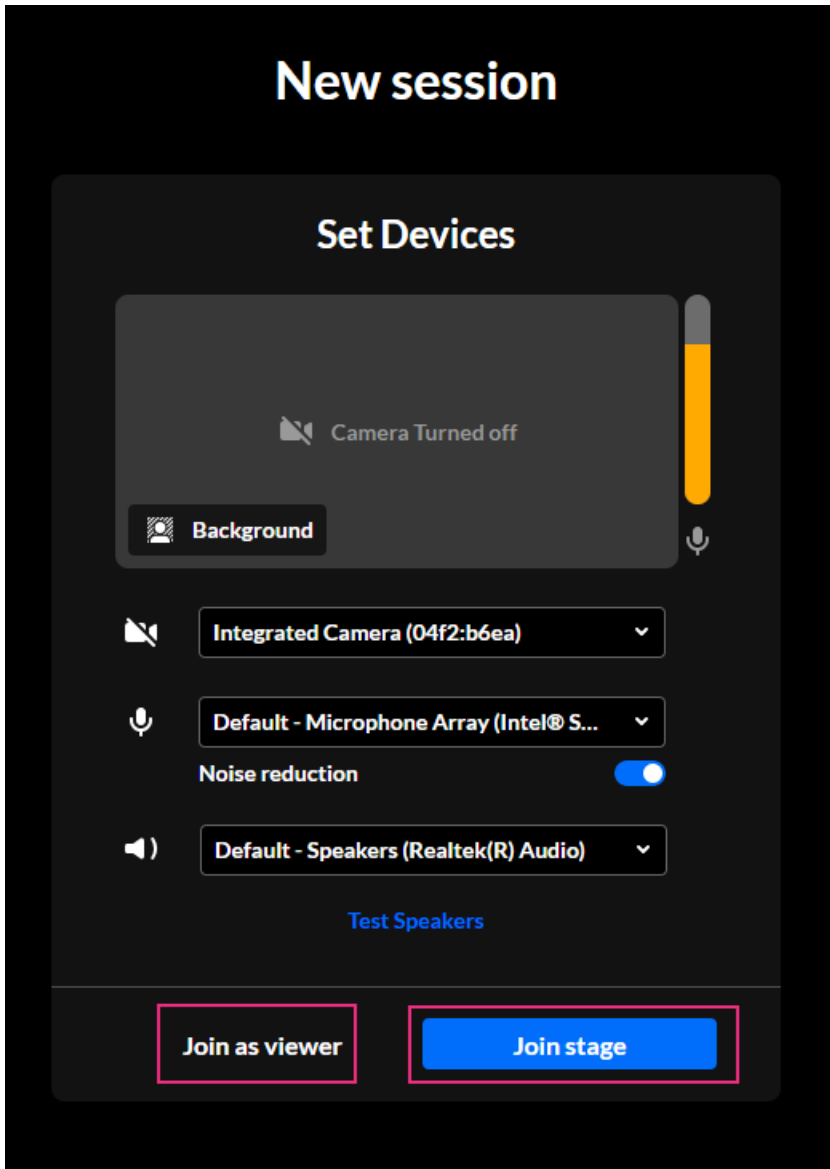
 This article is designated for all users.

About

When you join a Kaltura Room in [Interactive Room mode](#), you can choose to participate either **as a viewer** or **on stage**. This article will guide you through the differences between these roles.



If you experience any issues entering a session or event, please reach out to your administrator or session organizer for assistance.



Join as a viewer

Joining as a viewer gives you basic capabilities in the room as a member of the audience. You can view whatever or whoever is on stage while your mic and camera are disabled. You'll also be listed in the viewer section of the participants list.

Whether you're a host, moderator or participant, you'll have all of your respective capabilities, and can interact in the room, whether by raising your hand or writing in the chat. In addition, depending on your permissions, you can present content or conduct a quick poll.

Join on stage

Joining on stage means you can present to the others in the room with your camera and mic enabled (you can disable them at will).

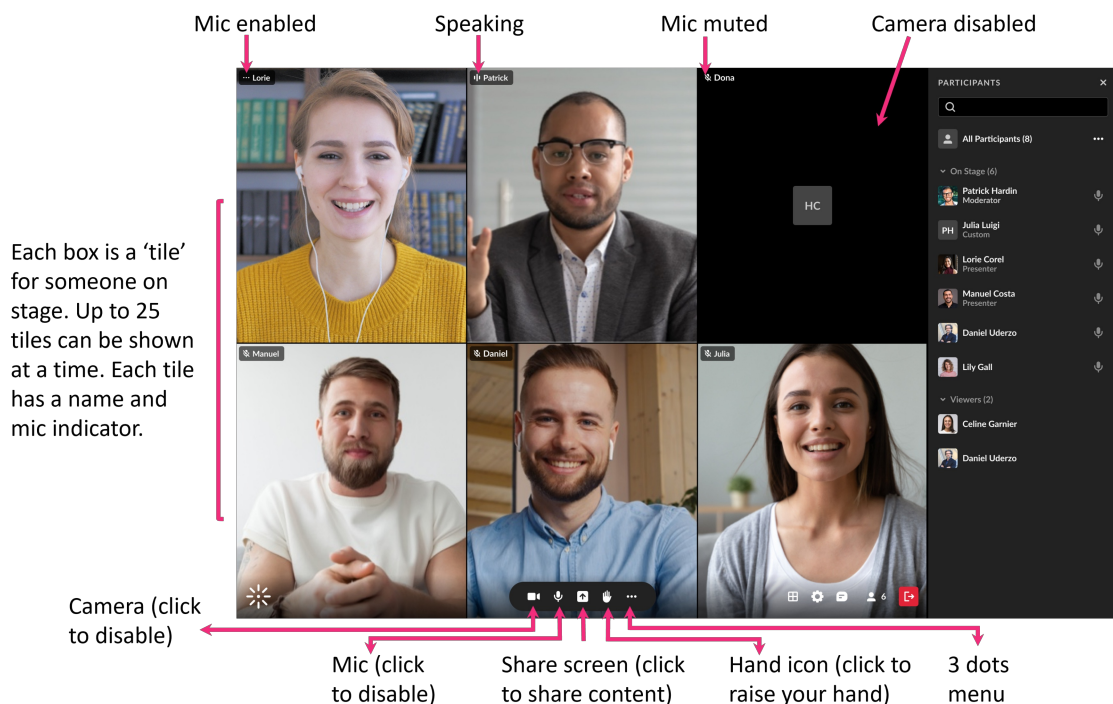


If you're on stage, there are no differences based on room mode (interactive vs panel with viewers).

What's different now that I'm on the stage?

Once you're on stage, your user interface and capabilities will be affected in the following ways only:

- bottom toolbar - Now shows icons for camera / mic management which you can enable / disable.
- settings > set devices - Here you can set your devices which will automatically save.
- participants list - You'll be listed in the section "On stage" and you'll have a mic icon which you can enable / disable.
- Stage - You'll have a "tile" on the stage with a mic / camera icon which can be enabled / disabled. Your tile displays:
 - your webcam view, if your camera is on.
 - your initials, if your camera is off.
 - on the top right corner, your name and an icon to indicate if you are muted, unmuted, or currently speaking.



The host / moderator can manage your mic / camera and remove you from stage.

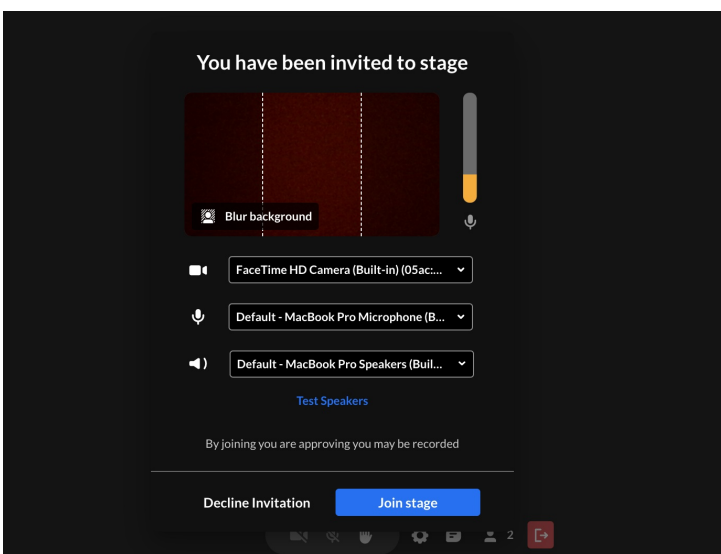
How can I join the stage once I'm in the room?

If you're a host or moderator, you can choose to join the stage at any time by clicking the **Join stage** button on the bottom toolbar.



If you are a **participant**, your ability to join the stage is dependent on the pre-set **room mode** or the type of **stage access** that was configured by your host / moderator.

You can also join the stage if a host or moderator **invites you**. In this case, you'll get a pop-up notification. You can set your devices before clicking **Join Stage** (or **Decline Invitation**).



To learn more about stage access, visit our article [Stage Access](#).