

Understanding gallery roles and permissions in Video Portal

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 This article is designated for all users.

About

Galleries in Kaltura's Video Portal use a roles and permissions system. Gallery owners and managers can assign **Contextual roles**, defining user actions within a specific gallery (e.g., adding content).

Above these, **Applicative roles** are assigned globally by administrators to manage site-wide access and content distribution.

Applicative roles

Applicative roles apply globally and concern what a user is entitled to do in the entire video portal site. The applicative roles are **Viewer role**, **Private only role**, **Admin role**, and **Unmoderated admin role**, and they are [assigned in the Configuration Management console](#) (shown below):

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User Management

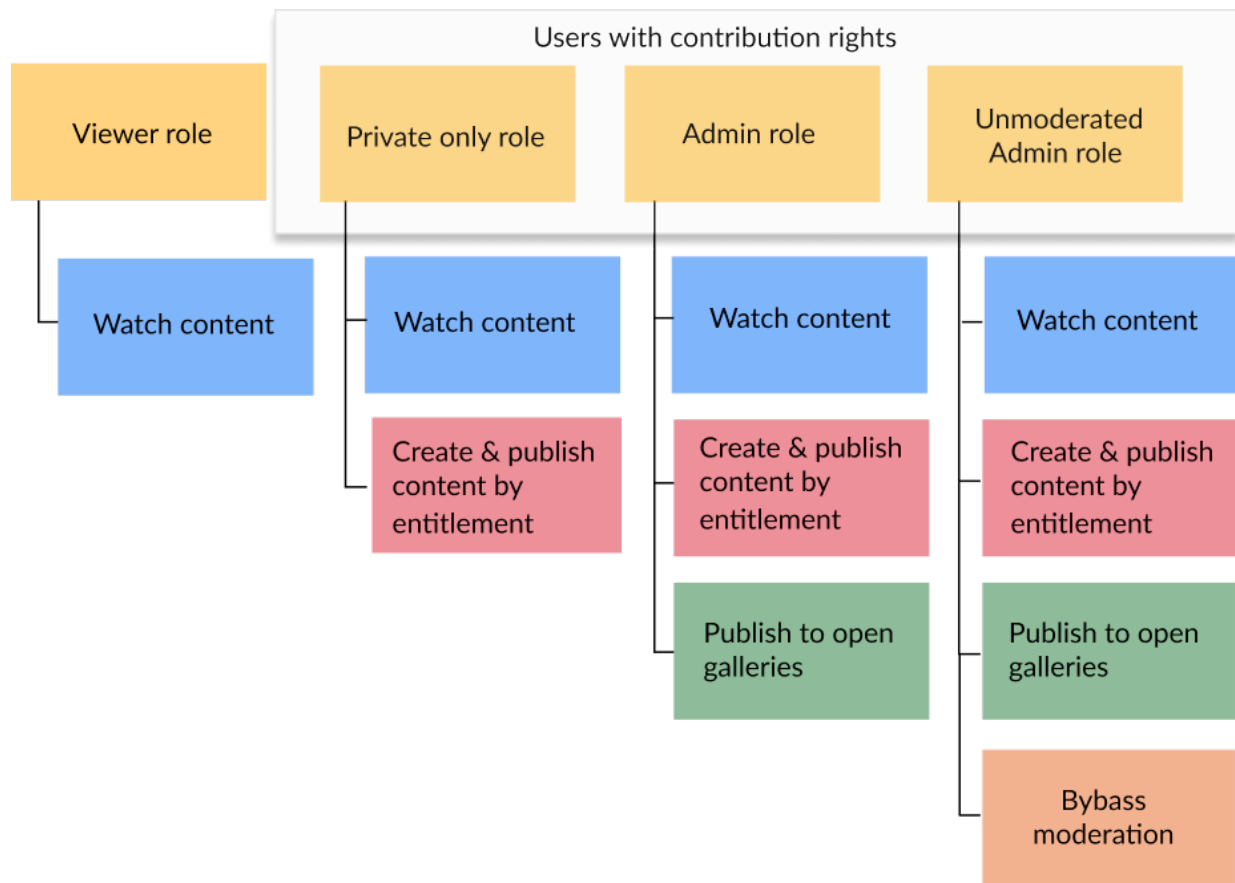
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☐ All
☐ By Name
☐ By Email
☐ By User

	User ID	First Name	Last Name	Role	Email	Extra data	Status	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	John	John	Doe	adminRole			Active	<input type="button" value="Actions"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anna	Anna	Jones	adminRole			Active	<input type="button" value="Actions"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	David	David	Smith	adminRole			Active	<input type="button" value="Actions"/>

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Applicative roles diagram



Viewer role

- Can browse open galleries and other gallery types by entitlement.
- Can't upload new content and doesn't have a [My Media](#) page.

Private only role

- Can browse open galleries and other gallery types by entitlement.
- Can contribute content with the available video creation tools enabled in their account, such as uploading content, recording from a webcam, recording screen, adding YouTube links, and creating a live stream entry.
- Can publish to any type of gallery by entitlement. Content published by a user with this role is subject to moderation if enabled on the gallery.

Admin role

- Can browse open galleries and other gallery types by entitlement.
- Can contribute content with the available video creation tools enabled in their account, such as uploading content, recording from a webcam, recording screen, adding YouTube links, and creating a live stream entry.
- Can publish to all open galleries and other gallery types with permission. Content published by a user with this role is subject to moderation if enabled on the gallery.

Unmoderated admin

- Can browse open galleries and other gallery types by entitlement.
- Can contribute content with the available video creation tools enabled in their account, such as uploading content, recording from a webcam, recording screen, adding YouTube links, and creating a live stream entry.
- Can publish to all open galleries and other gallery types with permission. Content published by a user with this role will bypass moderation if enabled on the gallery.

Unconfirmed viewer role

This role is similar to the [Viewer role](#) but with additional restrictions. Users can view content but cannot interact with it or make any changes to content or settings on the site. For more details about the restrictions of this role, see our article [Unconfirmed Viewer Role in Video Portal and KAF](#).

Anonymous

An additional type of role is **anonymous**. Users can browse your site anonymously when 'anonymous' mode is enabled (your system administrator can enable this in the [Auth module](#) by setting allowAnonymous to 'Yes'). When an anonymous user clicks a link or button that requires a more advanced role, for example, [My Media](#), [My Playlists](#) or [+Create](#), a login screen will display.



Assigning roles can be handled in bulk using a comma-separated value (CSV) file. To learn more, refer to our article [How to add users using the bulk upload option](#).



Video portal application roles are backward compatible.

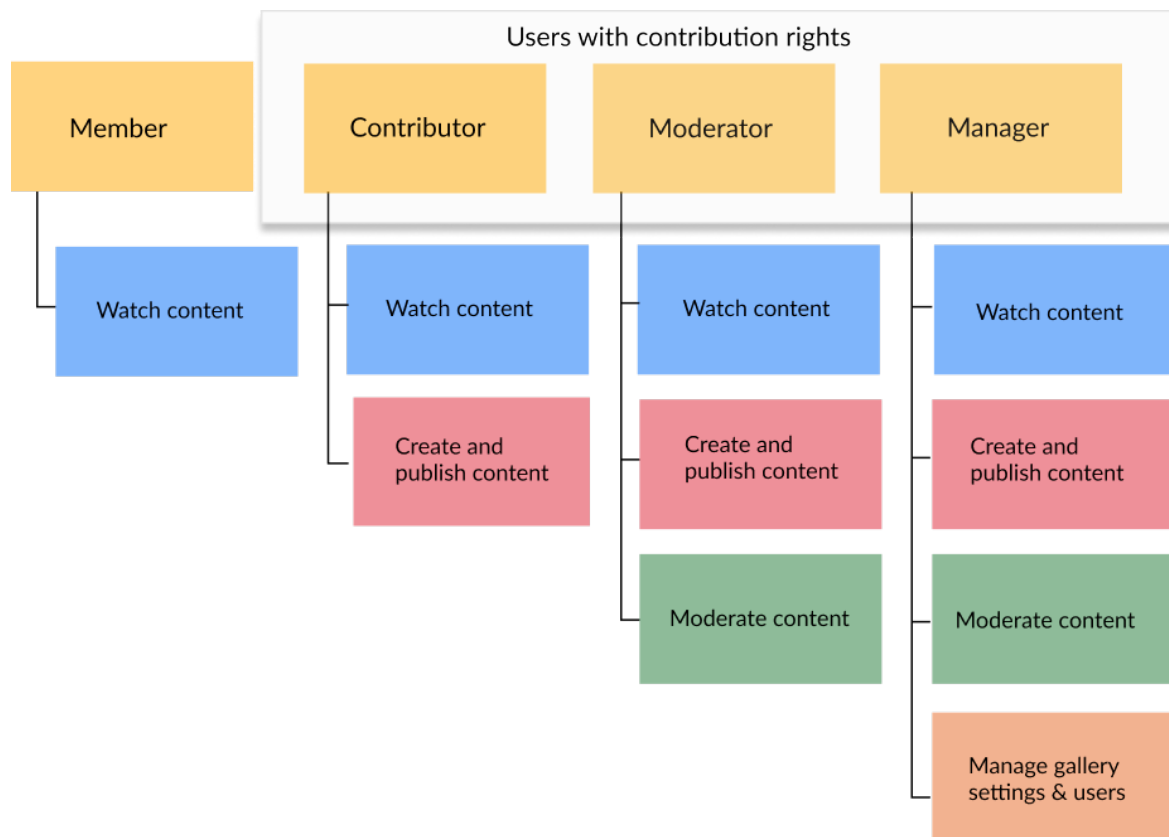


You can modify application role names to match your institutional terminology. See our [Administration pages](#) article for more information.

Contextual roles

Contextual roles concern what a user is entitled to do within the context of the gallery. The contextual roles are **Member**, **Contributor**, **Moderator**, and **Manager**. For example, a user might have a Manager role for one gallery and a Contributor role for another gallery. Contextual roles are assigned by the gallery manager. See [Edit a](#)

Contextual roles diagram



Member

- Can access a gallery they're associated with and view its content.
- Can't add new content to the gallery they're associated with.

Contributor

- Can access a gallery they're associated with and view its content.
- Can add new content subject to moderation to the gallery they're associated with and in accordance with their KMS application role (PrivateOnly role and above).
- Can edit or delete their own content.

Moderator

- Can access a gallery they're associated with and view its content.
- Can add new content to the gallery they're associated with in accordance with their KMS application role (PrivateOnly role and above).
- Can access the moderation queue and approve or reject contributed content.
- Can edit or delete their own content.

Manager

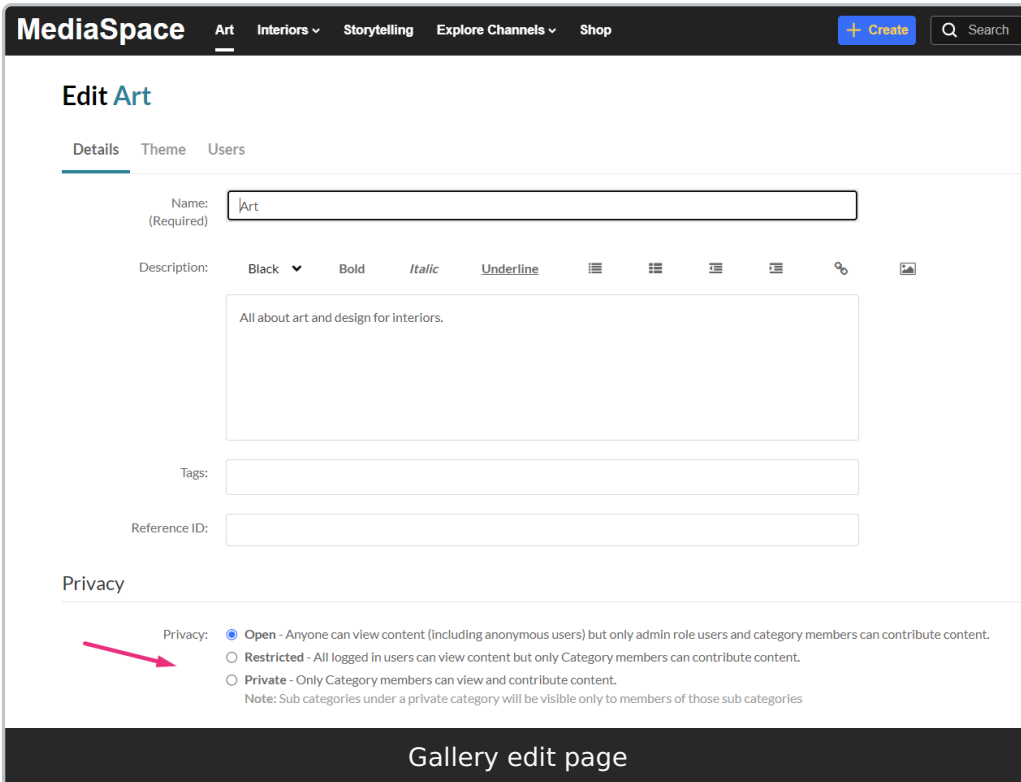
- Can access a gallery they're associated with and view its content.
- Can add new content to the gallery they're associated with in accordance with their KMS application role (PrivateOnly role and above).
- Can edit or delete their own content.
- Can access the moderation queue and approve or reject contributed content.
- Can edit the settings for the gallery, invite and manage users' permissions, access gallery analytics, and create sub-galleries.
- Can delete the gallery.



The **applicative role** takes precedence, for example, a user with the role of *Contributor* won't be able to upload content if they've been assigned an applicative role of *Viewer*.

Gallery privacy options

The gallery privacy options (aka gallery types) are **open**, **restricted**, or **private**. The privacy options are configured in the [gallery Edit page](#):









MediaSpace Art Interiors Storytelling Explore Channels Shop [+ Create](#)

Edit Art

Details Theme Users

Name:

Description: **Black** **Bold** *Italic* Underline      

All about art and design for interiors.

Tags:

Reference ID:

Privacy

Privacy: ☒ **Open** - Anyone can view content (including anonymous users) but only admin role users and category members can contribute content.

☐ **Restricted** - All logged in users can view content but only Category members can contribute content.

☐ **Private** - Only Category members can view and contribute content.

Note: Sub categories under a private category will be visible only to members of those sub categories

Gallery edit page

- **Open:** Anyone can view content (including anonymous users) but only admin role users and users with entitlements can contribute content.



- **Restricted:** All logged-in users can view content but only users with entitlements can contribute content.
- **Private:** Only users with entitlements can view and contribute content.

To learn how to manage users' entitlements for a gallery, see [Edit a gallery - Add Users](#).
