Create a recording with Express Capture - Theming

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This article is designated for all users.

About

Kaltura **Express Capture** lets you record video and audio directly from a supported desktop browser—no additional software required. You can record your camera, microphone, screen, or a combination of these sources.

These instructions are for Theming users. If Theming isn't enabled on your account, see Create a recording with Express Capture.

Express Capture is not supported on mobile devices or tablets, including iPhones and iPads.

Before you start

- Make sure you're using a supported desktop browser. For details, see Express Capture supported browsers and devices.
- Your site must use HTTPS. Express Capture doesn't work over HTTP.
- The Recorder module must be enabled in the Configuration Management console. When the module is enabled and saved, a V7 player is created automatically.
- Allow your browser to access your camera and microphone when prompted. If you previously blocked access, see What to do if you get locked out of Express Capture.

Open Express Capture

1. From the **+ Create** menu, select **Express Capture**.

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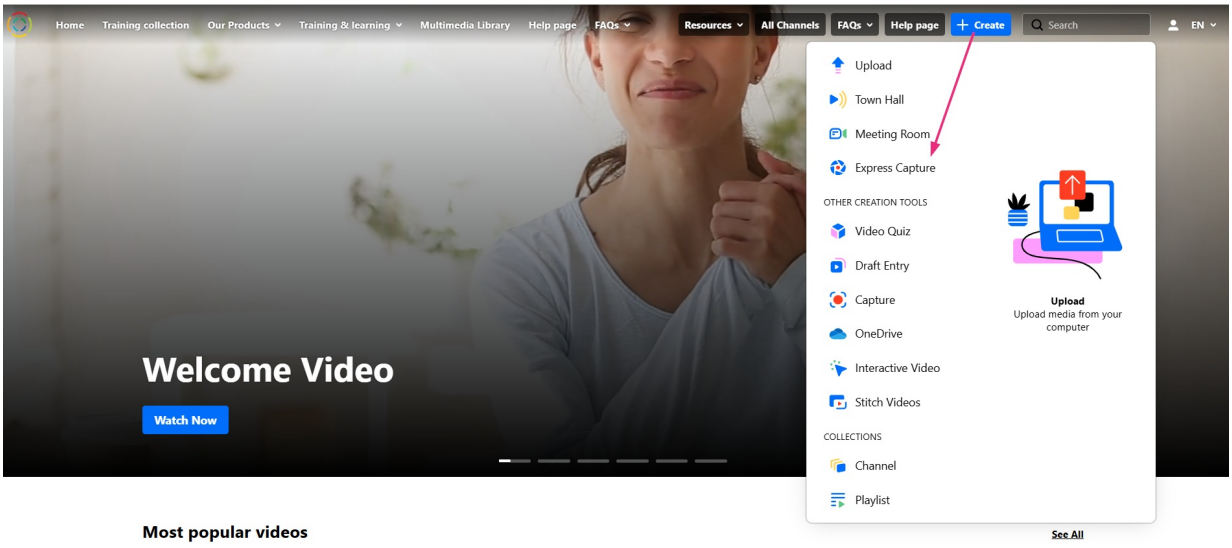
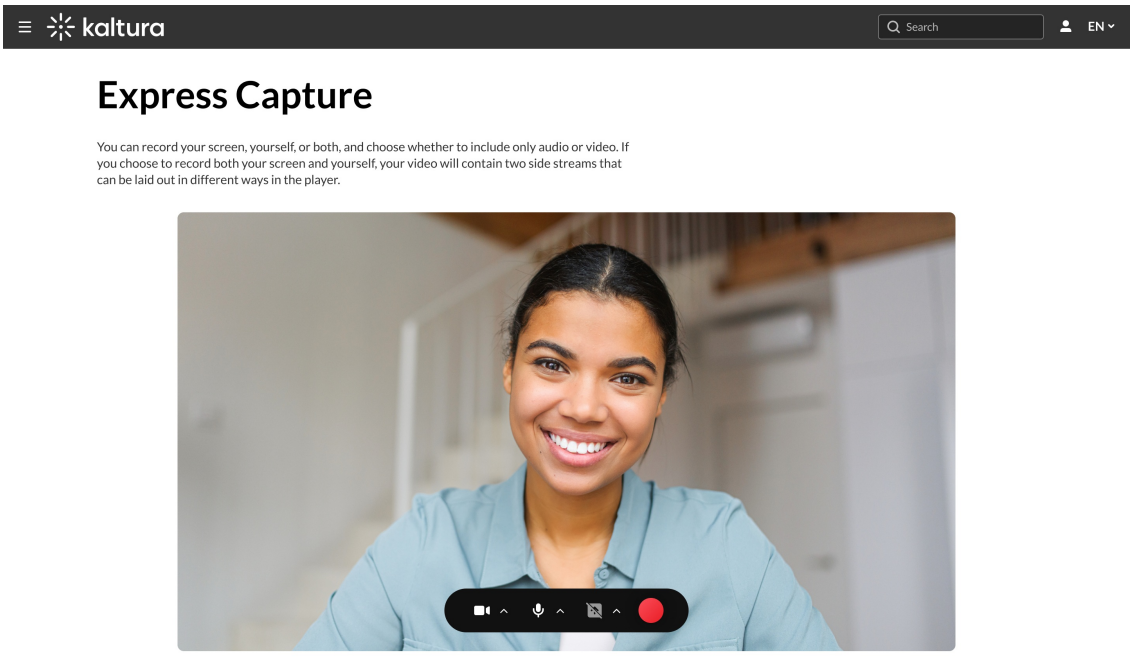


The record media page displays.



Choose what to record

By default, Express Capture uses your computer's webcam and microphone. You can select different input devices or turn individual recording sources on or off.

Camera

1. Click the arrow next to the camera icon to display the available cameras and the camera toggle.

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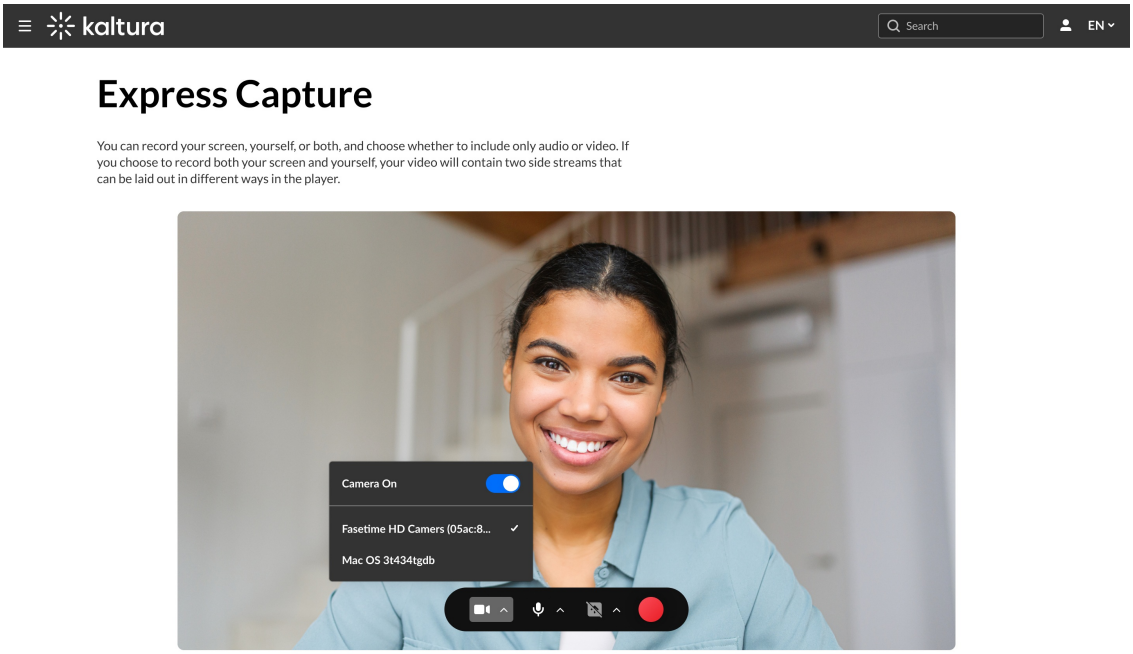
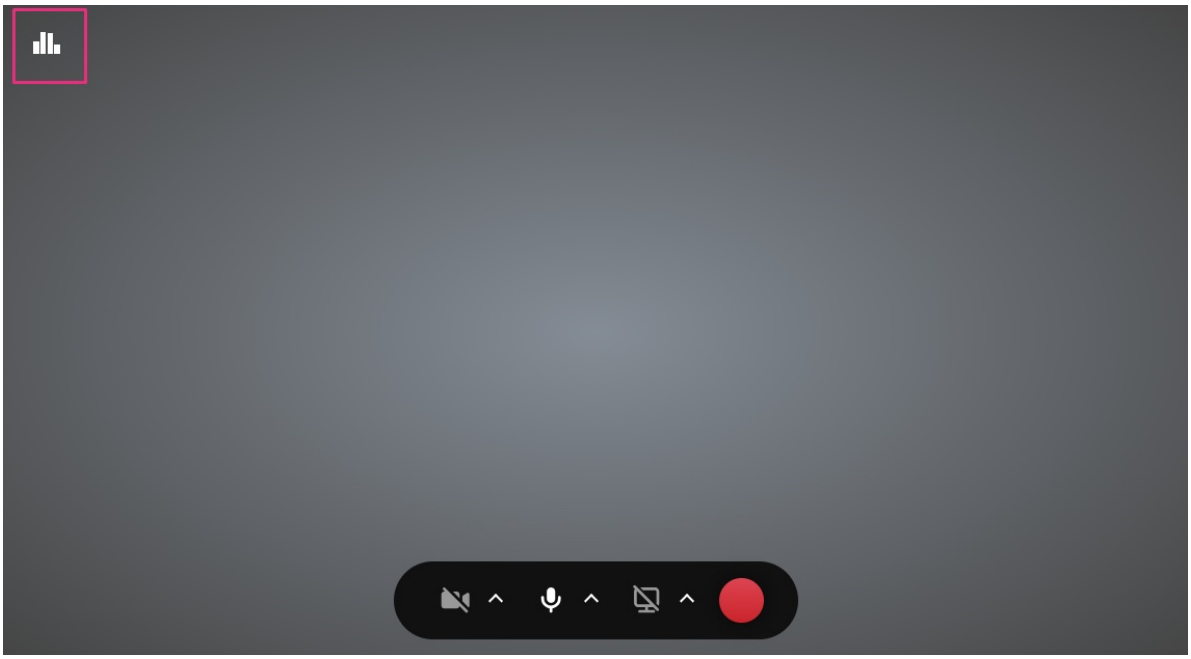


2. Select the camera you want to use, or turn off the camera if you don’t want to record video from it.

If you turn off the camera and record audio only, an audio indicator displays in the upper-left corner.



Microphone

1. Click the arrow next to the microphone icon to display the available microphones and the microphone toggle.

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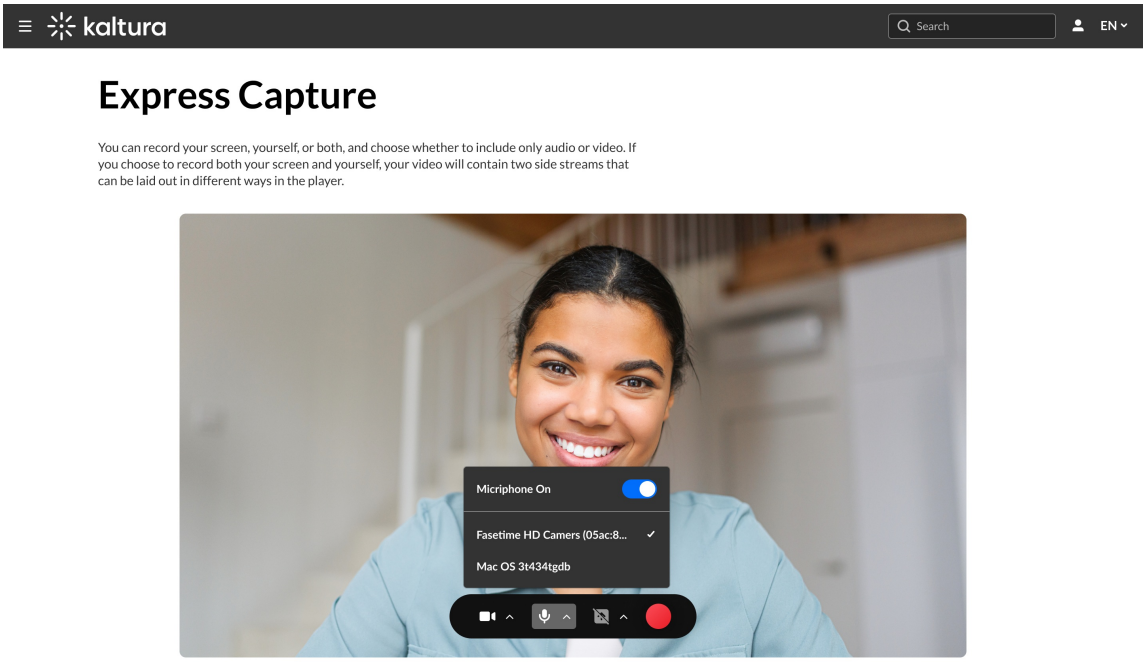

2. Select the microphone you want to use, or turn off the microphone if you want to create a video without audio.

>
> The camera and microphone can’t both be turned off at the same time.

Screen

1. Click the arrow next to the screen icon to display the screen-sharing toggle.

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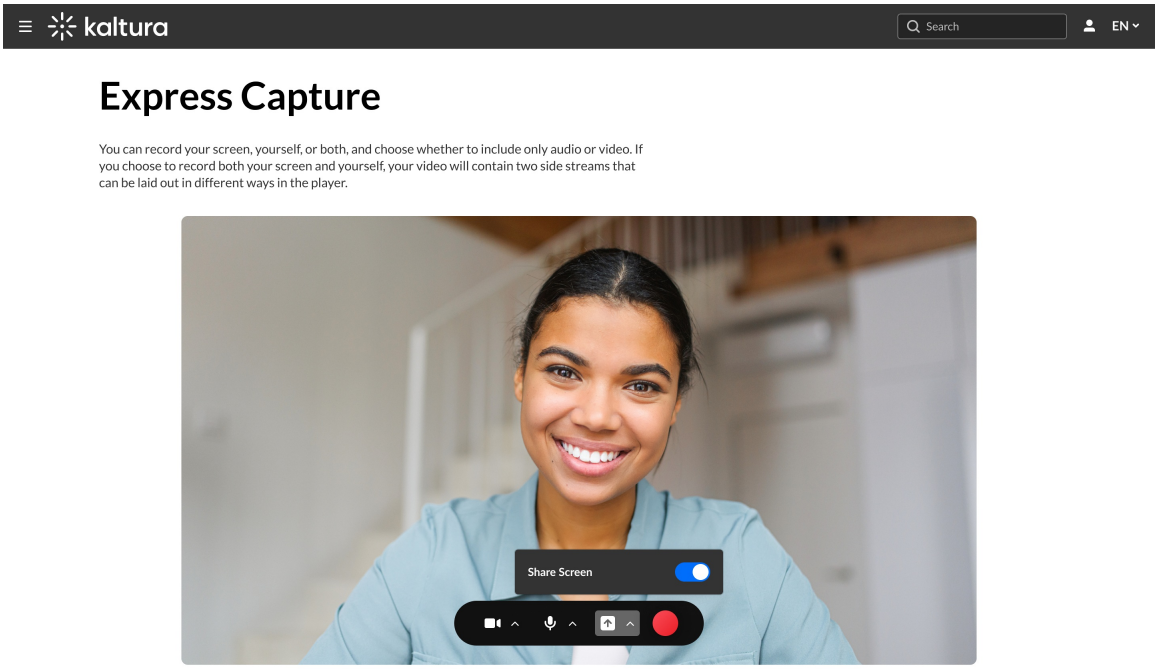
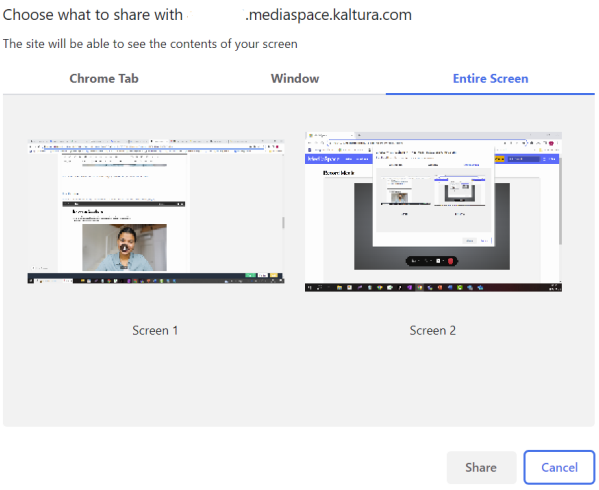
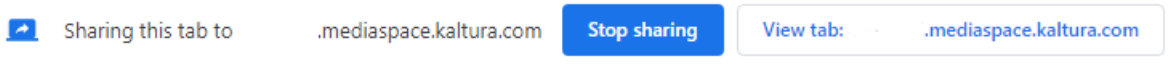


2. Turn on screen sharing. The screen-sharing window opens.
3. Select the browser tab, window, or entire screen you want to share.

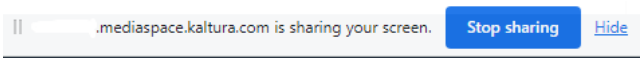


4. Click **Share**.

   When you share a browser tab, a notification displays at the top of the browser.



   When you share a window or your entire screen, a notification displays at the bottom of the screen.



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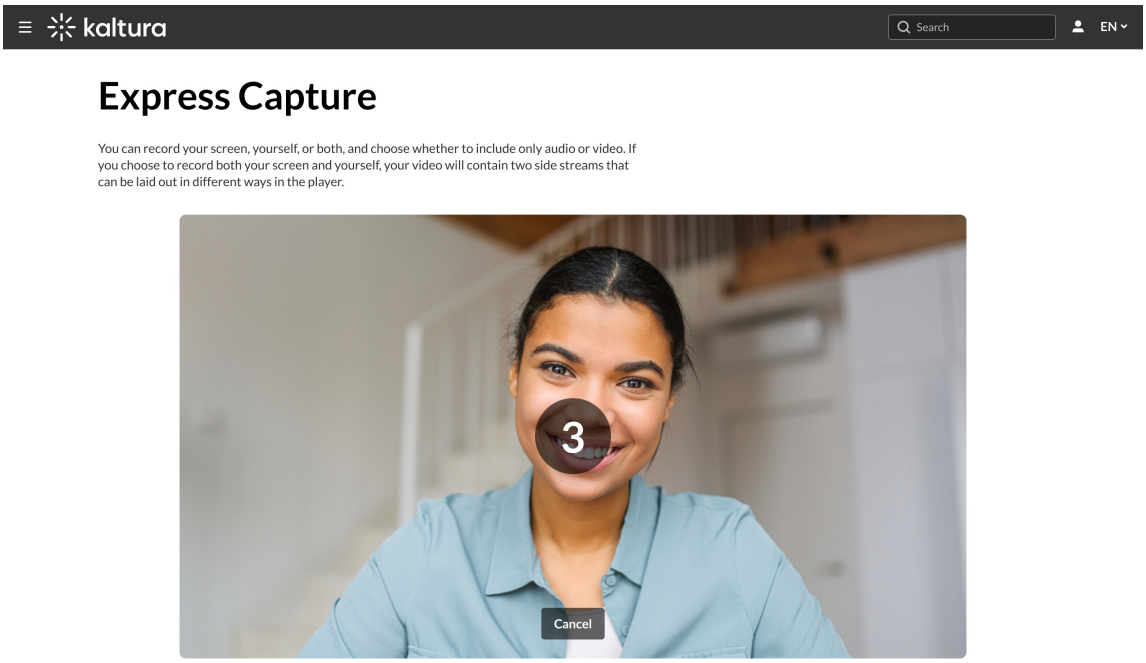
5. To stop sharing your screen, click **Stop sharing**.

Express Capture recordings that include screen sharing have a maximum duration of **1 hour**.

Record and preview

1. Click the red record button.

A three-second countdown displays.



During the recording, a timer displays next to the stop button.

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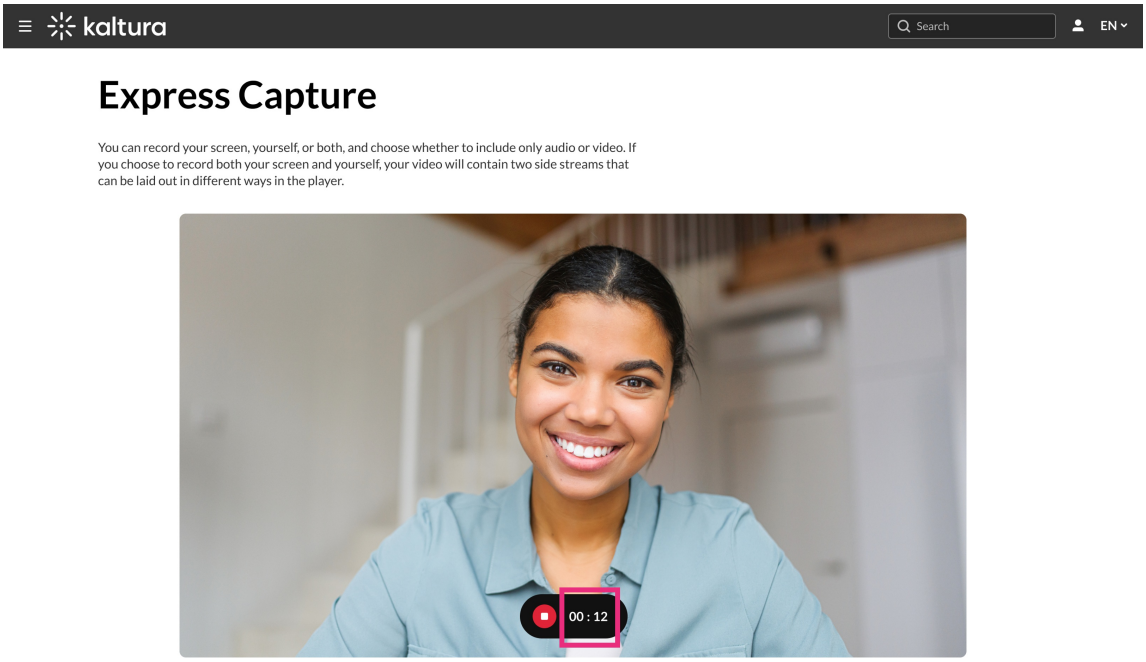
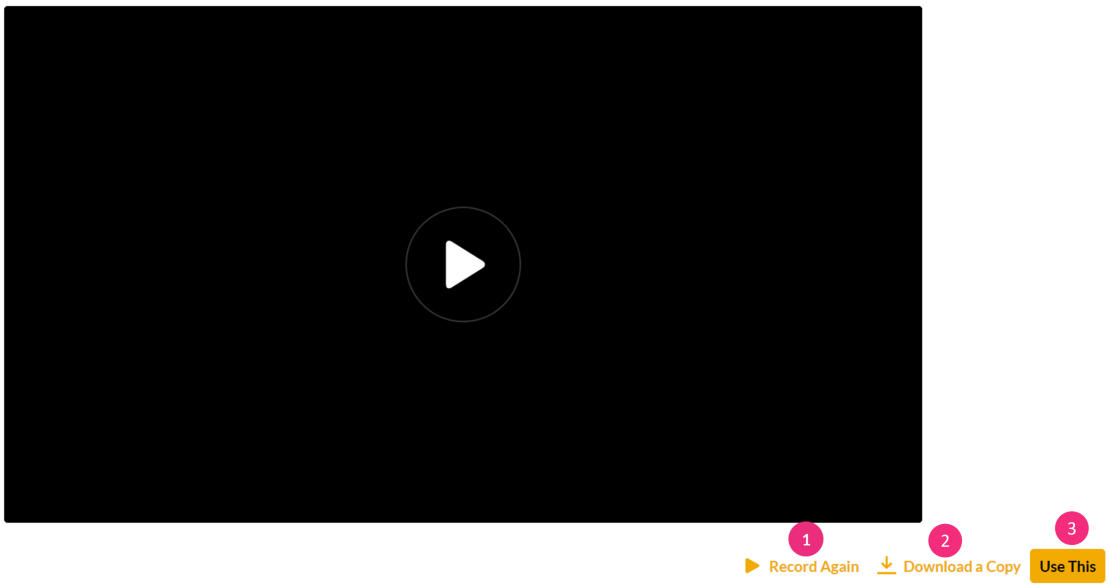


2. Click the red stop button when you finish recording.

   The preview page displays the following options:

   - **Record Again**
   - **Download a Copy**
   - **Use This**



3. Click the play button to preview your recording.
4. To discard the recording and start again, click **Record Again** (**1**).

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Download or upload your recording

After previewing your recording, you can download a local copy or upload it to Kaltura.

Download a copy

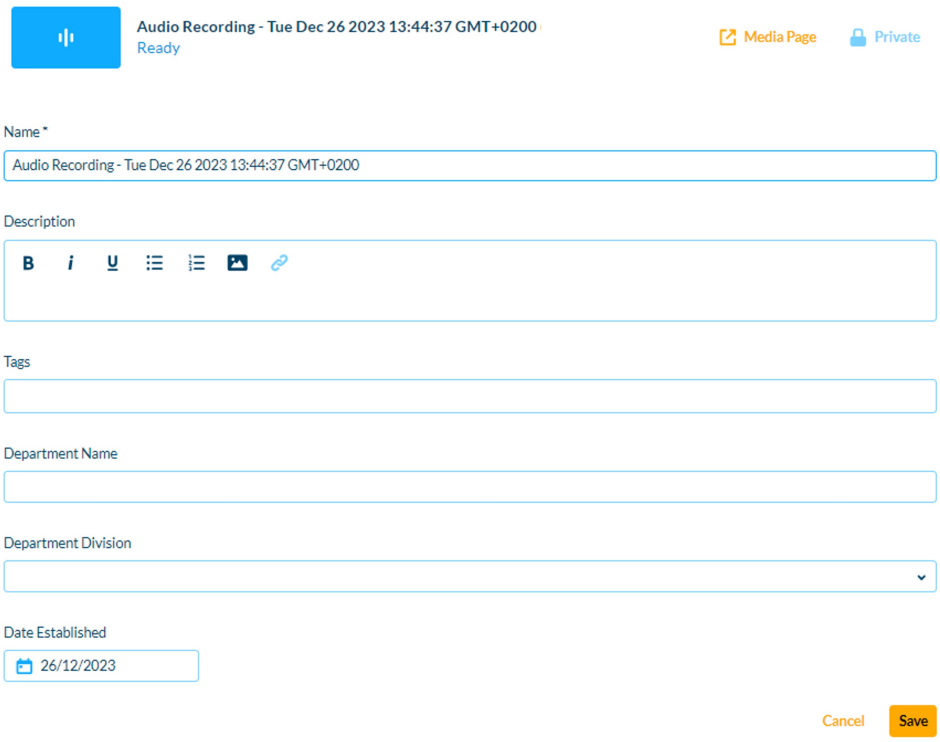
Click **Download a Copy** (**2**) to download the recording to your computer as a WebM file.

> Downloading a copy doesn't upload the recording to Kaltura.

Upload to Kaltura

1. Click **Use This** (**3**).

   The recording begins uploading, and the edit media page displays.



   The recording is assigned a default name, such as:

   - Video Recording - July 23, 2022 7:43pm EST
   - Audio Recording - July 23, 2022 7:43pm EST

2. Enter or update the available media details, such as the name, description, and tags. For more information, see Edit content.

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3. Click **Save**.

   If the recording is still uploading, your changes are saved after the upload finishes.

4. To view the recording, click **Media Page** at the top of the edit page or open My Media.

Keyboard shortcuts

Action	Windows/Linux	Mac
Start recording or record again	Alt + Shift + R	⌘ + Option + R
Stop recording	Alt + Shift + S	⌘ + Option + S
Use recording and upload	Alt + Shift + U	⌘ + Option + U

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