

Edit media thumbnails in Canvas

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 This article is designated for all users.

About

Kaltura automatically generates a default thumbnail for each video, capturing a frame at the three-second mark. If you need a different default offset, reach out to your Customer Success Manager.

Additionally, you have the flexibility to set and manage your own thumbnails. This article will guide you through the process.

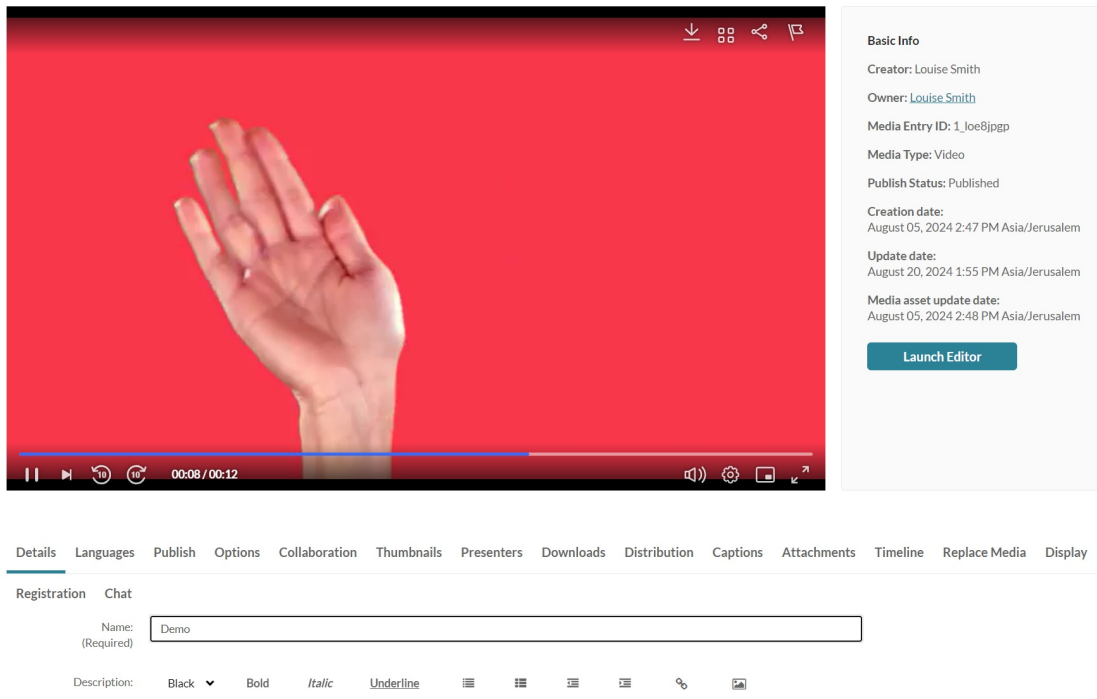


Editing thumbnails is not applicable to YouTube entries.

Access the thumbnail settings

1. Access the edit media page.

Demo



Basic Info

Creator: Louise Smith

Owner: [Louise Smith](#)

Media Entry ID: 1_joe8jppg

Media Type: Video

Publish Status: Published

Creation date:
August 05, 2024 2:47 PM Asia/Jerusalem

Update date:
August 20, 2024 1:55 PM Asia/Jerusalem

Media asset update date:
August 05, 2024 2:48 PM Asia/Jerusalem

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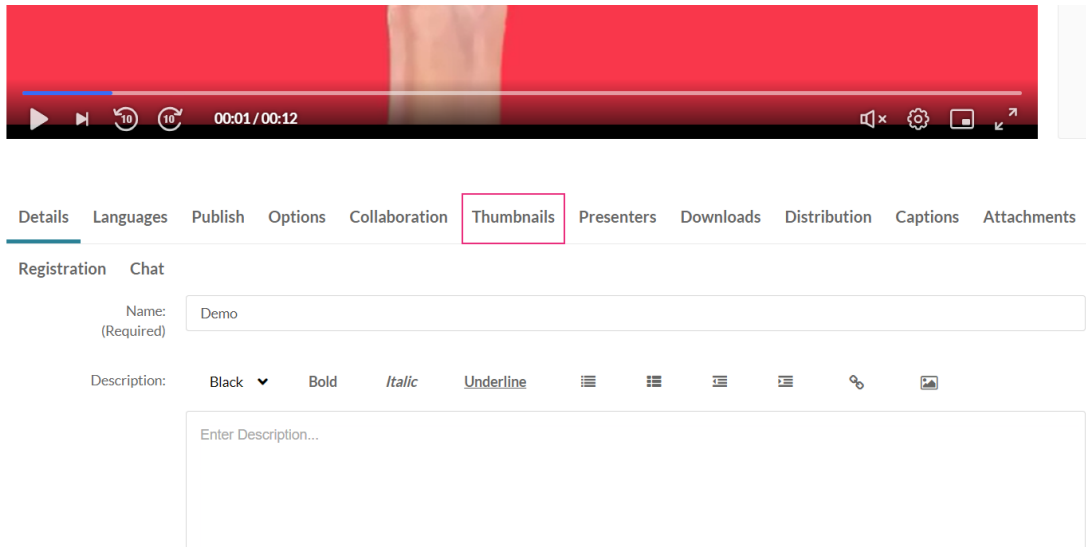
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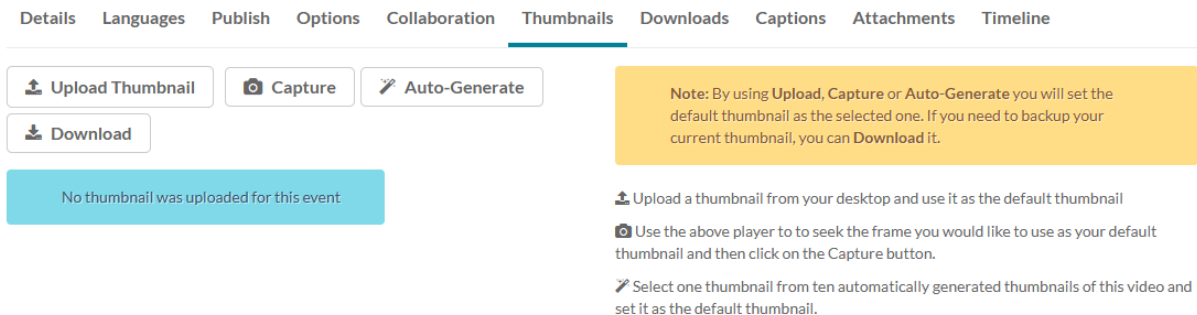
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Description: Black **Bold** *Italic* Underline [List] [List] [List] [List] [Link] [Image]

2. Click on the **Thumbnails** tab.



The thumbnail settings display.



Set and manage thumbnails

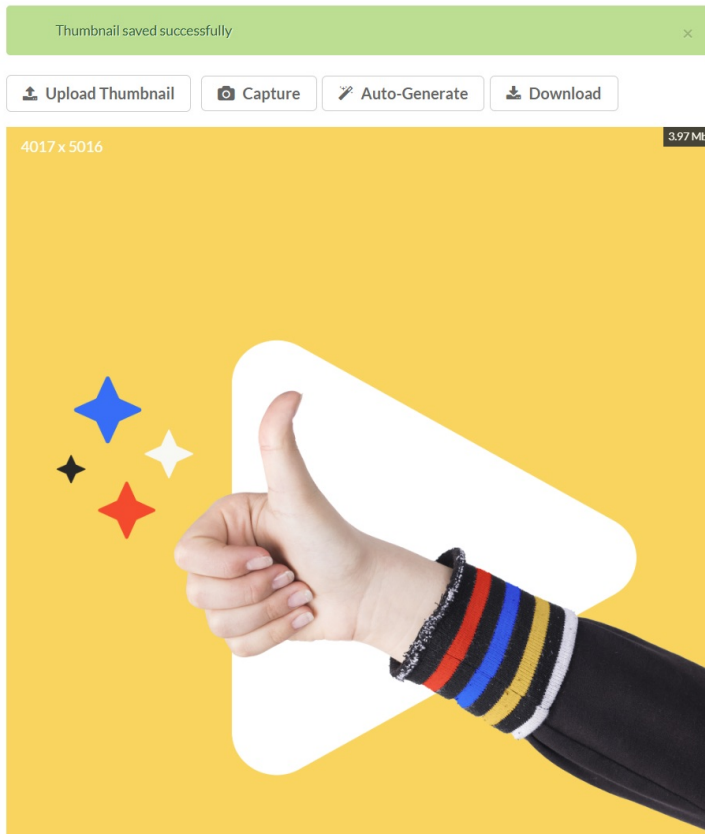
There are four options for setting and managing a thumbnail:

- **Upload Thumbnail** - Upload a thumbnail from your computer and use it as the default thumbnail.
- **Capture** - Use the player to select the frame you want to use as your default thumbnail and then click on the Capture button.
- **Auto-Generate** - Select one thumbnail from ten automatically generated thumbnails of the selected video and set it as the default thumbnail.
- **Download** - Download a thumbnail to back up your current thumbnail.

Upload a custom thumbnail

1. Click **Upload Thumbnail**.
2. Select a file from your computer and click **Open**.

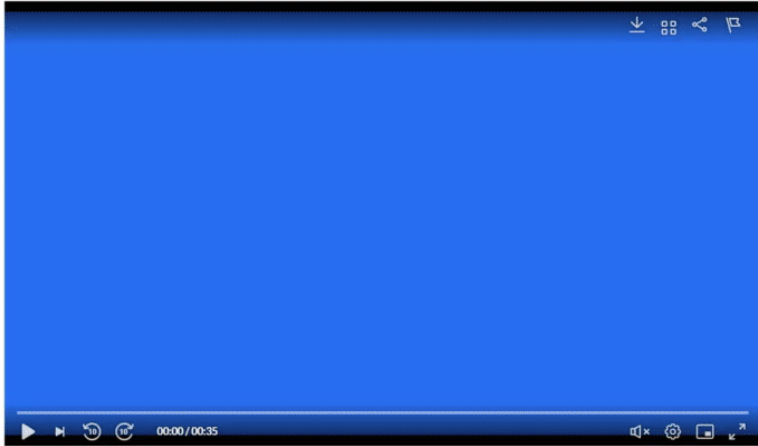
The new thumbnail displays with a success message: *Thumbnail saved successfully.*



Capture a frame from the content

1. Click the play button on the player.
2. Click **Capture** at the frame that you want to use as a thumbnail.

Kaltura Training Services Overview



Basic Info

Creator: Louise Smith

Owner: [Louise Smith](#)

Media Entry ID: 1_m0i3u6nx

Media Type: Video

Publish Status: Published

Creation date: July 12, 2024 10:10 AM Asia/Jerusalem

Update date: August 13, 2024 6:03 PM Asia/Jerusalem

Media asset update date: July 12, 2024 10:10 AM Asia/Jerusalem

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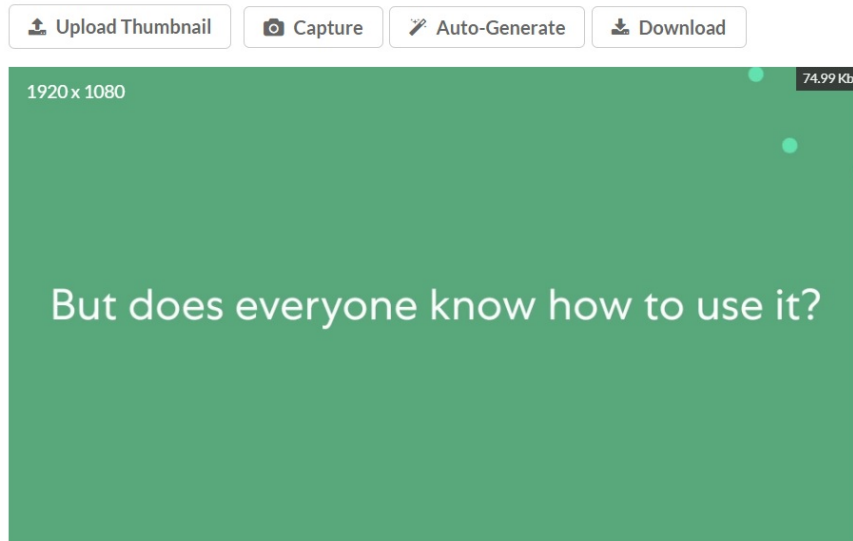
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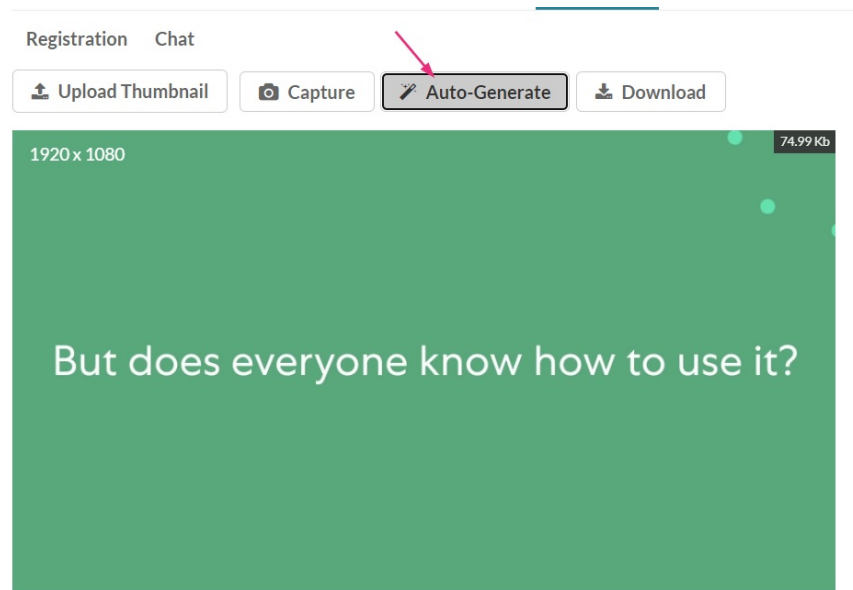
- ⬇️ Upload a thumbnail from your desktop and use it as the default thumbnail
- 🎥 Use the above player to seek the frame you would like to use as your default thumbnail and then click on the Capture button.
- ✂️ Select one thumbnail from ten automatically generated thumbnails of this video and set it as the default thumbnail.

The captured frame is saved automatically and displays as the thumbnail.



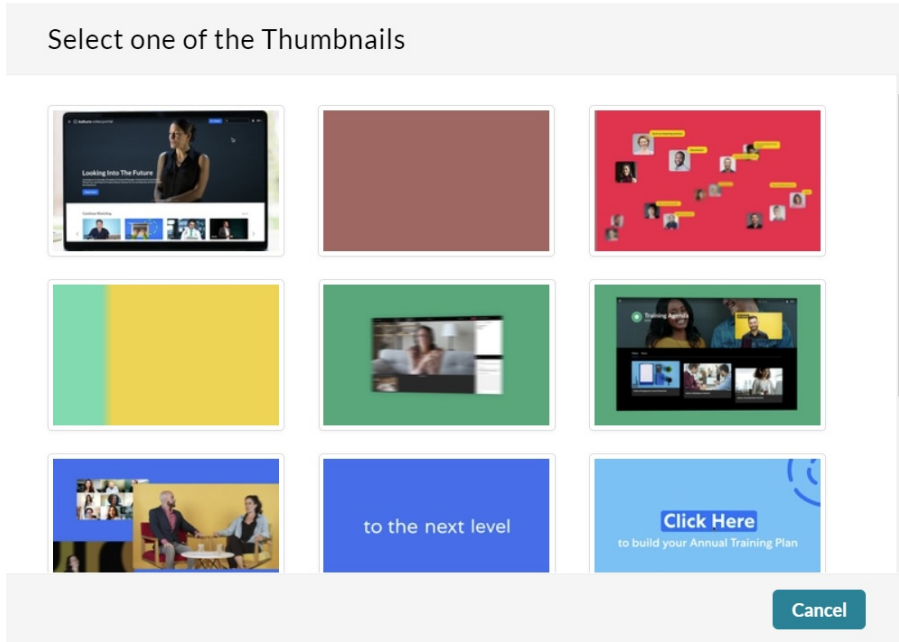
Select an automatically generated thumbnail

1. Click **Auto-Generate**.



A window with a selection of automatically generated thumbnails displays.

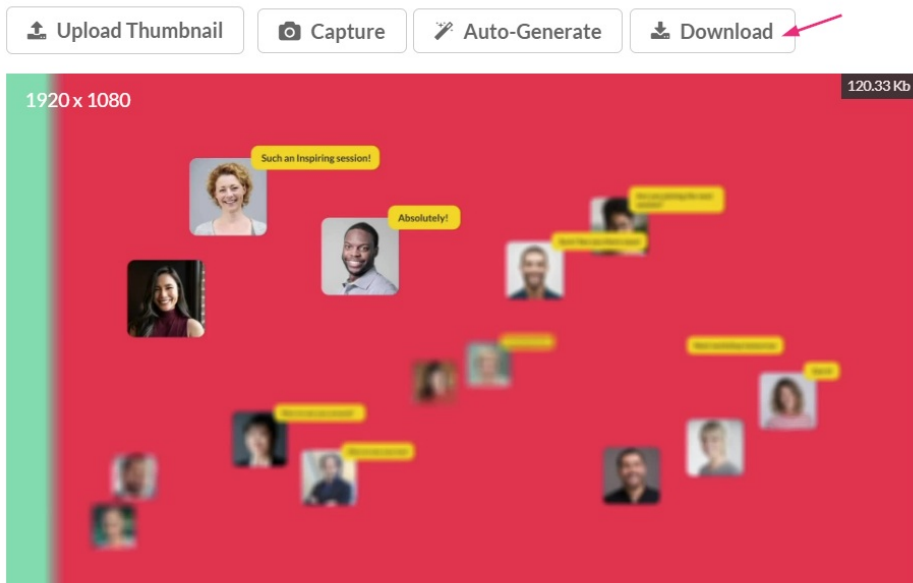
2. Select a thumbnail.



The new thumbnail displays.

Download a thumbnail

Click **Download**.



The image downloads.