Set the media thumbnail 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.
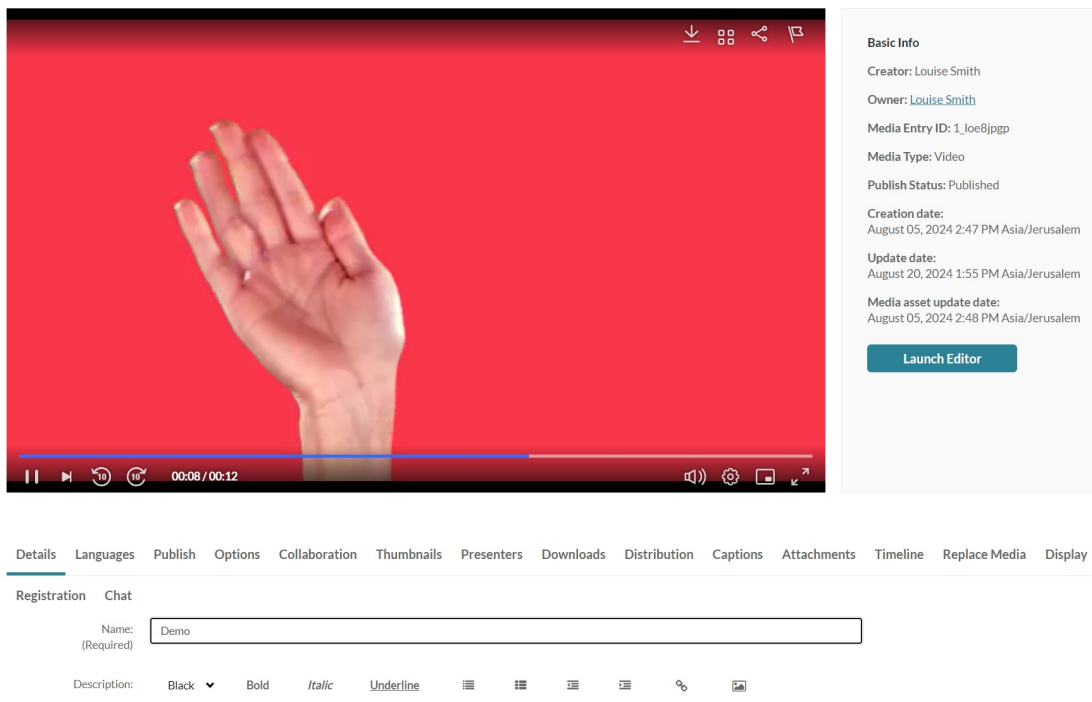
> ⚠️ Editing thumbnails is not applicable to YouTube entries.

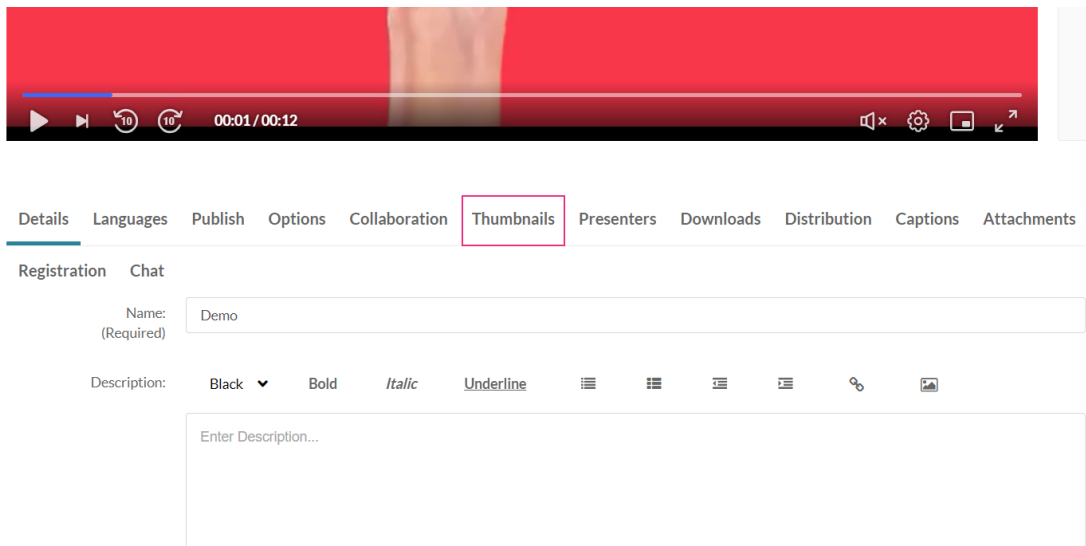## Access the thumbnail settings

1. Access the edit media page.

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

The thumbnail settings display.
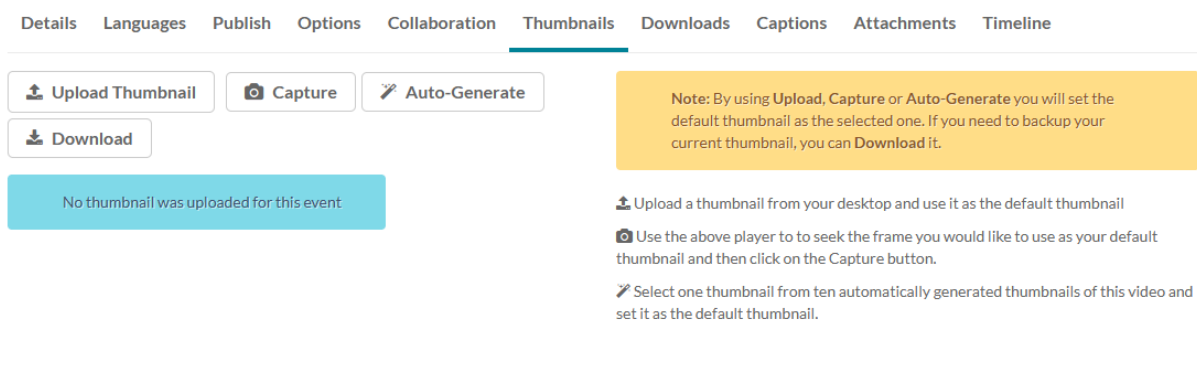

Set and manage thumbnails

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.*

Thumbnail saved successfully ✕

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4017 x 5016   3.97 Mb
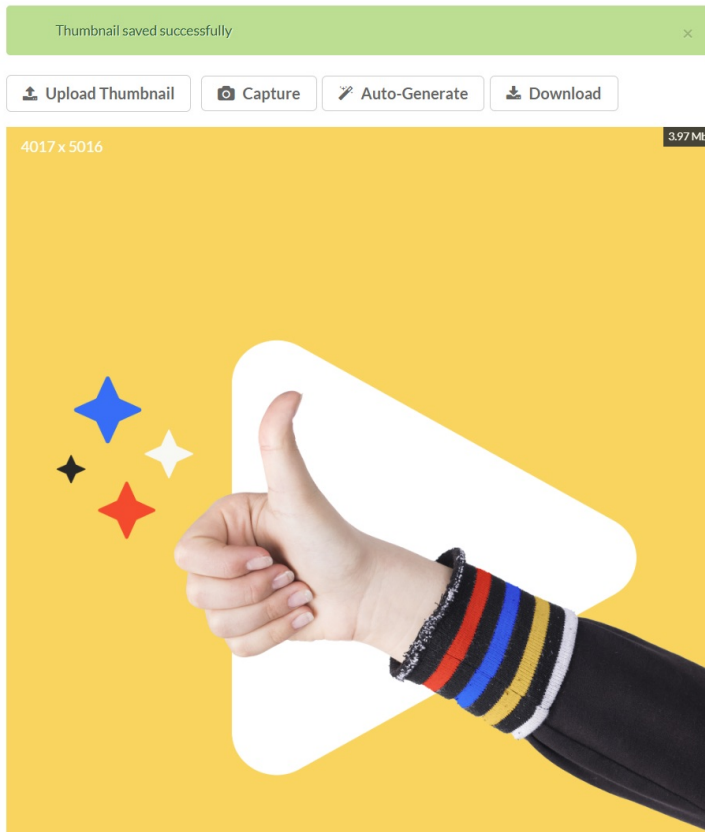
Capture a frame from the content

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

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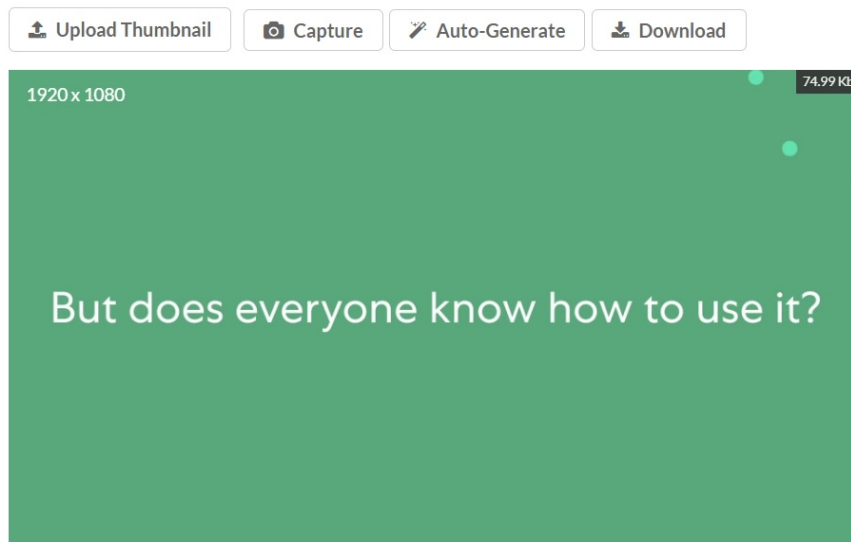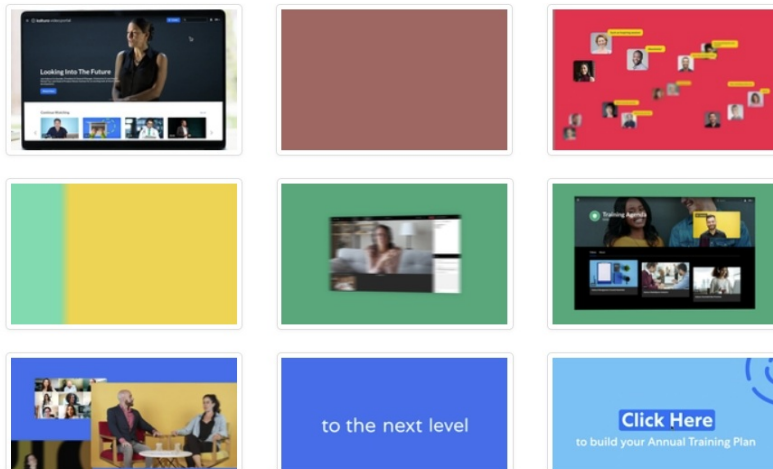
Select an automatically generated thumbnail

1. Click **Auto-Generate**.
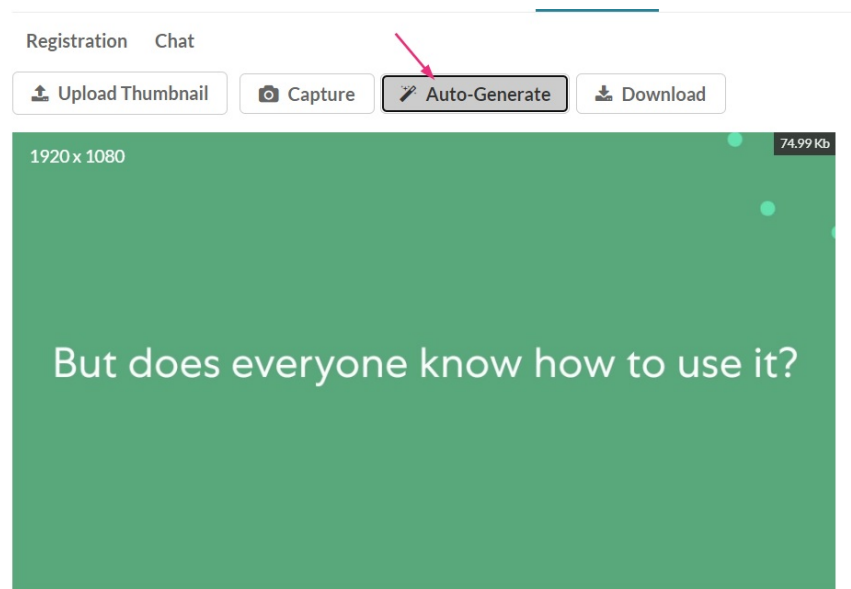
A window with a selection of automatically generated thumbnails displays.

2. Select a thumbnail.

The new thumbnail displays.

Download a thumbnail

Click **Download**.

The image downloads.