

Use the Captions editor in KMC

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About

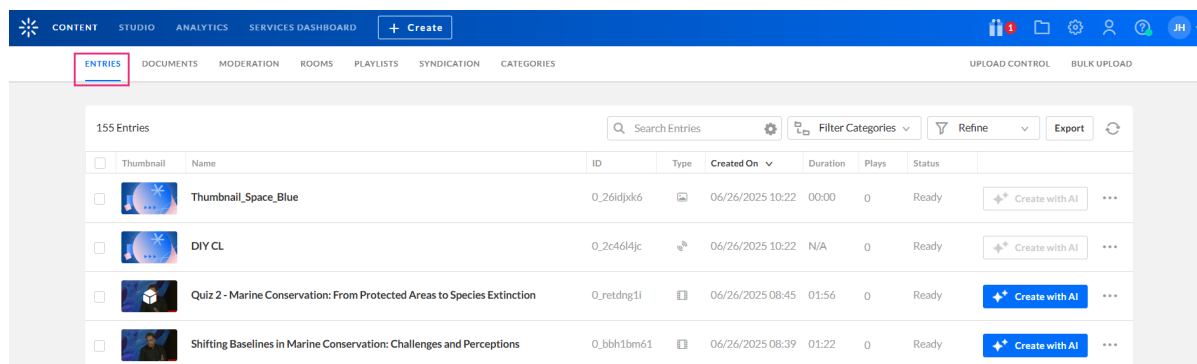
Kaltura's Captions editor allows you to review and edit captions for your videos, whether they're generated by REACH or uploaded manually. With an intuitive interface, you can easily adjust caption text, timing, and speaker names, and if you have enabled Kaltura's [transcript widget](#), any changes you make are reflected in the transcript.

The editor also includes features like auto-scroll, timestamp adjustment, and search and replace, giving you full control to fine-tune captions and enhance the viewing experience for your audience. This tool is particularly useful for improving the accuracy of machine-generated captions (ASR).

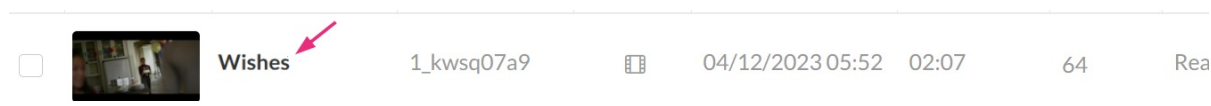
Access the editor

1. Log into your KMC.

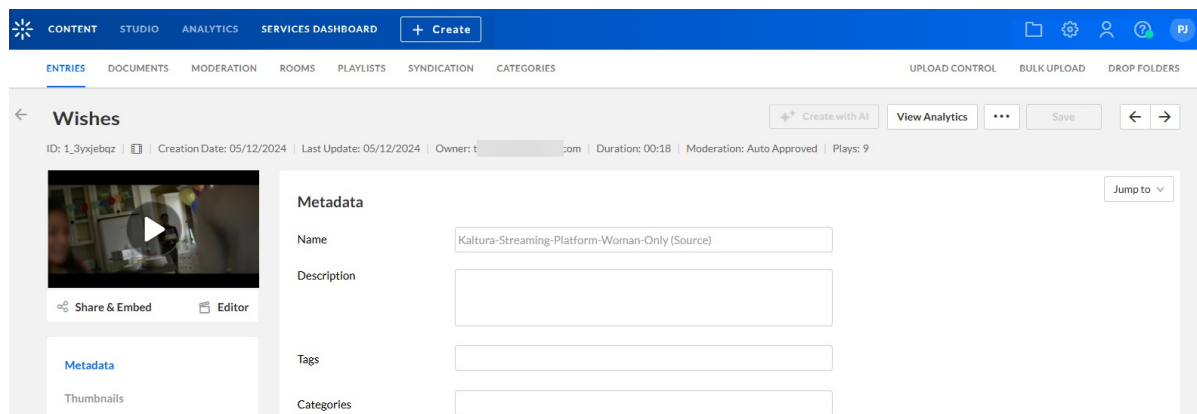
The **Entries** page displays by default.



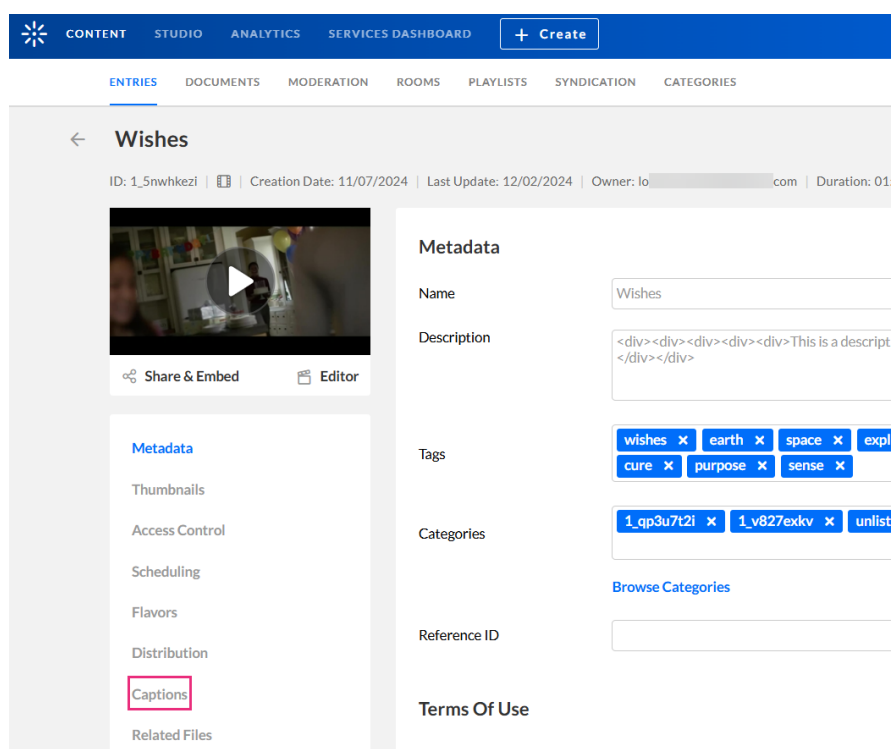
2. Click on the desired video's thumbnail.



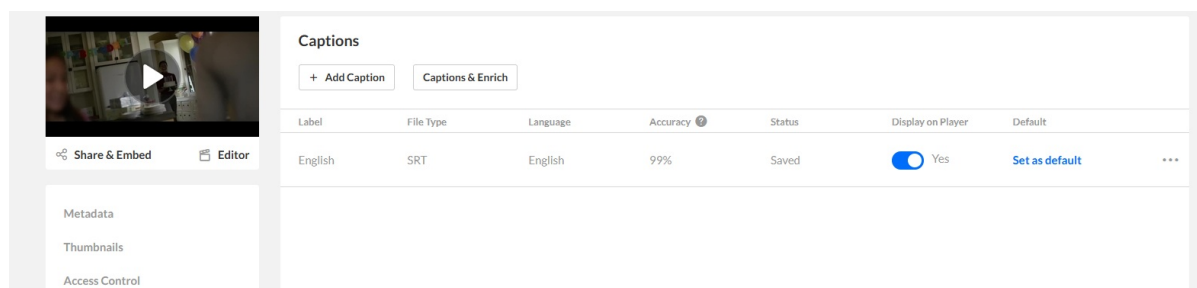
The entry details page displays.



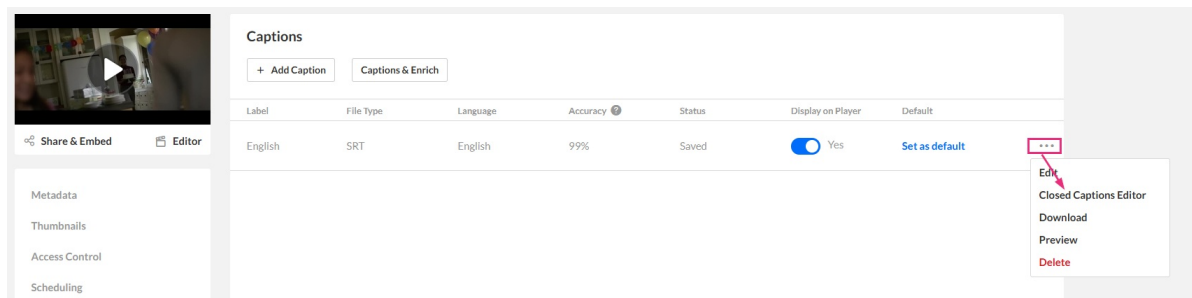
3. Click the **Captions** tab.



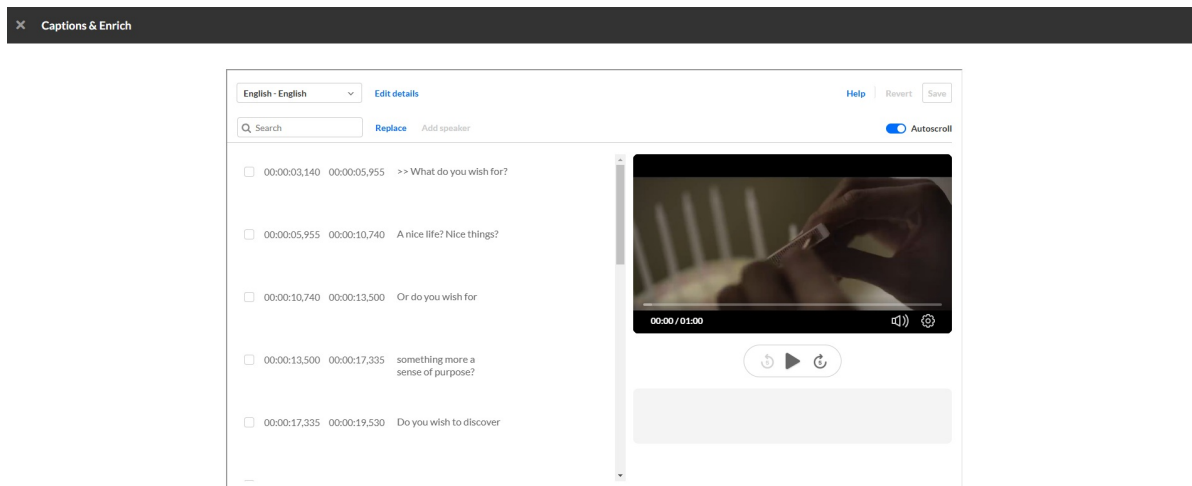
The Captions page displays.



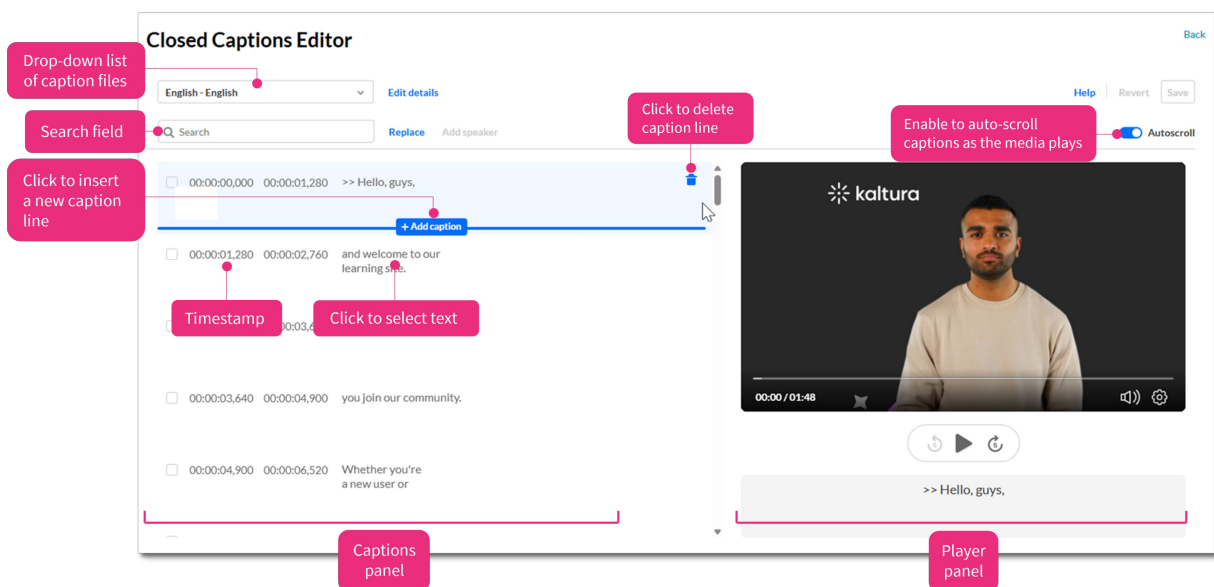
4. Click the **three-dot menu** at the far right and select **Closed Captions Editor**.



The closed captions editor opens.



Editor layout

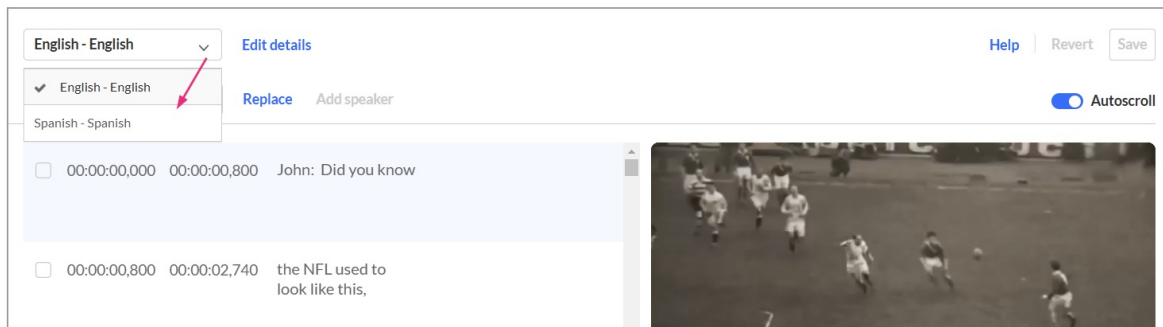


The editor has two main areas - captions panel and player panel:

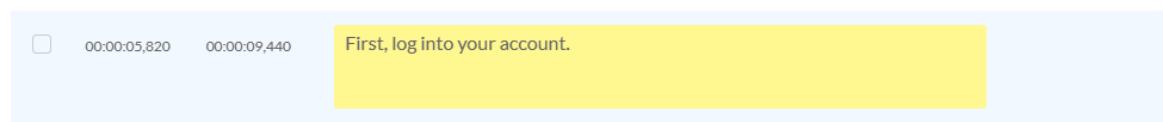
Captions panel

The captions panel displays the captions and the editing options, including the following:

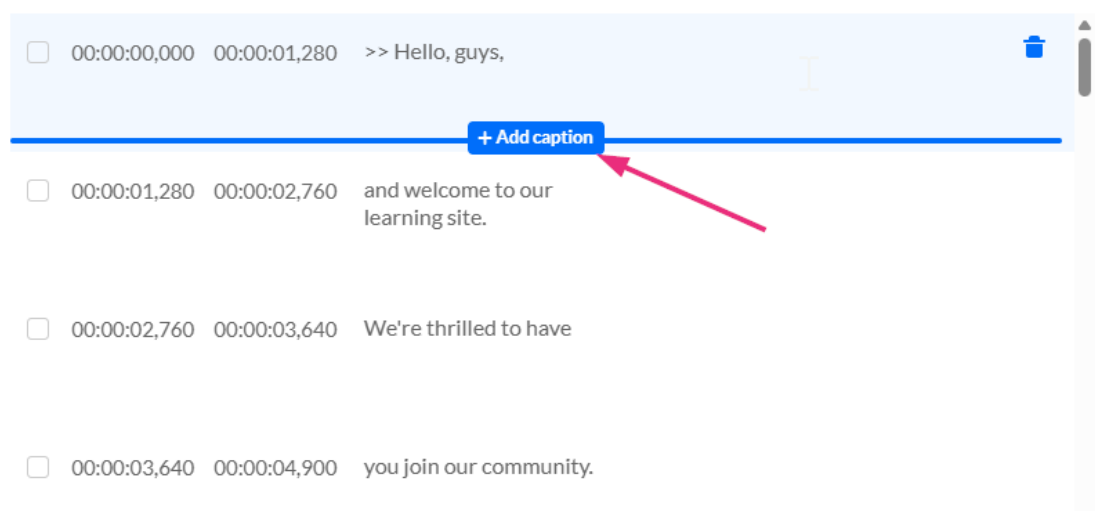
- **Captions drop-down list** - If there is more than one caption file for the entry, you can select a different caption file from the list.



- **Edit details** - Click to change the caption's language, accuracy, and label.
- **Search field** - Type a search term and hit 'enter' on your keyboard. The results are highlighted in yellow, as shown in the image below.



- **Replace** - Quickly find specific words or phrases in captions and replace them with new ones.
- **Add speaker** - Click to add a speaker's name.
- **Autoscroll** - Click to enable to auto-scroll captions as the media plays.
- **Trash can icon** - Click the trash can at the right of the caption line to delete that line (the trash can appears when you hover).
- **Add caption** - Click to add a new line of text (the **+Add caption** button appears when you hover).



- **Timestamp** - Click to modify the time.



The captions editor uses the **SMPTE time format**: hours, minutes, seconds, and milliseconds (hh:mm:ss,mmm). This format helps you set precise start and end points for each caption.

- **Caption text** - Click to modify the text.

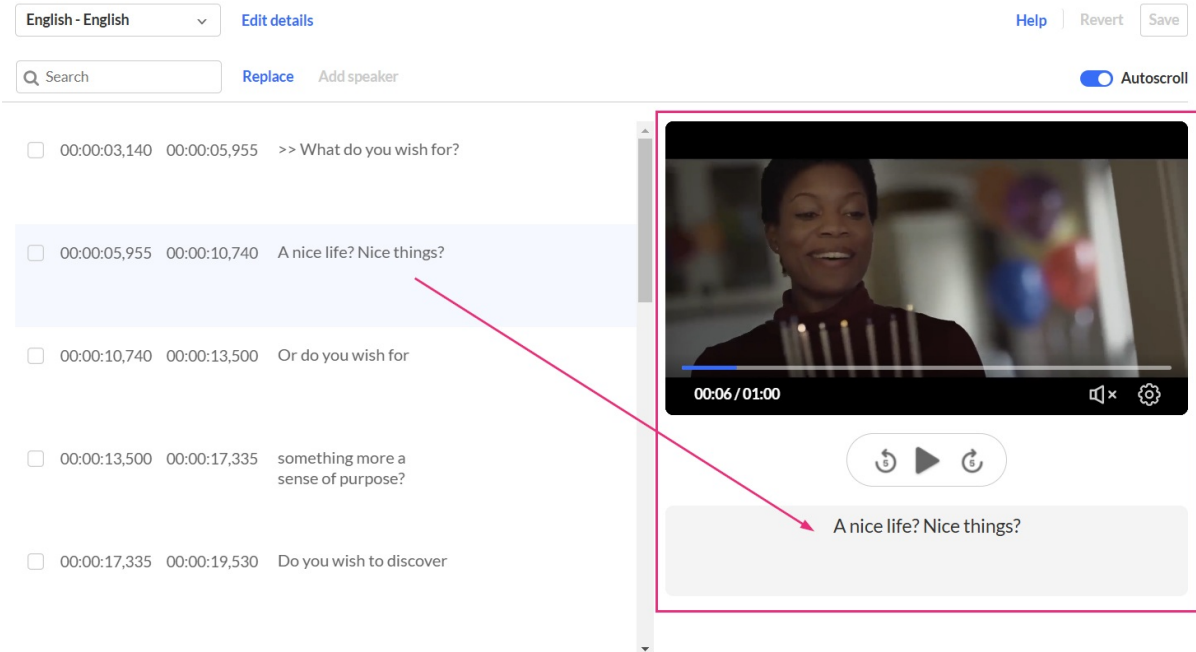


Kaltura supports **dual screen** inside the captions editor.

Player panel

The player panel displays the player, allowing you to sync the text with the audio and visuals in real-time to ensure each caption line accurately aligns with the on-screen content.

When you click on a caption line, and the player jumps to the correct frame for the selected text as shown in the example below.



The screenshot shows the Kaltura captions editor interface. On the left, there is a list of captions with their start and end times. The second caption, 'A nice life? Nice things?' (00:00:05,955 - 00:00:10,740), is highlighted. A red arrow points from this caption to the video player on the right. The video player shows a woman smiling, and the caption 'A nice life? Nice things?' is displayed below the video. The video player has a progress bar at 00:06/01:00 and playback controls.

Editing options

Edit caption details

- Click on **Edit details**.

Closed Captions Editor

English - English

Edit details

Search

Replace

Add speaker

- ☐ 00:00:00,000 00:00:01,280 >> Hello, guys,
- ☐ 00:00:01,280 00:00:02,760 and welcome to our learning site.

The Edit caption details screen displays. You can change the caption's language, accuracy, and label.

Edit caption details

Language
English

Accuracy %
81%

Label
English

Appears in caption selector

Cancel
Save

The information is immediately updated.

Find and replace text

- Click **Replace**.

Closed Captions Editor

English - English

Edit details

Search

Replace

Add speaker

☐ 00:00:00,000 00:00:01,280 >> Hello, guys,

☐ 00:00:01,280 00:00:02,760 and welcome to our learning site.

☐ 00:00:02,760 00:00:03,640 We're thrilled to have

Find match

Replace with

Replace

- Enter the search term in the **Find match** field,
- Enter the replacement term in the **Replace with** field.

Replace
Add speaker

Find match

Replace with

Replace

d. Click **Replace**.

e. Click **Save**.

You are asked to confirm captions accuracy.

Confirm captions Accuracy

Please update the accuracy rating to the best of your knowledge. Human-reviewed descriptions are typically **96–99% accurate**.

Check that:

- Sound cues and speaker tags are included
- Names and acronyms are correct
- Timing and readability are accurate

Accuracy 90%

Cancel

Save

f. Move the slider accordingly, then click **Save**.

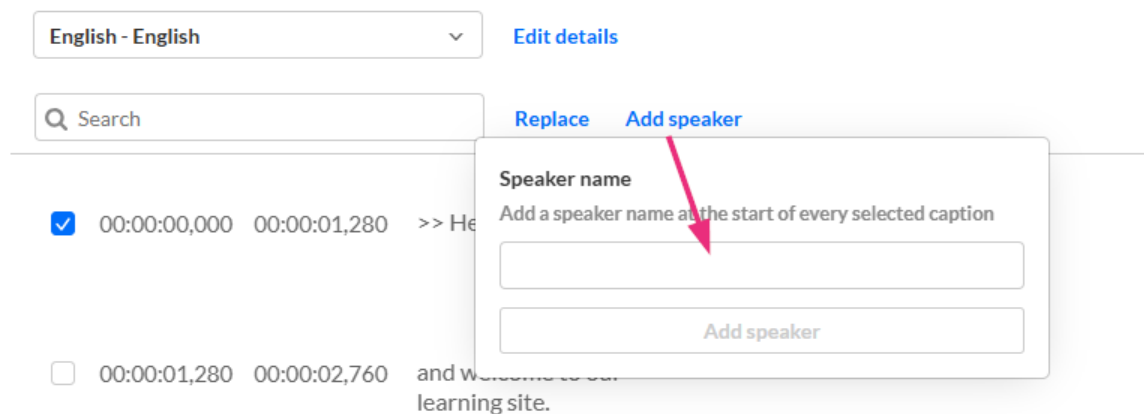
The search term is replaced immediately.

Add speaker's name

a. Select the row(s) where you want to add the speaker's name, then click **Add speaker**.

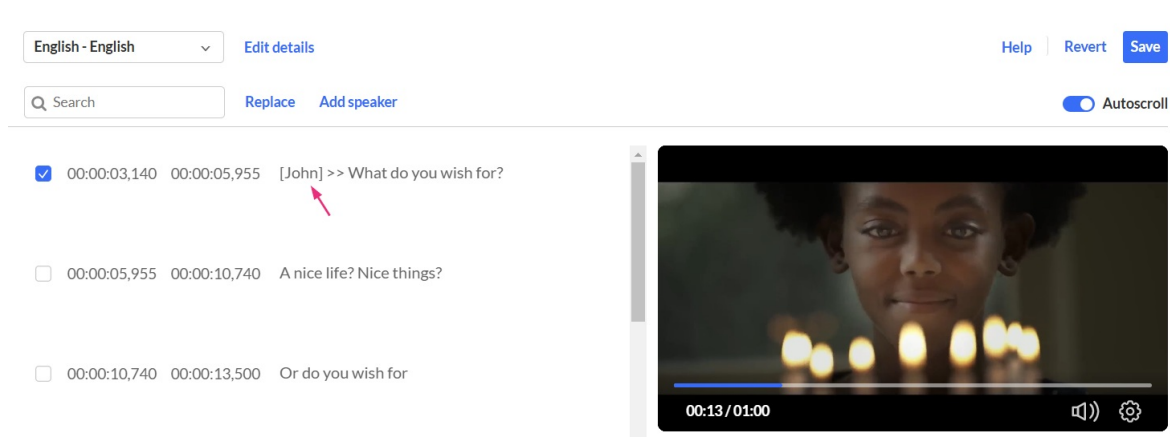
b. In the 'Speaker name' field, type the name, then click **Add Speaker**.

Closed Captions Editor



The screenshot shows the 'Closed Captions Editor' interface. At the top, there is a language dropdown set to 'English - English' and an 'Edit details' link. Below this is a search bar and two buttons: 'Replace' and 'Add speaker'. A modal window is open, titled 'Speaker name', with the instruction 'Add a speaker name at the start of every selected caption'. It contains a text input field and an 'Add speaker' button. A pink arrow points from the 'Add speaker' button in the main interface to the modal. In the background, a list of captions is visible, with the first one selected (checked) and containing the text '00:00:00,000 00:00:01,280 >> He'.

The speaker's name is added at the beginning of each line.



The screenshot shows the 'Closed Captions Editor' interface with a video player on the right. The video player shows a scene with a young girl and candles. The interface includes a language dropdown set to 'English - English', an 'Edit details' link, and buttons for 'Help', 'Revert', and 'Save'. Below the search bar are 'Replace' and 'Add speaker' buttons. An 'Autoscroll' toggle is also present. A list of captions is displayed on the left, with the first one selected (checked) and containing the text '00:00:03,140 00:00:05,955 [John] >> What do you wish for?'. A pink arrow points to the '[John]' text in the caption. The other two captions are '00:00:05,955 00:00:10,740 A nice life? Nice things?' and '00:00:10,740 00:00:13,500 Or do you wish for'.

c. Click **Save**.

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Accuracy  90%

Cancel

Save

d. Move the slider accordingly, then click **Save**.

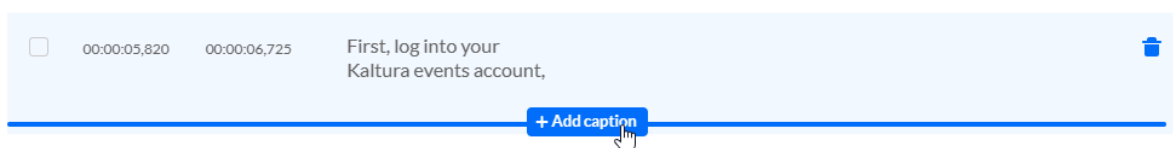
The information is immediately updated.



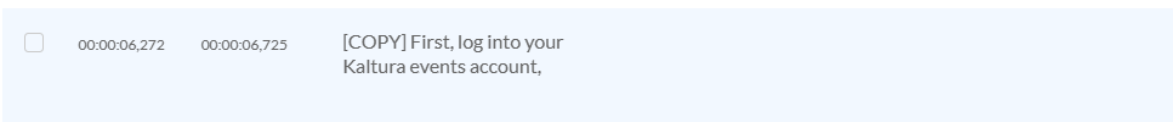
For general information about Kaltura's player, check out our article [Introduction to the Kaltura Player](#).

Add a caption line

a. Hover over the caption row until you see **+ Add caption** and then click on it.



The caption is duplicated.



b. Click on the caption text to activate the text field, then modify the text as desired.



When editing a caption, adjust the timing to avoid overlaps. Kaltura highlights any timing errors in red for easy identification, as shown below.

☐ 00:04:00 ☐ 00:06:00 Proin aliquet enim eget est convallis molestie.

☐ 00:05:00 ☐ 00:07:00 Proin aliquet enim eget est convallis molestie. Aenean eget ornare dui. Integer feugiat nisl ac faucibus tincidunt.

c. Click **Save**.

You are asked to confirm captions accuracy.

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- Timing and readability are accurate

Accuracy
90%

Cancel

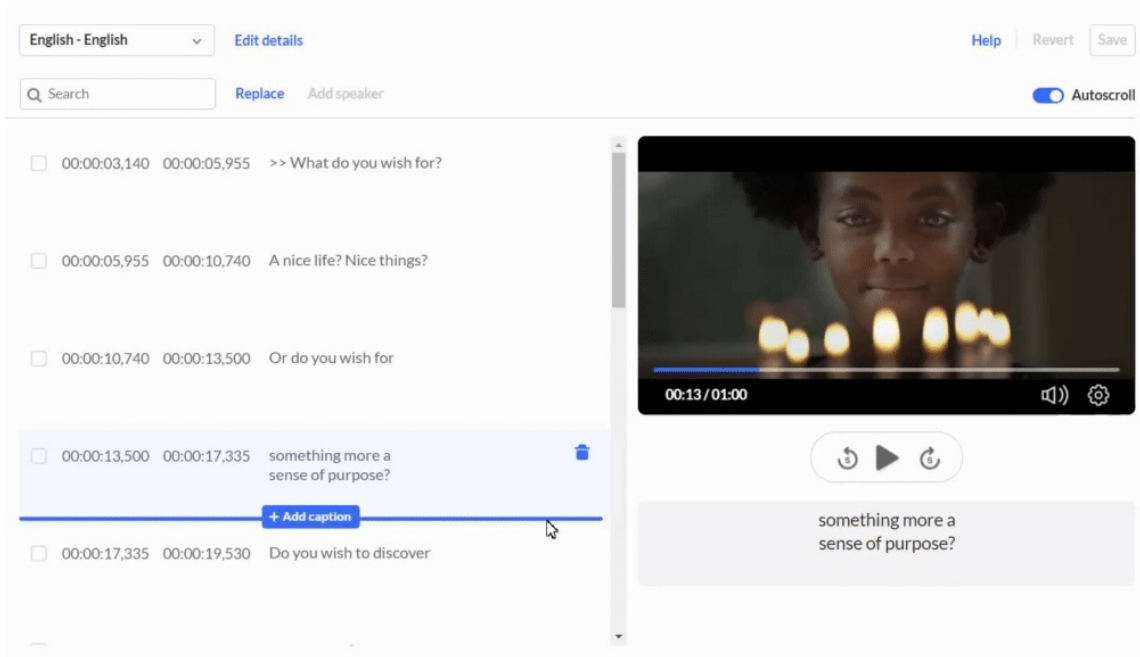
Save

d. Move the slider accordingly, then click **Save**.

The information is immediately updated.

Edit a caption line

a. Click on the caption text to activate the text field, then modify the text as desired.



English - English [Edit details](#) [Help](#) [Revert](#) [Save](#)

[Replace](#) [Add speaker](#) [Autoscroll](#)

- ☐ 00:00:03,140 00:00:05,955 >> What do you wish for?
- ☐ 00:00:05,955 00:00:10,740 A nice life? Nice things?
- ☐ 00:00:10,740 00:00:13,500 Or do you wish for
- ☐ 00:00:13,500 00:00:17,335 something more a sense of purpose? [Add caption](#)
- ☐ 00:00:17,335 00:00:19,530 Do you wish to discover

00:13 / 01:00

something more a sense of purpose?

b. Edit the text as desired.

c. Click **Save**.

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Confirm captions Accuracy

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- Timing and readability are accurate

Accuracy 90%

[Cancel](#)

[Save](#)

d. Move the slider accordingly, then click **Save**.

The information is immediately updated.

Revert and Save

Revert takes you back to the last saved changes. **Save** saves the modified caption

file.

Revert

Save

Keyboard shortcuts

- a. Player seek 5S backwards = Ctrl <-
 - b. Player seek 2S backwards = <-
 - c. Player seek to 0 = Home and in Mac Command <-
 - d. Player pause-play toggle = space
 - e. Player seek 5S forward = Ctrl ->
 - f. Player seek 2S forward = ->
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