Introduction to Kaltura Rooms

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This article is designated for all users.

About

The **Kaltura Room** is a real-time meeting space designed for collaboration, training, and live sessions. It enables teams to meet, present, and interact using a range of engagement and collaboration tools.

Kaltura Rooms support a variety of use cases, including team workshops, training sessions, internal meetings, and collaborative learning experiences.

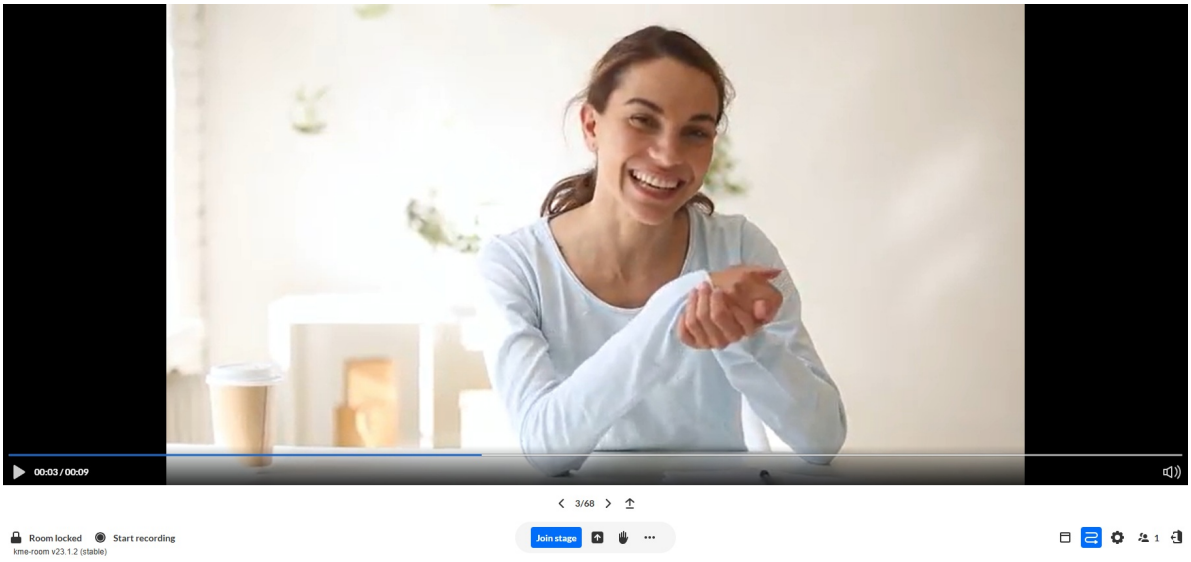
With Kaltura Rooms, you can:

- **Create engaging sessions** using tools such as polls, quizzes, chat, and reactions.
- **Encourage collaboration** with breakout rooms, whiteboards, and stage participation.
- **Deliver branded experiences** with customizable themes and branding.
- **Run media-rich sessions** using storyboard planning and built-in video playback.

Kaltura Rooms are accessible on mobile devices through the browser, with no app required. Most features are available on mobile, including chat, raising hands, joining the stage, and participating in breakout rooms.

A few moderator features aren't available on mobile: storyboard management, screen sharing, and breakout room management. Reactions in the engagement panel aren't available on mobile for anyone. To use these moderator features, join from a desktop browser.

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Sessions created **before October 1, 2023** use the legacy room. All sessions created after this date automatically use the new Kaltura Room.

Key features of the room

Enhanced video and collaboration tools

The Kaltura Room retains and improves upon features from previous versions, offering:

- Screen sharing
- Recording
- Stage management
- Participant management
- User permissions
- Breakout rooms
- Raise hands
- Lock the room
- Miro whiteboard

Branding

When you apply branding to your event, rooms inherit the active colors, fonts, and overall style automatically. You don't need any more setup to align your room with your brand.

Storyboard

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The storyboard helps moderators plan and structure sessions.

Available tools include:

- Speaker notes
- Customized reception and break screens
- Backstage coordination during receptions and breaks
- Scene management

These tools help moderators prepare content and manage transitions during a session.

Engage participants during a session

Use the engagement panel to chat with participants and run polls and quizzes during a session. Moderators can also use it to manage attendees and coordinate privately.

- On desktop, it appears on the **right side of the screen**.
- On mobile, it appears at the **bottom of the screen**.

Features include:

- **Group chat:** Real-time communication during live sessions.
- **Quizzes and polls:** Drive engagement with interactive elements.
- **Session updates:** Share live announcements in the Interaction tab, visible only within the active session.
- **Participant management:** View and manage attendees.
- **Customizable themes:** Align the design with your brand's colors and fonts.
- **Reports and analytics:** Access session insights, including chat transcripts, user activity, and participation rates.
- **Backchannel:** A private space for moderators to coordinate during sessions.

Moderators can turn the panel on or off for specific sessions from the session's edit page, so they can customize the interaction experience.

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> To enable the Kaltura Room with the engagement panel, contact your Kaltura representative.

Create a Kaltura Room

How you create a Kaltura Room depends on where you use it.

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- To create a room in **Content Hubs**, see Create a Kaltura Room and start a meeting in Content Hubs.
- To create a room in an **LMS integration**, see the 'Create a Kaltura Room' article for your LMS.
- In **Events**, a room is created automatically when you add an Interactive session to an event. To learn more, see Launch an Interactive Room session and enter the Kaltura Room.

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