Kaltura webcast studio for Live webcasts

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This article is designated for moderators and speakers

About

Live webcasts are orchestrated, highly produced live-streaming events for large audiences. With live webcasts you have the added flexibility of "going live" directly from a Kaltura webcast studio (if the stream has already been initiated through the encoder tool). Once a live webcast session is created in Kaltura Virtual Events, the Kaltura webcast studio is automatically created with stage ratio of a player (16:9). This gives the webcast studio user the exact experience and layout that the end users will experience as they watch the player.

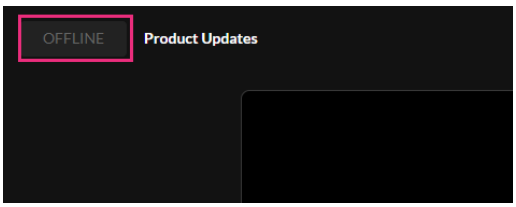
The moderator may access the webcast studio via a direct private link. This way, they can begin preparing the webcast studio ahead of the broadcast. This experience is designed for single-user operation, meaning only one user can be in the studio at a time.

For information on creating Live webcast sessions, see Agenda tab - Add Live webcast session. For information on launching the Kaltura webcast studio, see Agenda tab - Edit Live webcast session.

Opening mode

When the webcast studio is initially launched, it is done so in either *Offline* or *Preview* mode, depending on whether or not the stream has been initiated yet through the encoder tool. See Best practices for streaming to Kaltura which includes information on setting up the stream itself.

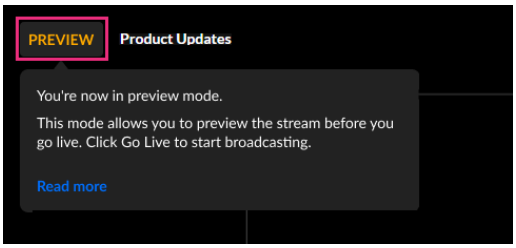
If the stream *has not* been initiated, you will be in Offline mode. The gray Offline indicator in the upper left corner of your screen is displayed.



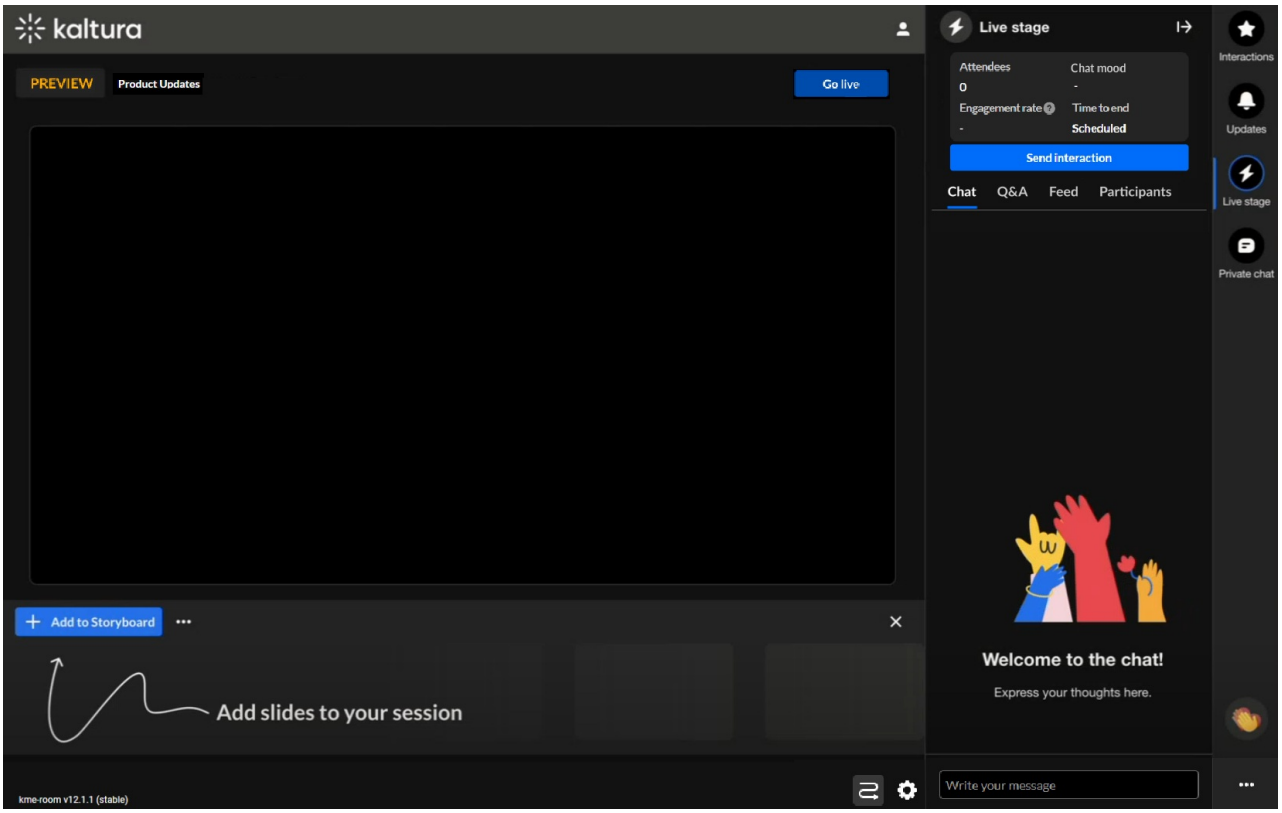
If the stream *has* been initiated, you will be in Preview mode. The yellow Preview

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indicator in the upper left corner of your screen is displayed. In Preview mode, you may preview the stream before going live. You may hover over the Preview indicator for additional information. See Preview mode for more information.

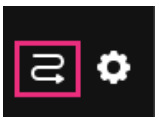


The storyboard is open as well, allowing you to plan your session. See Storyboard for more information.

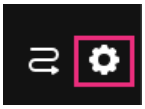


You may hide the storyboard by clicking the "X".

You can always reopen the storyboard by clicking the Storyboard button.



Click the Settings icon to access additional features.



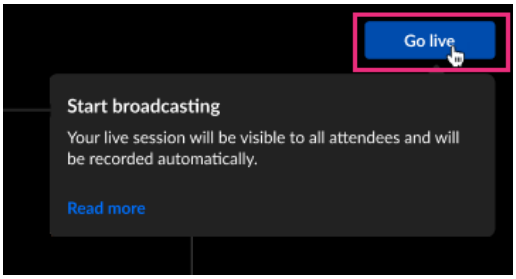
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Full Screen - Widen the display to fill the full screen.

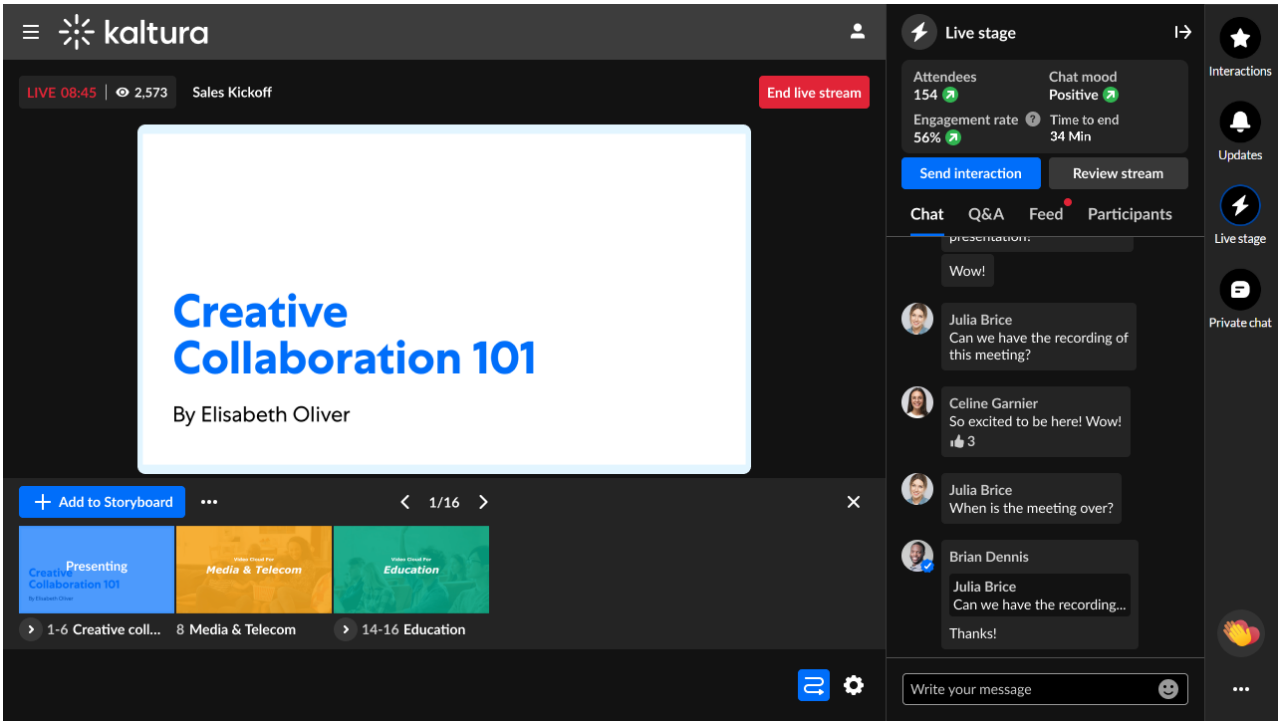
Give Feedback - Provide feedback on the webcast studio.

Begin the broadcast - Go live

Once the stream has been initiated through the encoder tool, and you are in Preview mode, click the **Go live** button in the upper right corner of the screen.



Following is an example of a moderator's view with the Storyboard displayed and an image presented.

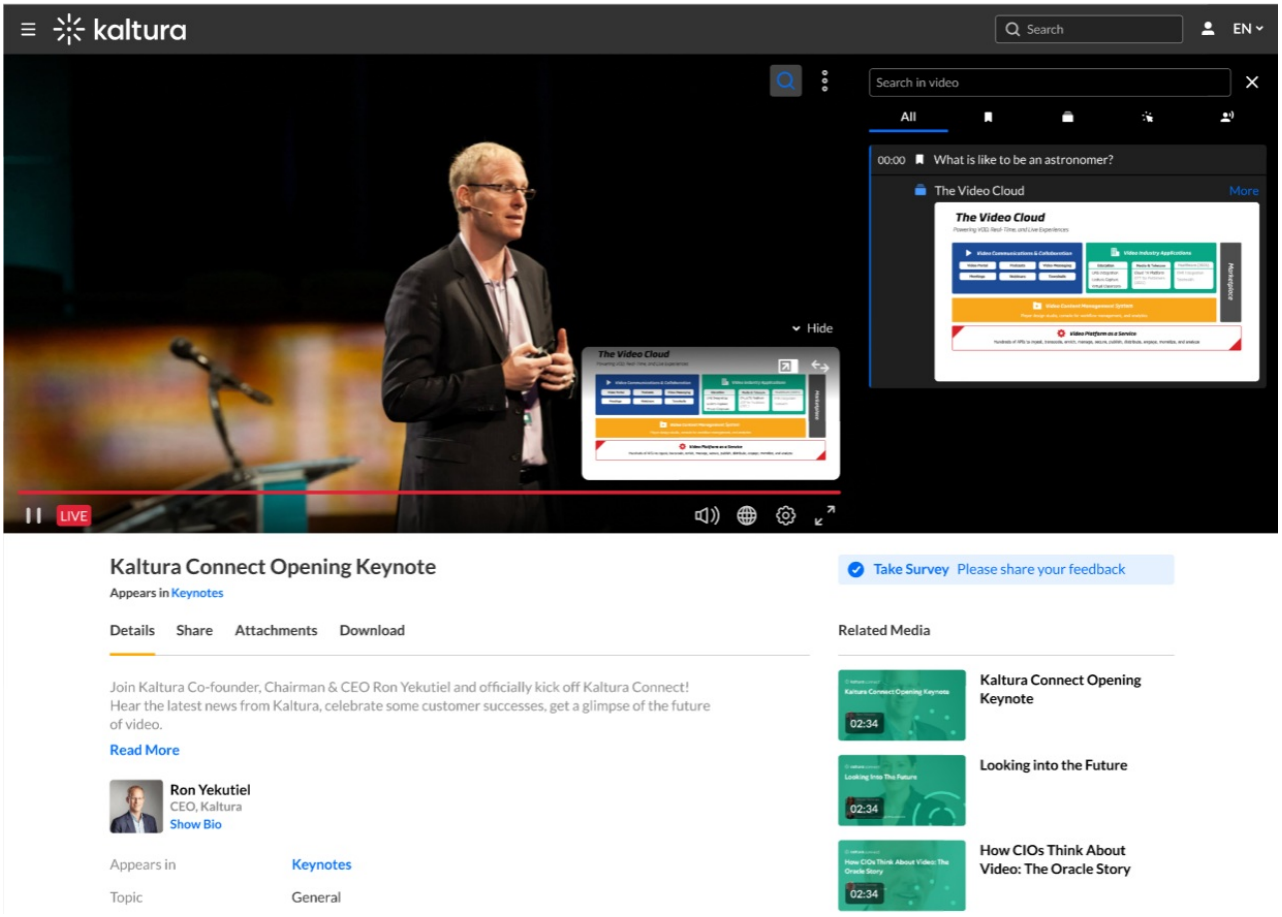


Interested in the chat and collaboration capabilities found on the right panel? See Chat and Collaboration widget for information.

View essential stream health analytics and monitor the live player during your Live webcast session by clicking the **Review stream** button. Want more information on this feature? See Stream health analytics and player preview.

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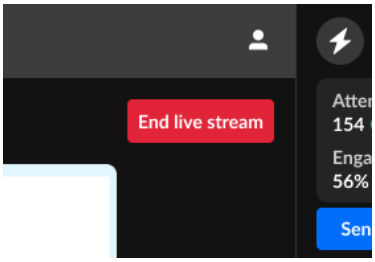
Following is an example of a live webcast being broadcast from the webcast studio. Notice the dual screen, displaying both the speaker and the slides simultaneously.



Please note - Enrichment capabilities, such as dual screen and cue points, are not supported when streaming live webcasts to socials.

End the broadcast

Click the **End live stream** button in the upper right corner of your screen.



The webcast studio is returned to **Preview** status.

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