Regional Cloud Release Notes - v7 Player

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Regional Cloud Release 24Q4 - v24.3.1 includes the product versions below.

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.126 August 5, 2024

Resolved Issues

ID	Description
SUP-43378	Volume bar hiding timeline fix
SUP-43350	Webcasting announcements fix

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.124 July 14, 2024

What's New

- **Transcript on audio player** - The transcript plugin is now available on the audio player.

  More info: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/the-kaltura-audio-player

  How to enable: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/how-to-create-a-kaltura-player

Resolved Issues

ID	Description
SUP-42112	Advanced captions now working on iOS

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.122 June 30, 2024

Resolved Issues

ID	Description
SUP-42321	iOS playback issue was fixed

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.120 June 16, 2024

What's New

- **Transcript pop-out** - users can now pop out the transcript into a floating, draggable, and resizable window, allowing for full-size video viewing. More info: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/transcript

Resolved Issues

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ID	Description
SUP-42112	Advanced caption settings fixed on iOS
SUP-42730	Fix for issue with captions not being displayed

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.118 June 2, 2024

What's New

- Admins can now use the parameter {entryId} in the share link of the Share & Embed plugin, for example, {entryId}, and the link updates according to the entry ID of the video being played. More info: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/the-kaltura-player-studio-admin-guide-player-settings
- Extended audio description can now be accessed directly from the bottom bar of the player.

Resolved Issues

ID	Description
SUP-42252	Analytics reporting of clipped media was fixed
ADA-888	Loss of focus and arrow navigation accessibility improvements
SUP-38665	ACP doesn't require kaltura.com in whitelist

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.116 May 19, 2024

What's New

- **Prevent seek / prevent forward seek -** You can now disable seeking on a player or a specific entry by adding metadata. You can decide whether to completely disable seeking or just disable seeking forward beyond the maximum current seek time. For more information, please visit: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/the-kaltura-player-studio-admin-guide-player-settings
- **Default player ratio -** Admins can now set the default ratio (width and height) of the player directly from studio. The values that are set will be used in player embed codes that are generated by embedding tools such as Rich Media CMS share & embed tool and player share & embed plugin. For more information, please visit https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/the-kaltura-player-studio-admin-guide-player-settings#default-player-ratio

Resolved Issues

ID	Description
SUP-42354	Enable/disable captions keyboard shortcut was fixed
SUP-42476	v7 eCDN fallback fix
SUP-41857	System attachments are no longer shown in download plugin

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The Kaltura Player - Version 7.114 May 5, 2024

What's new?

- **Captions alignment -** Admins can now select the default text alignment of the captions during playback (left, centered, right-aligned). Users can also change the alignment in the advanced captions settings.
  https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/the-kaltura-player-studio-admin-guide-player-settings
  https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/player-captions

Resolved Issues

ID	Description
SUP-41468	Captions languages are now alphabetically ordered in captions menu
SUP-41465	Playlist side panel layout issues on mobile were fixed

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.111 April 17, 2024

What's new?

- **Audio player branding** - Customize the appearance of the audio player to match your brand perfectly. For more info: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/how-to-create-a-kaltura-player
- **Player error messages** - the player error message now includes additional information to help the viewer understand the error and troubleshoot where possible. For the full list of error messages: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/troubleshooting-the-player
- **Document entries in playlist -** Add a document file to the player! When a document entry is loaded in a Kaltura player, a slate will display instructions how to view the document. If the document isn't available for viewing, admins can add a download button. More info: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/the-kaltura-player-studio-admin-guide-player-settings
- **Ad blocker detection** - The new ad blocker plugin detects ad blockers and informs the user about it. Then it takes action according to the admin's preferences in the plugin's settings, like blocking viewer's playback. Ad blockers can interfere with analytics collection or cause unwanted behavior in features that are based on viewership data, such as certifications, badges, leaderboard, and lead reports on viewership-based events. For more info:

https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/ad-blocker-detection
https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/the-kaltura-player-studio-admin-guide-player-settings

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Resolved issues

ID	Description
ADA-190	Player elements are focused on when bottom bar is hidden.
SUP-41001	Download button now appears when captions are processing.
SUP-42158	Missing German translations were added.

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.109 March 31, 2024

What's New

- **Hotspots on pre-recorded sessions -** Hotspots are now available on per-recorded sessions! Simply add hotspots in the source VOD entry, and they'll automatically show up on the webcast entry when it's broadcasted. More info: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/kaltura-video-editing-tools---hotspots-tab

Resolved Issues

ID	Description
SUP-41626	Interactive video fix for mobile iOS

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.103 February 25, 2024

What's New

- **Floating player -** Users can now easily return to the video from the floating player by clicking the "Back to video" button that was added to the floating player. More details: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/floating

Resolved Issues

ID	Description
SUP-38484	Transcript download menu cut off fix

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.101 February 4, 2024

What's New

- **Email (mailto:) Hotspots -** create a "mailto:" hotspot that will open a new email and autofill the address based on the hotspot setup. More details: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/v7-player-plugins-hotspots

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- **Dynamic logo link** - add a dynamic link to your logo on the Kaltura Player to boost traffic and engagement. This allows to redirect users watching the video on a different location, right back to your legacy Video Portal, to continue where they left off. Get started on creating a dynamic URL by adding *{entryId}* to the website address, like this: {entryId}. The link updates based on the entry ID that is being played. Learn more: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/kaltura-player-plugins-logo
- **Download Plugin -** You can now decide which assets (source media, additional flavors, attachments or captions) are available for users to download from the download plugin directly in the Player Studio
  More details: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/the-kaltura-player-studio-admin-guide-player-settings

Resolved Issues

ID	Description
SUP-40375	Duration format in SEO Plugin modified to follow the ISO 8601 standard.

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.100 January 24, 2024

What's New

- **Call To Action -** add prompts during video playback to increase viewer interaction. Your CTAs can link to any online location or direct viewers to another video entry. Start using your Call to Action plugin today:
  Learn how to set it up: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/the-kaltura-player-studio-admin-guide-player-settings
  More details: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/call-2-action
- **Download plugin** - you can now disable the option to download the source media while the download plugin is enabled to allow users to only download captions or attachments.

Resolved Issues

ID	Description
SUP-40351	Corrected typo in Spanish translation
SUP-40335	No seek forward on IVQ
SUP-40702	Fix for cue points not showing on timeline
SUP-40735	Corrected text of "Stay on latest version" configuration in Player Studio

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.91 December 12, 2023

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What's New

- **Share -** we've expanded our Kaltura Player sharing capabilities- users can now share and embed a clip of the video. More details: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/share
- **Skip intro/outro -** Add the option for viewers to skip a length of the entry's into/outro, now available to configure right from the player studio. Entries that have the intro and outro configured in their metadata will override the default values set in the studio. More details: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/skip-introoutro https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/the-kaltura-player-studio-admin-guide-player-settings
- **Speed selection** - users speed selection will now be saved when moving between videos during the same browser session. To get started, turn on "apply user preferences" configuration in the Player studio. More details: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/the-kaltura-player-studio-admin-guide-player-settings

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.82 November 12, 2023

What's New

- **Audio Player -** we've added a new audio player with a slim UI that is easily embedded on any webpage. More details: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/the-kaltura-audio-player
- **Download Plugin -** The following improvements were made to the download plugin:
  - Users can now select the flavor of the video they would like to download
  - Users can now download attachments directly from the player
  - Users can now download captions
  - The download plugin is now available on image entries as well.
    More details: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/player-download
- **Navigation plugin -** The following improvements were made to the timeline:
  - Cue points are now represented on the timeline
  - Chapter segments are now represented on the timeline
  - Clickable dual screen navigation thumbnails supported added to the timeline
    More details: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/v7-player-plugins-navigation

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.78 October 8, 2023

What's New

- **Thumbnail embed -** decrease page load time with thumbnail embed. The embedded video will display the video thumbnail image, and only load the player when the play button is clicked. For more details: Share and Embed Media.

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- **SEO Plugin-** The Search Engine Optimization (SEO) - enable to improve indexing and ranking of videos in search results. The SEO plugin embeds the video's metadata into the hosting webpage code, to learn more: https://knowledge.kaltura.com/help/seo-plugin

Resolved Issues

ID	Description
SUP-38805	Hero unit causing page to jump to the top fix
SUP-39123	Video quiz seeking issue was fixed

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.74 August 22, 2023

Version Highlights:

- Improved multi-stream experience on Safari web browser.
- Fixed the issue where youtube entries would fail to play in playlists.

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.66 July 3, 2023

Version Highlight

When using the dual screen plugin, the Kaltura player now can support playback of up to four video streams. These stream are setup in a "parent-child" relationship where the primary stream is the parent entry with up to 3 additional streams (or, alternatively, 2 video streams and a set of embedded slides), linked as child entries. Users can choose at any given moment which stream they want to see as the primary video and which as the secondary video.

Check this knowledge article for details.

Additional content

- Shaka player upgrade to v4.3.7
- Added Spanish language support for in video quizzes
- Fixed a User Interface issue where dropdown menues would not close automatically upon button click.

The Kaltura Player - Version 7.63 May 21, 2023

What's New

- Users can now download the video they are watching directly from the player. Enable the ‘download’ plugin on the player studio to add this capability to you player.
- Less is more! Video transcript download is now available within the navigation plugin instead of having to add a separate download button.
- Player and plugins localization - we’ve added translations to the player’s UI labels for the following languages: Spanish, German, Finnish, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Portuguese, Dutch, Russian

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- Search video quizzes on navigation plugin - Navigation plugin now allows users to search through questions on video quizzes.
- VPAT accessibility report for v7 Player and player plugins now available here
- We've moved Captions settings into the gear shaped settings menu . The globe icon  was removed and now users can enable and disable captions from a dedicated CC button  located on the player bar.
- Dual screen now supports playback speed selection.
- DASH and HLS frameworks upgrades.
  - shaka player v4.3.5
  - hls.js 1.3.5
- Bug Fixes.

Note- Users using players configured to support "RAPT" should update their uiconf on the rapt config from "rapt" to "playkit-rapt" to get the interactive videos feature software updates

The Kaltura Player - February 1, 2023

What's New

- **Kaltura Player and Plugins**

Library versions upgrades

- hls.js library updated to v1.3.1
- Shaka Player library updated to v4.3.3

Bug fixes

- Fixed some accessibility related bugs
- Related videos UI improvements
- Added missing ISO language codes support for multi-audio track videos
- Fixed a UI issue in fullscreen youtube video playback
- Fixed UI issues in the dual screen plugin

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- Fixed UI issues in the Video Quiz plugin
- **Kaltura Player Studio - Version 7.59**
  - Updated to allow show captions, auto-scroll and skip ahead.
  - Added the ability to customize player colors including scrubber, LIVE label and player's background color.

The Kaltura Player - January 1, 2023

What's New

- **Kaltura Player**

Everyone uses our player- to watch videos, study, learn something new, re-skill, onboard,andstream a live broadcast. Now the new Kaltura Player enters the ring- faster to load, intuitive to create and customize to your needs, ready to set upin our beautiful new studio. Everything you know, now 10x better.

Frustration free player

Intuitive from ‘create’ to embed, our new Kaltura Player is easy to set up and customize to fit your organization’s exact needs. Viewers enjoy an intuitive playback experience with enhanced functionality. As always, Kaltura is committed to continuously promoting accessibility throughout our products.

Olympic level performance

Unparallel load time, stability,and performance are what you’ll get with the new Kaltura Player. We’ve enhanced these capabilities for a smooth, & seamless user experience— blink and it’s ready for action.

Bespoke viewer experience (Without the overhead)

Design and curate a unique set of players, tailored to your organization’s needs based on the desired experience. Make a lasting first impression on your viewers with a powerful player experience. Inspire your internal audiences (marketing, HR, etc.) to be the catalyst for their creativity.

- **Kaltura Player Studio**

Brand new Studio! - We are happy to launch the Kaltura Player Studio for Player v7, replacing the TV Platform Studio, with improved UI and advanced players management capabilities:

  - Create and edit players
  - Players usage analytics
  - Bookmark favorite players
  - Player templates
  - Demo videos to showcase player capabilities
  - Advanced plugins configuration
  - Visuals and integrations

For more info visit Kaltura Player Studio.

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More updates

What's new?

We welcome you to track the monthly Newsletter that is sent to our customers with updates about the Kaltura Player. Also, please visit the GitHub main repo for the Kaltura Player release notes, click here.

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