

# Chat and collaboration (C&C) widget for moderators in Kaltura Rooms

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 This article is designated for moderators and hosts

## About

The **Chat and Collaboration (C&C)** widget empowers moderators to engage participants, manage interactions, and monitor session performance in live (webcast) and Kaltura Room entries.

Moderators can manage the C&C widget per session via the media edit page (Chat tab), tailoring the experience to meet specific needs. Check out our article [Manage chat settings for the New Room](#) for details.

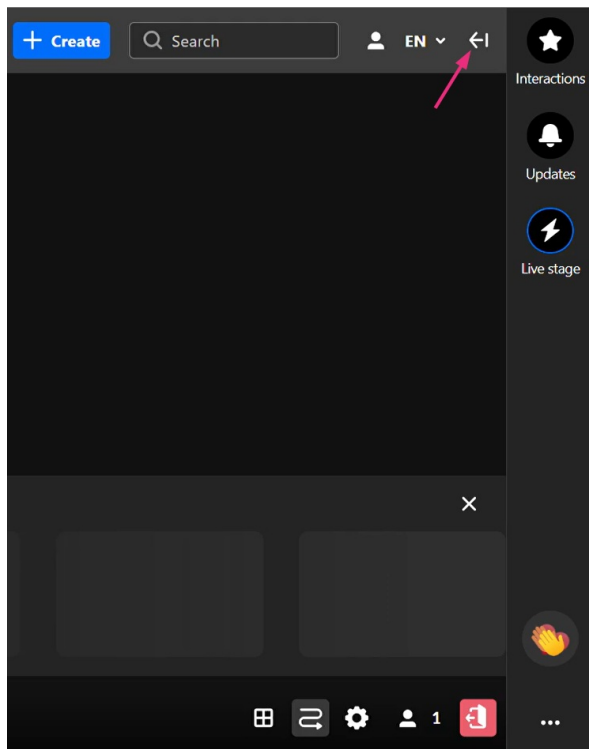
## Key features

- **Group chat:** Pin or delete messages, block users, and connect with attendees in real-time.
- **Q&A management:** Respond to attendee questions in a structured format.
- **Interactive tools:** Launch polls, quizzes, surveys and more via the Interaction tab.
- **Backchannel:** Collaborate privately with other moderators during live sessions.
- **Participants tab:** Shows everyone in the room, and as a host or moderator, you can manage their capabilities.
- **Session management:** Configure chat settings, view participant lists, and customize the widget's theme to align with your branding.
- **Reports and analytics:** Download chat transcripts, track user participation, and review moderator activity post-session.

C&C transforms sessions from passive viewing into active participation, enhancing engagement and collaboration.

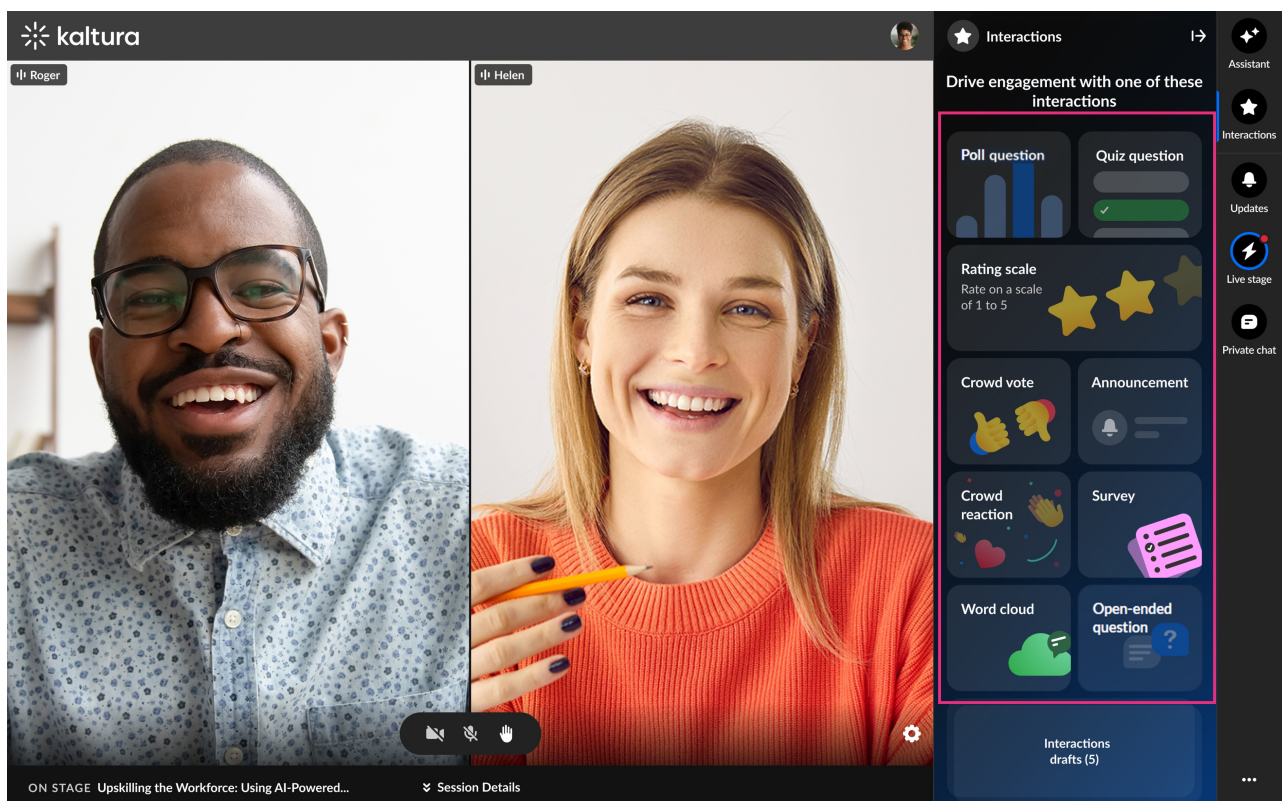
## Open the C&C widget

Click the arrow icon in the upper right corner to open the widget.



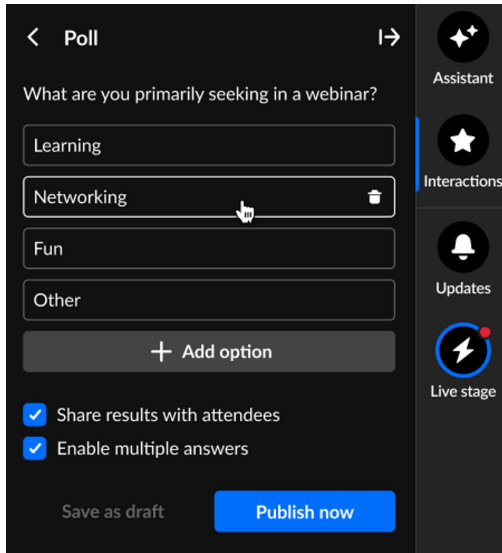
## Interactions tab

The **Interactions** tab lets moderators create and publish tools like polls, quizzes, rating scales, crowd votes, open-ended questions, word clouds, reactions, and announcements. This tab is only visible to moderators.



## Poll

1. Click **Poll question** to start.
2. Type your question (up to 300 chars) and options.
3. Click + **Add option** to add more options (up to five total). To remove an answer, hover over it and click the **trashcan icon**.

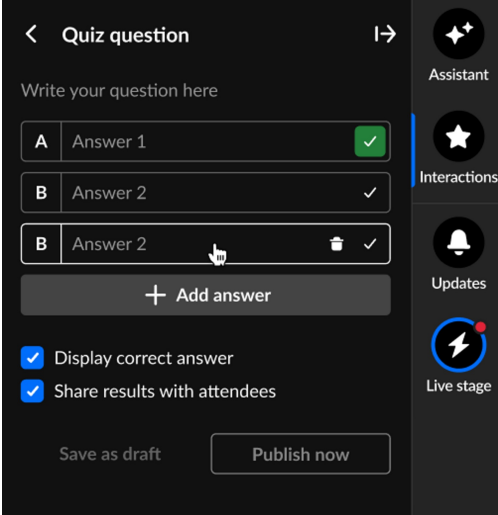


4. Decide whether to share results with attendees.
5. To allow participants to select multiple answers, check **Enable multiple answers**.
6. Choose **Save as a draft** or **Publish now**:
  - **Save as Draft:** Saves your poll for later. You can access it from the Interactions tab to edit or publish whenever you're ready.
  - **Publish Now:** Immediately displays the poll as a toast popup and adds it to the **Feed** sub-tab in the **Live Stage** tab.

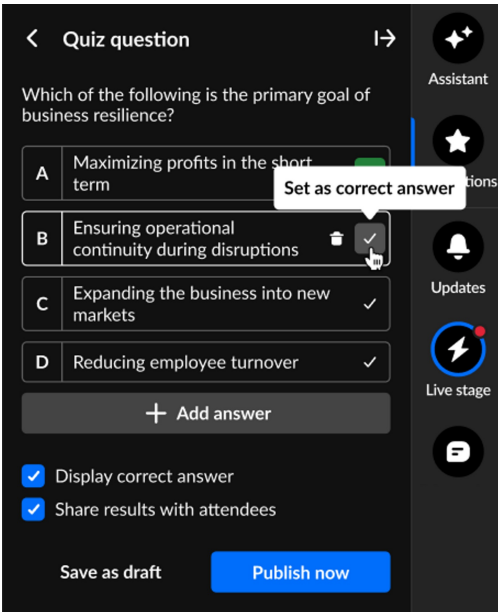
## Quiz question

1. Click **Quiz question** to start.
2. Type your question (up to 300 chars) and answers.
3. Click + **Add answer** to add more answers (up to five total).

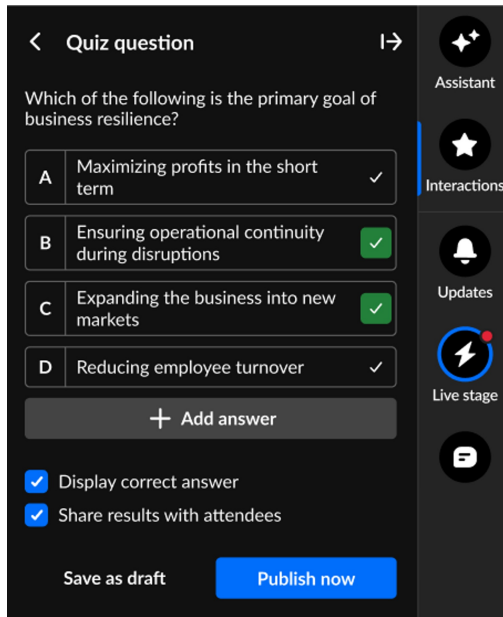
If you want to remove an answer, hover over the answer and click the **trashcan icon**.



You can set up your quiz to allow multiple correct answers by clicking the check mark next to each correct option. You can mark all answers as correct if needed, but at least one must be selected.



The answers you mark as correct will display in green.



4. Decide whether to **display the correct answer** or **share results with attendees**.

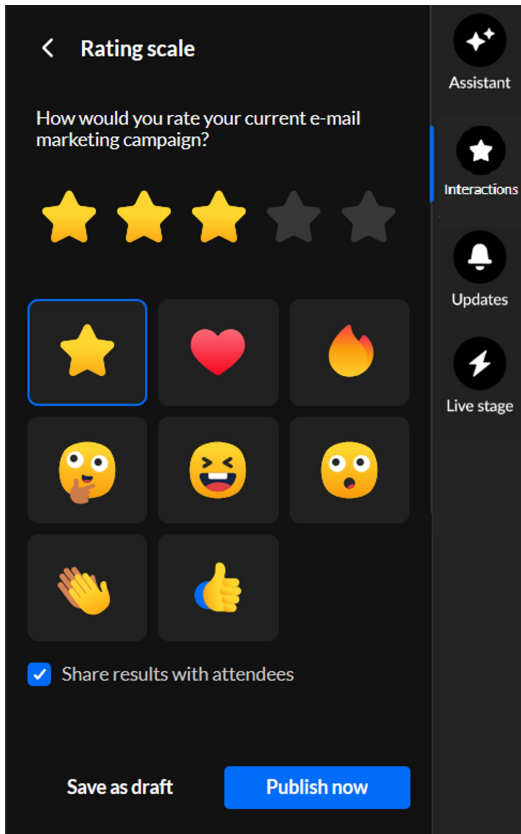
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## Rating scale poll

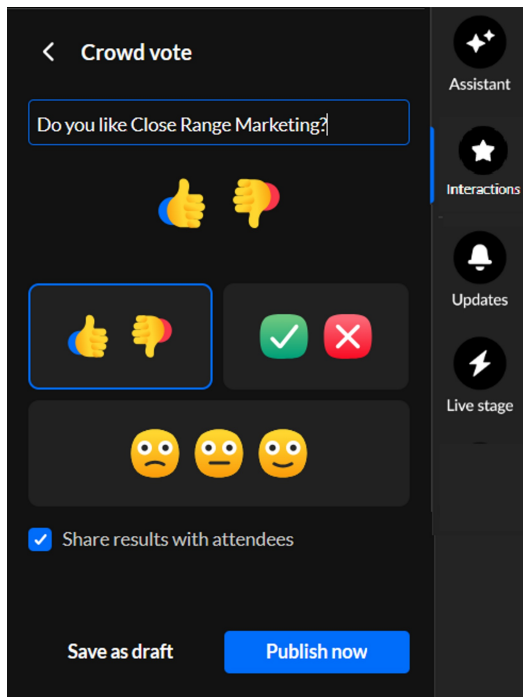
1. Click **Rating scale** to begin.
2. Type your question/statement.
3. Choose your rating scale emoji.
4. Decide whether to share results with attendees.
5. Choose **Save as a draft** or **Publish now**.

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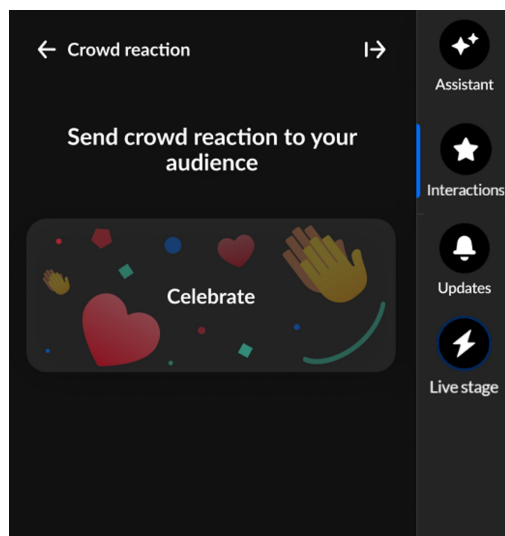
## Crowd vote poll

1. Click **Crowd vote** to begin.
2. Type your question/statement.
3. Choose your crowd vote emoji.
4. Decide whether to share results with attendees.
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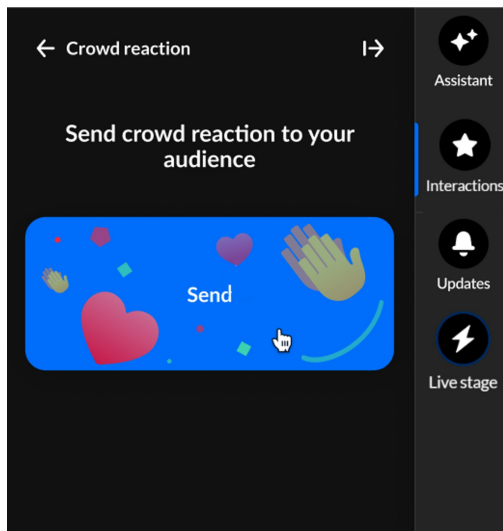


## Crowd reaction

1. Click **Crowd reaction** to begin.

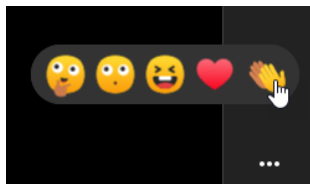


2. Hover over the desired crowd reaction to highlight it, and a **Send** button will appear.



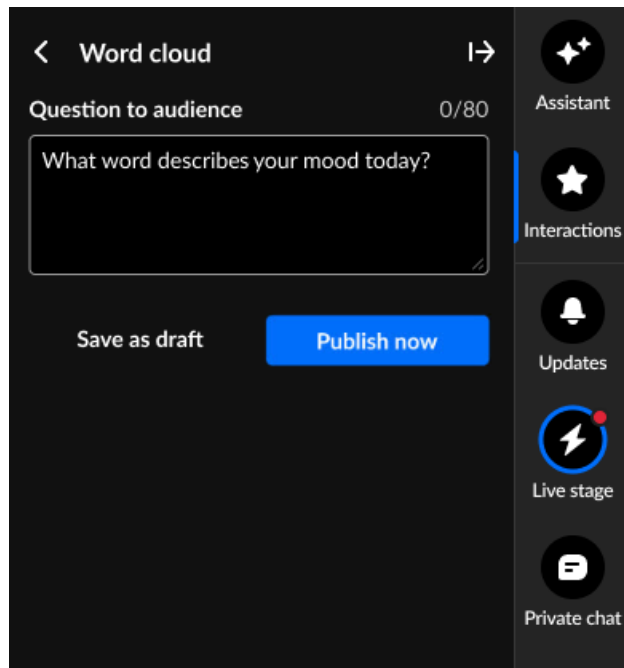
3. Click to send the crowd reaction.

**All users** can choose from a set of five reactions that display horizontally at the bottom of the Chat and Collaborate widget. See [Reactions](#) for more information.

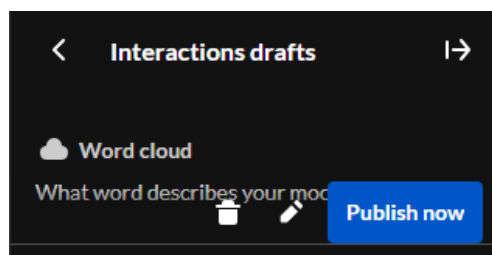


## Word cloud

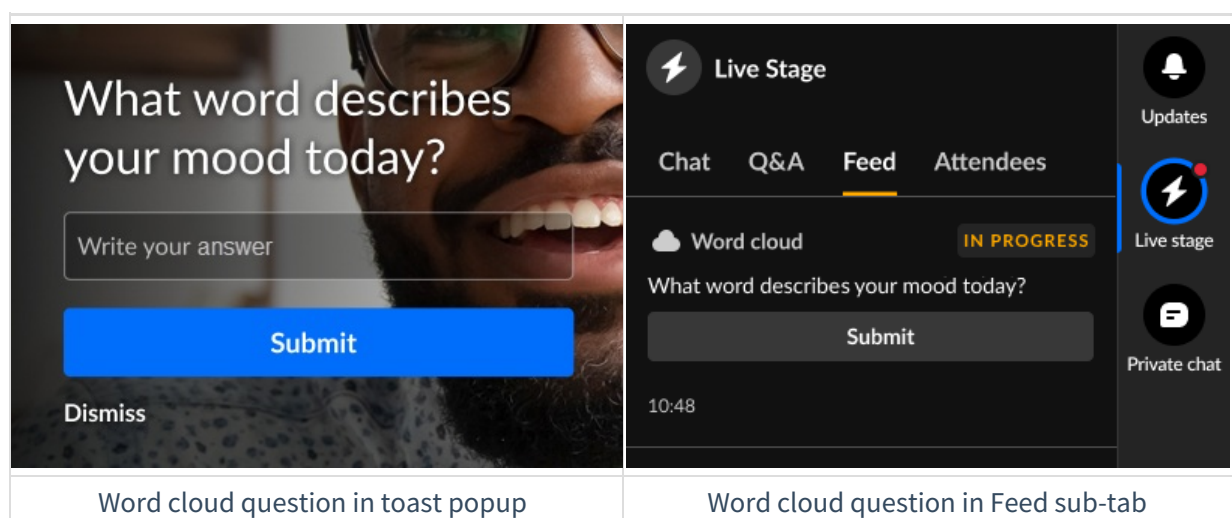
1. Click **Word cloud** to start.
2. Type your question in the **Question to audience** field (up to 80 char), and decide whether to save as a draft or publish now.



3. If you choose to save as a draft, you can access it through the **Interactions drafts** button, where you can hover over the draft and delete it, edit it or publish it.

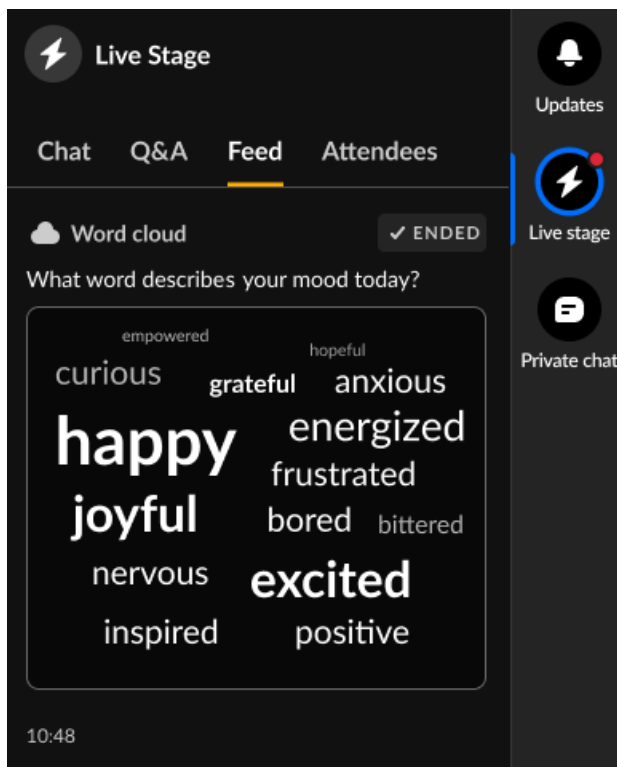


If you choose to publish it, it will be published to your attendees immediately, initially displaying to all as an overlay on the left of the screen, then displaying in the Feed sub-tab of the Live stage tab.



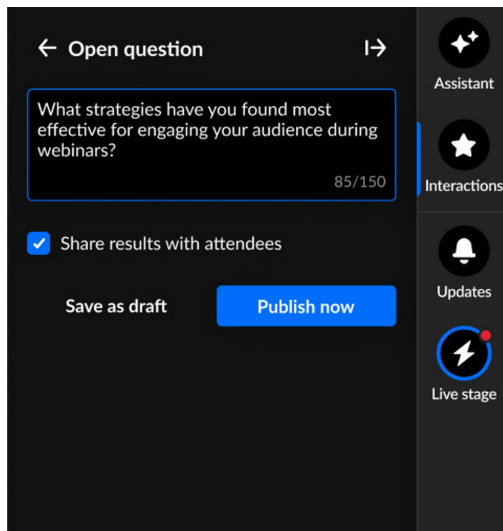
Once results are in, they are displayed to all in the **Feed** sub-tab of the **Live stage**

tab.



## Open-ended question

1. Click **Open-ended question** to begin.
2. Type your question in the text field.
3. Decide whether to share results with attendees.
4. Choose **Save as a draft** or **Publish now**.
  - **Save as Draft:** Saves your poll for later. You can access it from the Interactions tab to edit or publish whenever you're ready.
  - **Publish Now:** Immediately displays the poll as a toast popup and adds it to the **Feed** sub-tab in the **Live Stage** tab.



## Announcement

1. Click Announcement to begin.
2. Type a **title** for your announcement (optional), such as *Mid-webinar alert!*
3. Then type the announcement itself, such as *Get your questions ready for the upcoming Q&A session!*
4. Click **+ Add CTA button**.

Additional options display.

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5. Enter a **label** for your CTA button and the URL users will be directed to when they click it. If you decide not to include a CTA, simply click the **trashcan icon** to remove it.
6. Choose **Save as a draft** or **Publish now**.
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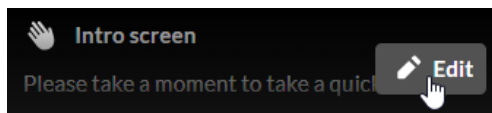
## Survey

### Create a survey

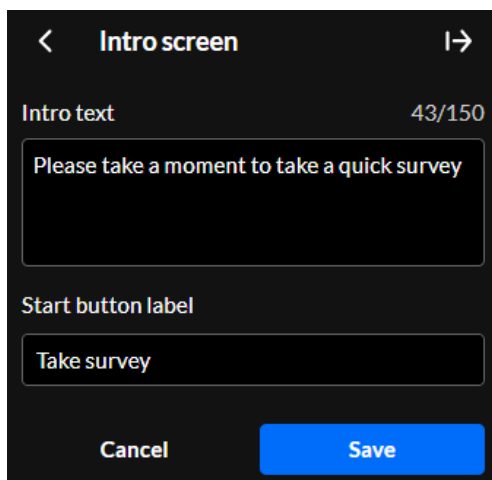
1. Click Survey to begin creating a survey.
2. The survey name is the session name by default; however, you can edit the name. Simply hover over and click on the current name, then type as desired. (max 150 char)



- The survey intro text is by default "Please take a moment to take a quick survey" and the survey start button is by default "Take survey"; however, you can edit them both. Simply hover over the intro text and click **Edit**.



The Edit Intro screen displays.



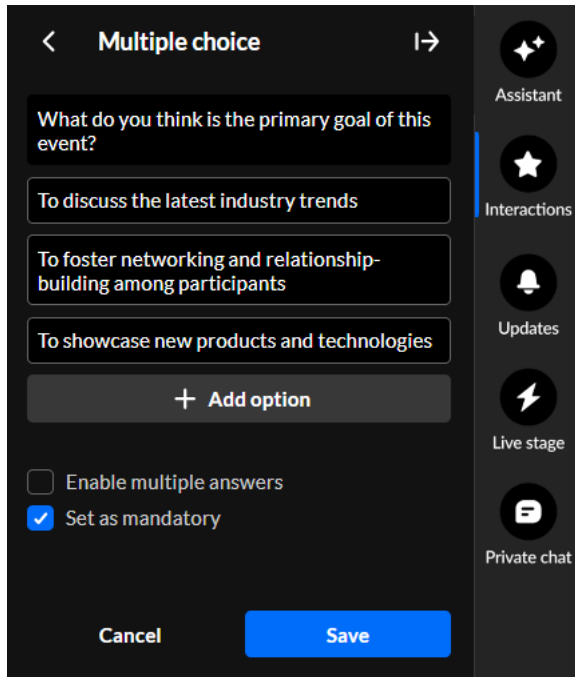
- Type your intro text and a label for the survey start button, then click **Save**.

## Add questions to your survey

Click to select a question type you would like to add to your survey - **Multiple choice**, **Icon choice**, **Rating scale**, or **Open question**. The creation page for the selected question type displays.

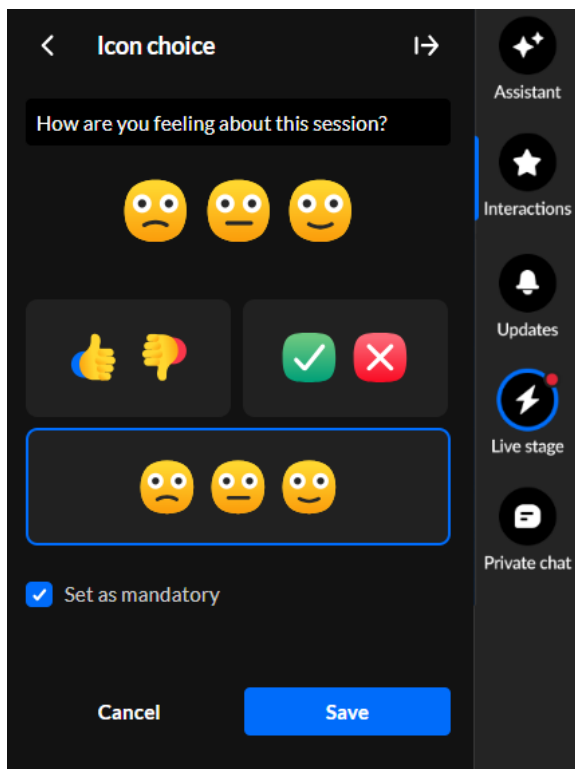
### Multiple choice -

- Type your question and up to 8 answer options.
- Click **+ Add option** to add more.
- Click the trashcan icon to delete an option.
- Toggle on Multiple answers or Mandatory, if needed.
- Click **Save**.



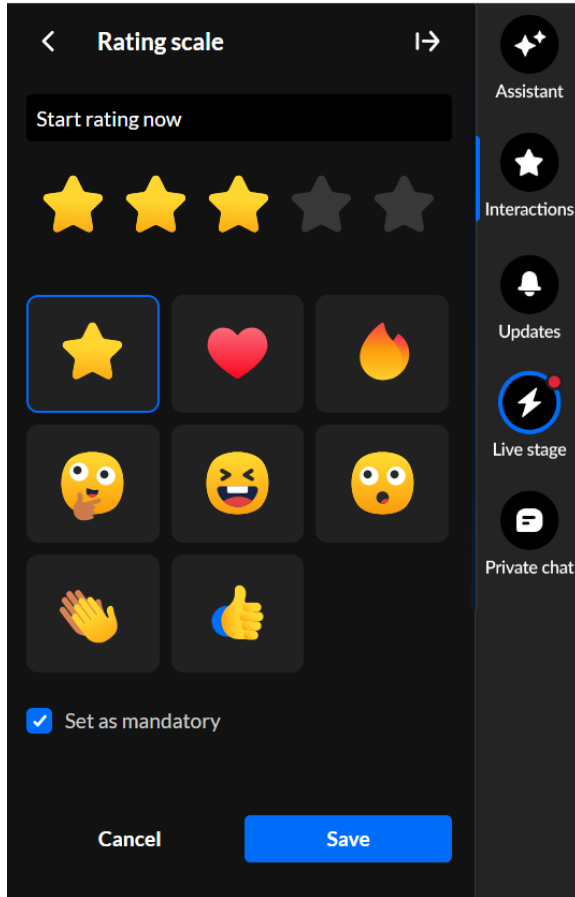
### Icon choice -

1. The default call to action is "Start voting now" – you can click to change it.
2. Choose your icons.
3. Optional: Make it mandatory.
4. Click **Save**.



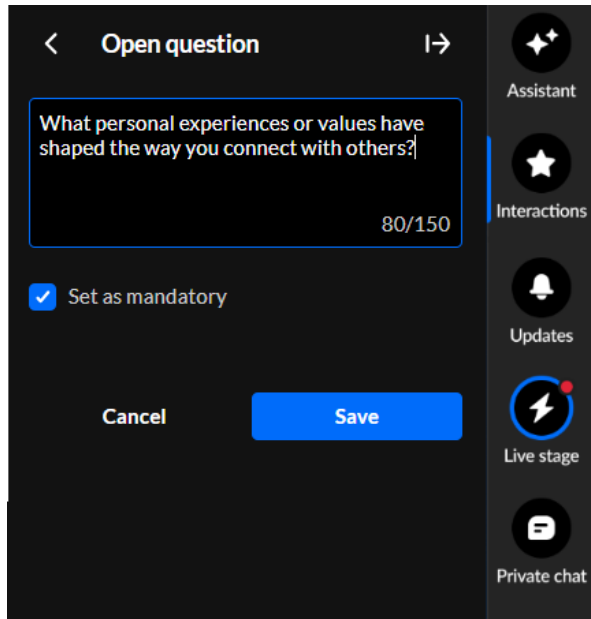
### Rating scale -

1. The default call to action is “Start rating now” – click to edit it.
2. Select your emoji scale.
3. Optional: Make it mandatory.
4. Click **Save**.

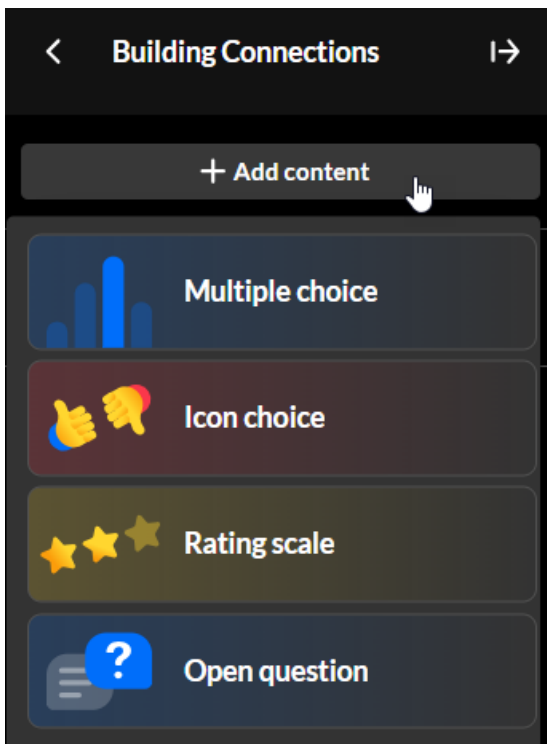


### Open question -

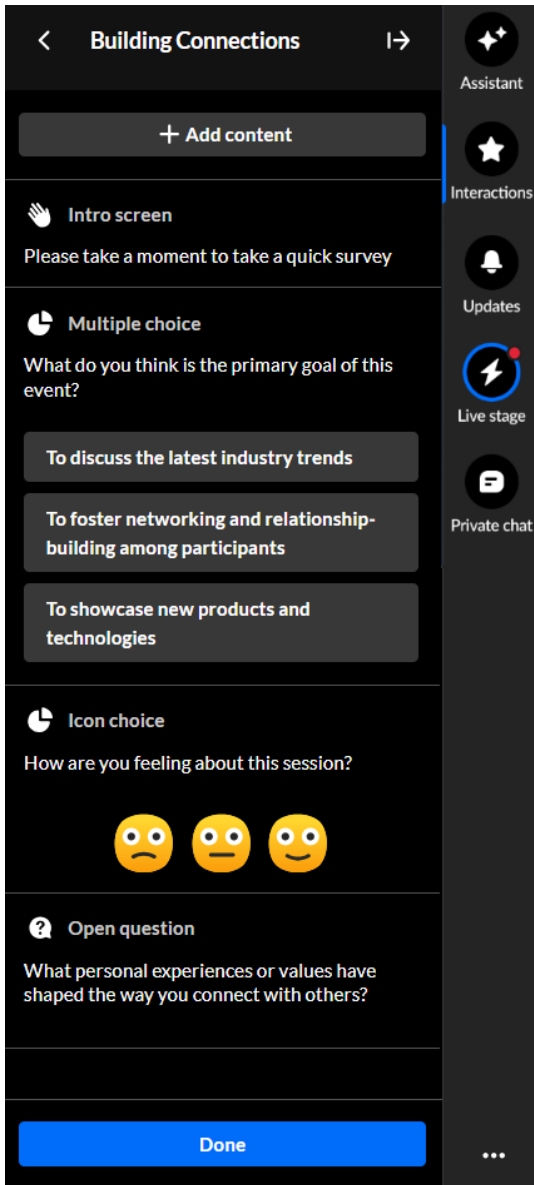
1. Type your question.
2. Optional: Make it mandatory.
3. Click **Save**.



- Once you've added one question to your survey, simply click the **+ Add content** button and select another question to add.



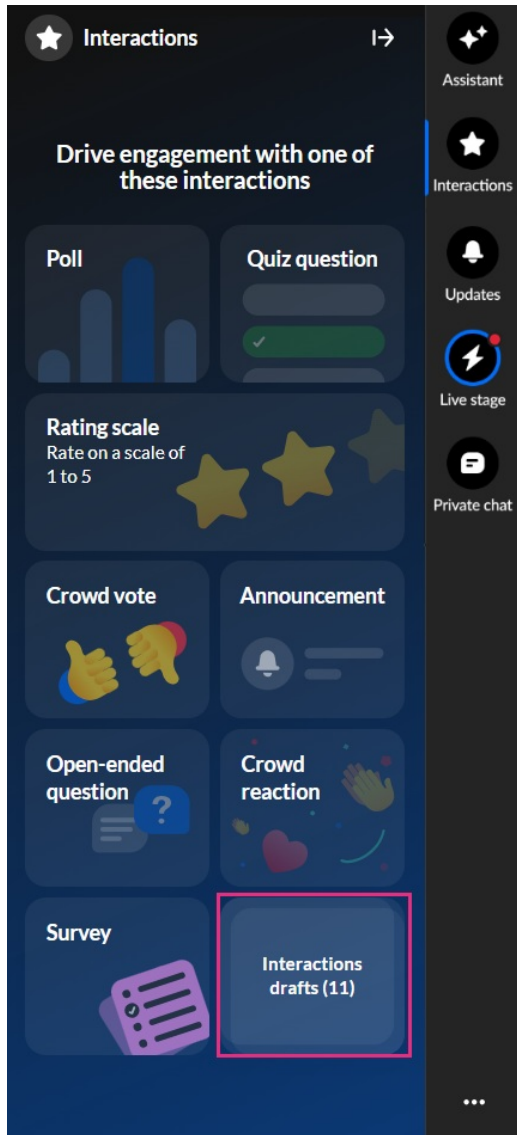
You can add up to 10 questions.



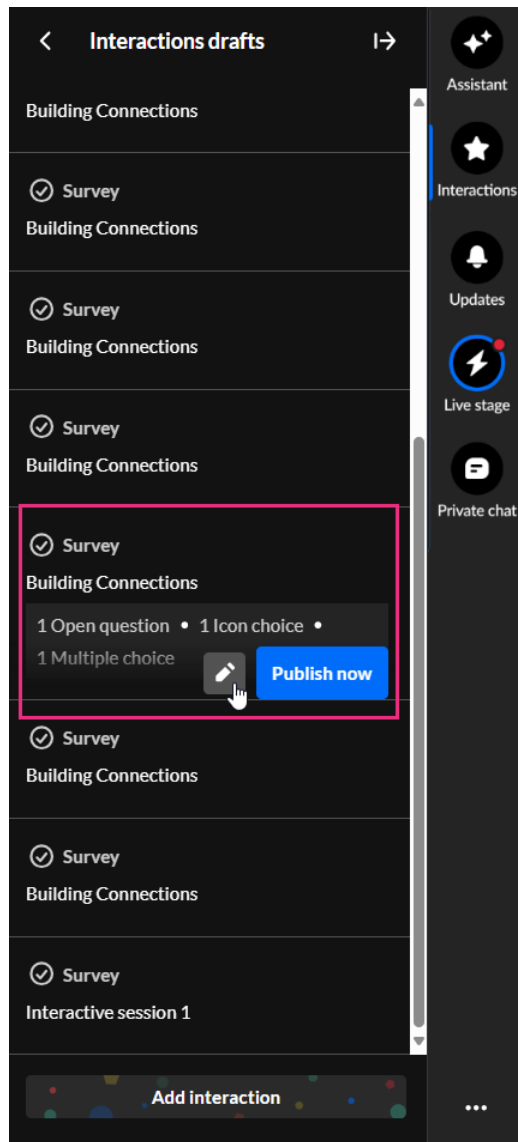
- Once you're finished creating your survey, click **Done**. The survey is saved in the Interactions drafts.

### Edit a survey

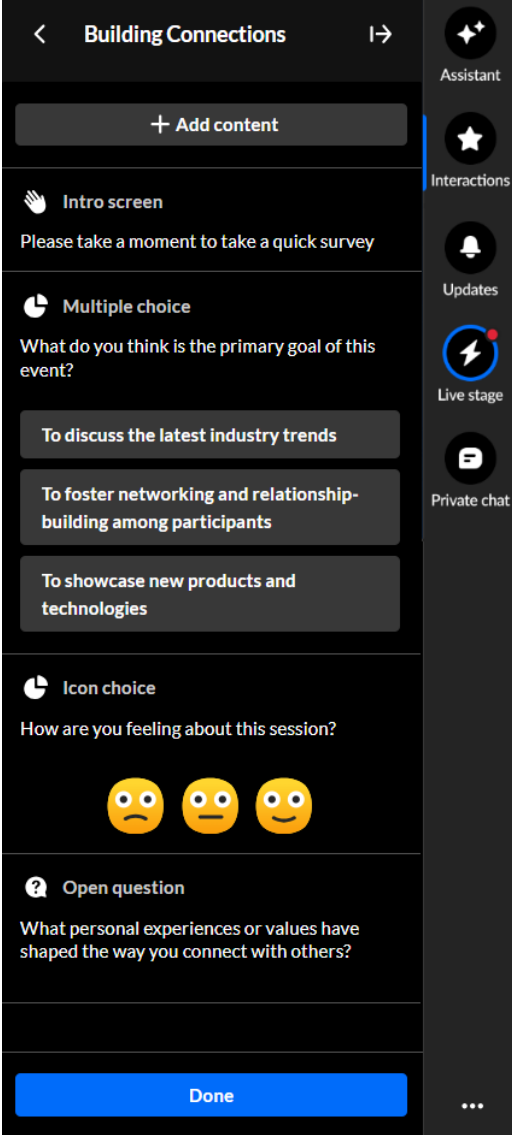
1. If you aren't already in the Interactions drafts, click the **Interactions drafts** button on the Interactions tab.



2. Hover over the desired survey and click the **Edit** (pencil icon) button.



The draft survey edit screen displays.



**Building Connections** I→

+ Add content

**Intro screen**  
Please take a moment to take a quick survey

**Multiple choice**  
What do you think is the primary goal of this event?

- To discuss the latest industry trends
- To foster networking and relationship-building among participants
- To showcase new products and technologies

**Icon choice**  
How are you feeling about this session?

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**Open question**  
What personal experiences or values have shaped the way you connect with others?

Done

Assistant

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Updates

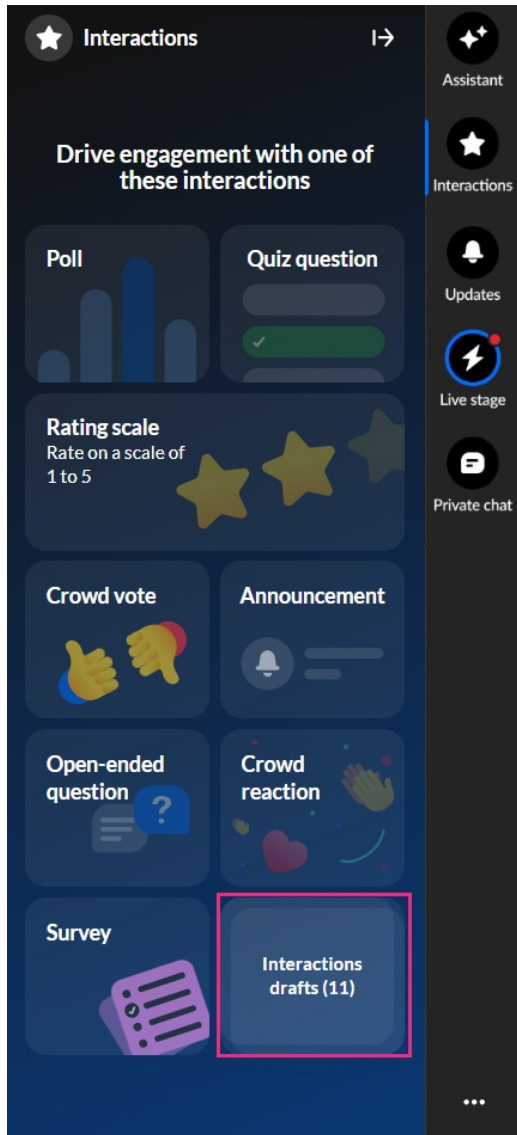
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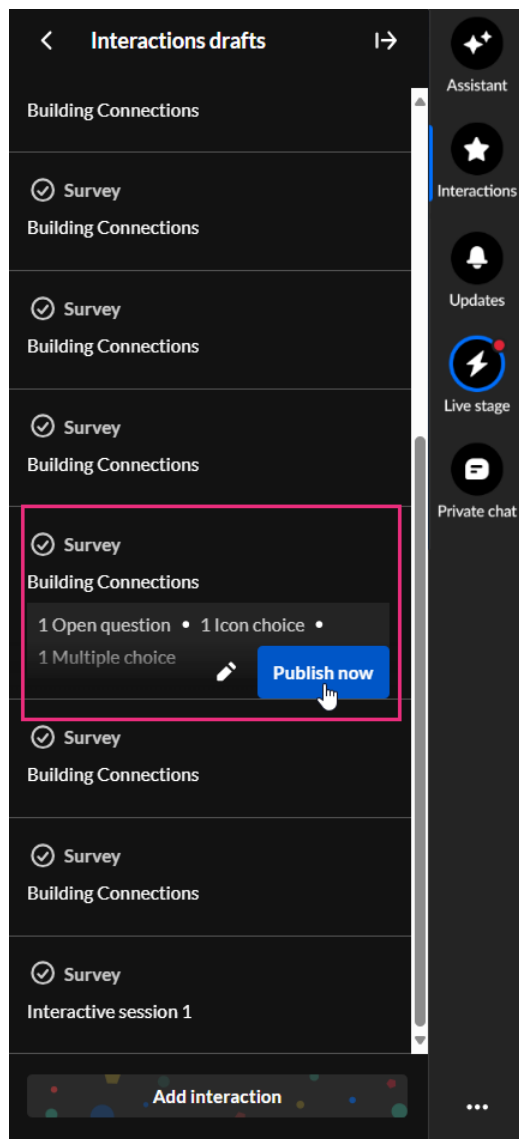
3. Make appropriate changes and click **Done**. The survey is saved in the Interactions drafts.

## Publish a survey

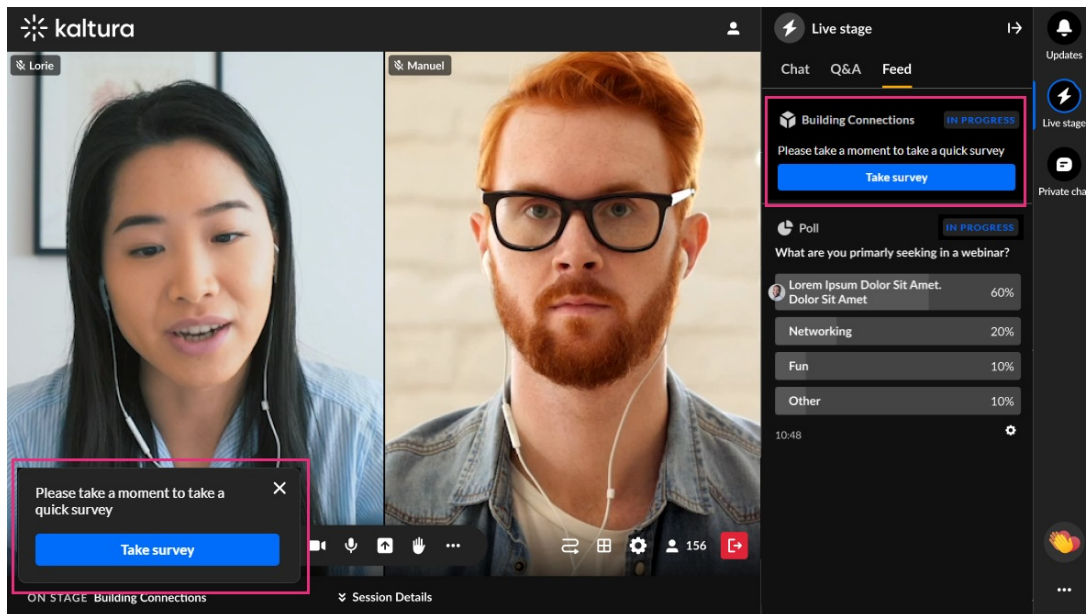
1. If you aren't already in the Interactions drafts, click the **Interactions drafts** button on the Interactions tab.



2. Hover over the desired survey and click **Publish now**.



The survey is published to your attendees immediately, initially displaying as a small toast popup in the lower left corner of the screen, then in the Feed sub-tab of the Live stage tab.

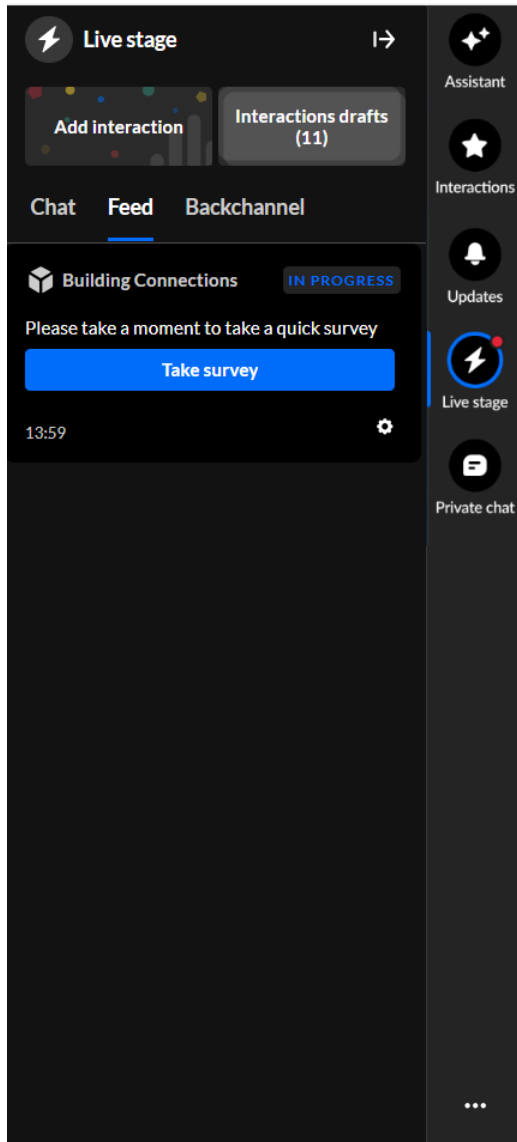


Attendees can:

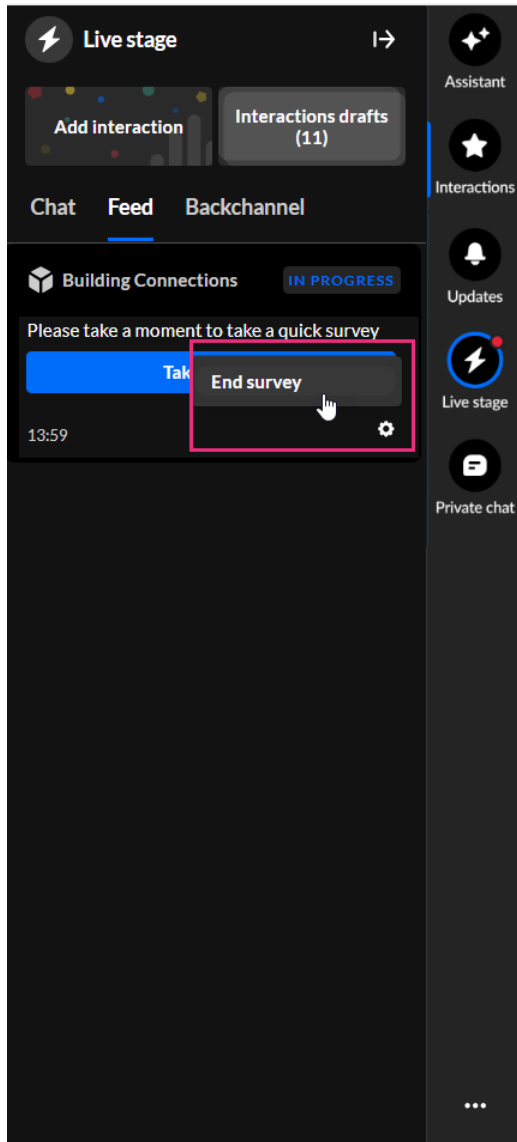
- Click **Take survey** to begin.
- Submit answers and click **Submit**.
- Dismiss the toast (survey remains available in the Feed).

## End a survey

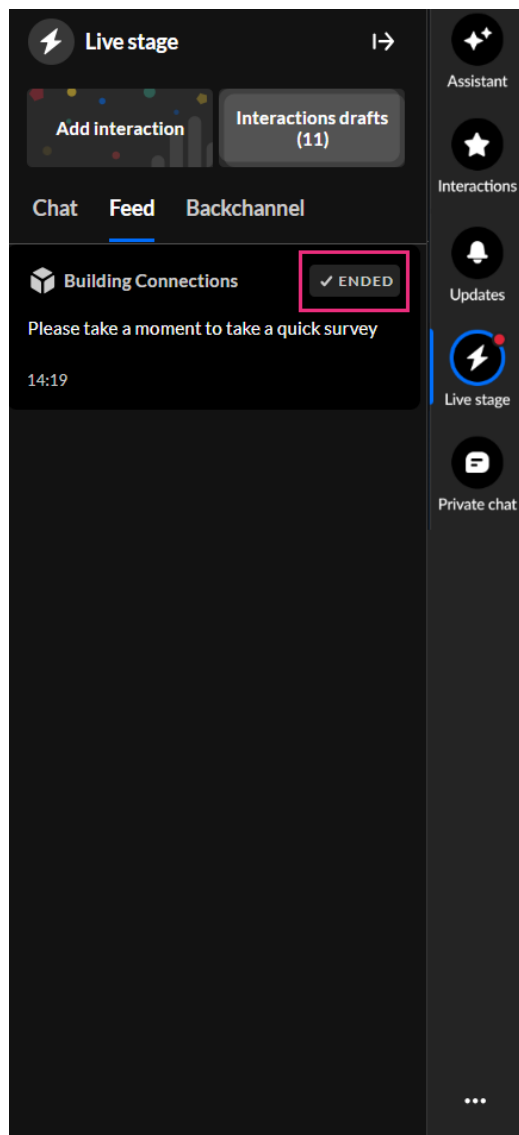
1. Click the **Live stage** tab, then click the **Feed** sub-tab.



2. Under the **Take survey** button, click on the settings (gear icon) and select **End survey**.

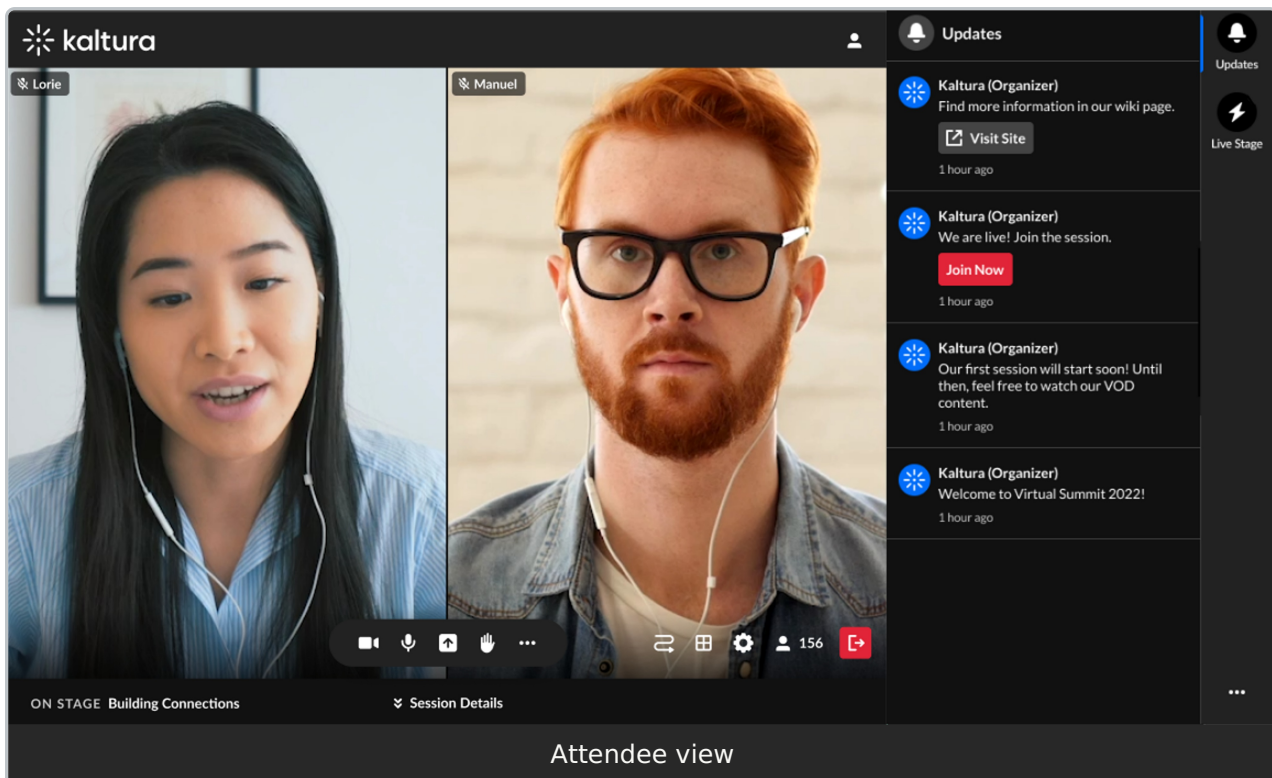


The survey will now be marked as **Ended** in the **Feed**.

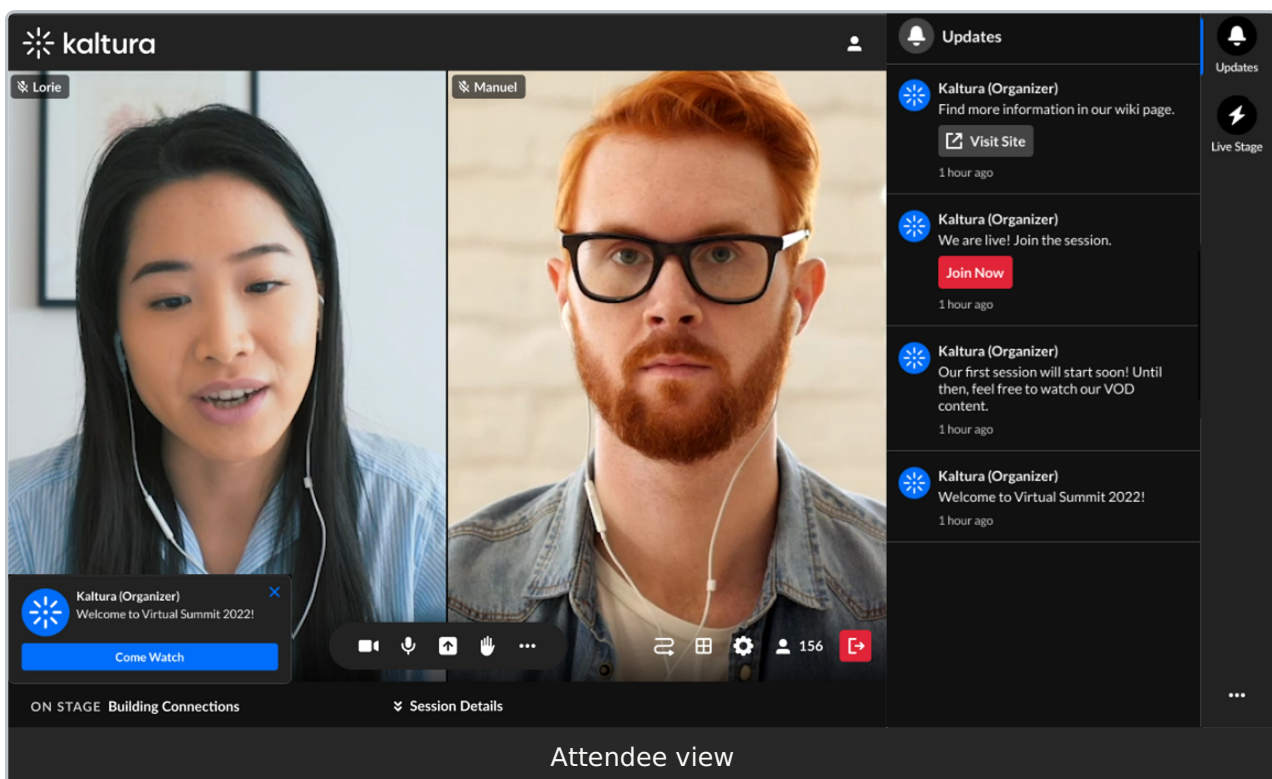


## Updates tab

The Updates tab displays the notifications sent from the moderator to all participants during the session. The Updates tab displays the same to an attendee and a moderator.



The following shows the Updates tab with a small toast popup in the lower left corner of the screen.



## Live Stage tab

The Live Stage tab is only for a specific context, for example, a specific session, and

includes tabs for **Chat**, **Q&A** and **Feed**.

## Mini session analytics dashboard

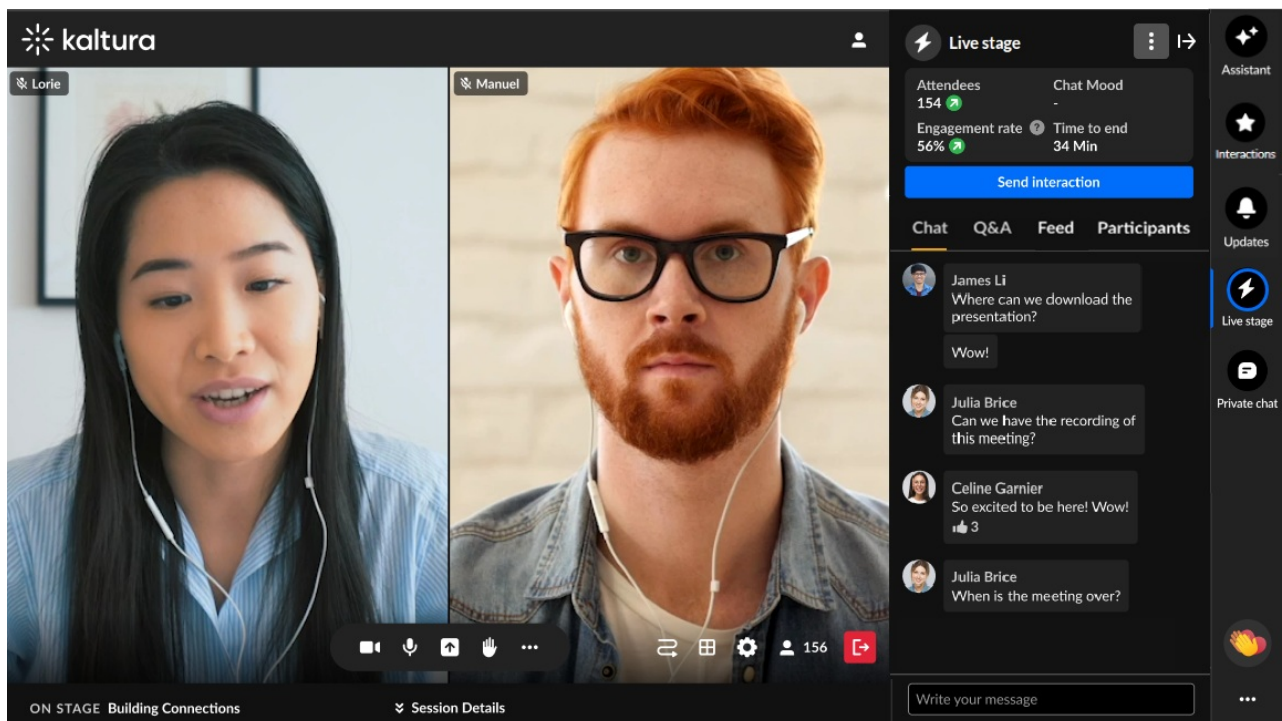
As a moderator, you can get a quick snapshot of how your session is doing, right in real time.

What you'll see:

- **Turnout:** Percentage of attendees vs. registrants
- **Attendees:** Number of users currently watching the session
- **Engagement rate:** Real-time engagement metrics
- **Time to end:** Displays how much time is left in scheduled sessions

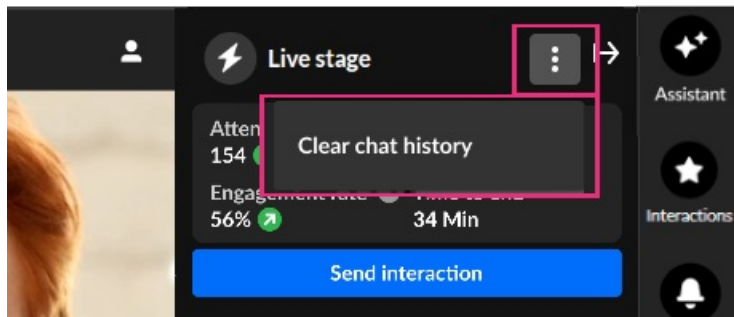
## Chat tab

The Chat tab provides a space for group chat within a specific session or context. Attendees can write, like, and reply to messages, as well as delete their own messages. Moderators have enhanced capabilities, including pinning messages, deleting all messages, blocking users, and accessing interaction tools. The interface and options differ slightly between attendees, speakers and moderators.



- Type your message in the text field to start chatting.
- Hover over any message to:
  - Select the **Like icon** to like the message.

- Select the **Reply icon** to reply to the message.
- Select the **Trashcan icon** to delete any message.
- Select the **Pin icon** to pin the message to the top of the list. (Pinned messages can be unpinned by a moderator.)
- Select the **Block icon** to block the user from the group chat.
- Click the **three-dot menu** and choose **Clear chat history** to clear your chat history. Once confirmed, the chat history will not be available to your attendees.



When chats are cleared, the data is not permanently deleted. It remains hidden from view but is still available in the session reports for future reference.

- Click **Send interaction** to access interaction capabilities.



All actions (**like**, **reply**, **delete**) are available on mobile by tapping. Long-press or tap the **three dots icon** to access moderation tools like pinning or blocking.

## Q&A tab

The Q&A tab allows attendees to ask questions directly to moderators, who can respond to them within the session.

### Single thread versus multi-thread (multiple question threads) capability

The Q&A tab supports two configurations for managing questions, determined by your admin:

#### **Single thread (default):**

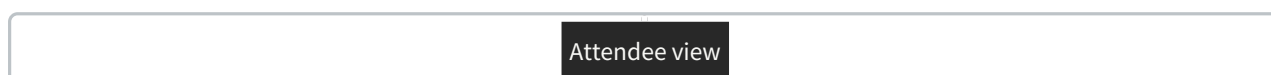
All questions from a specific attendee are grouped into a single thread. This creates a unified conversation flow between the attendee and moderator.

## Multi-thread:

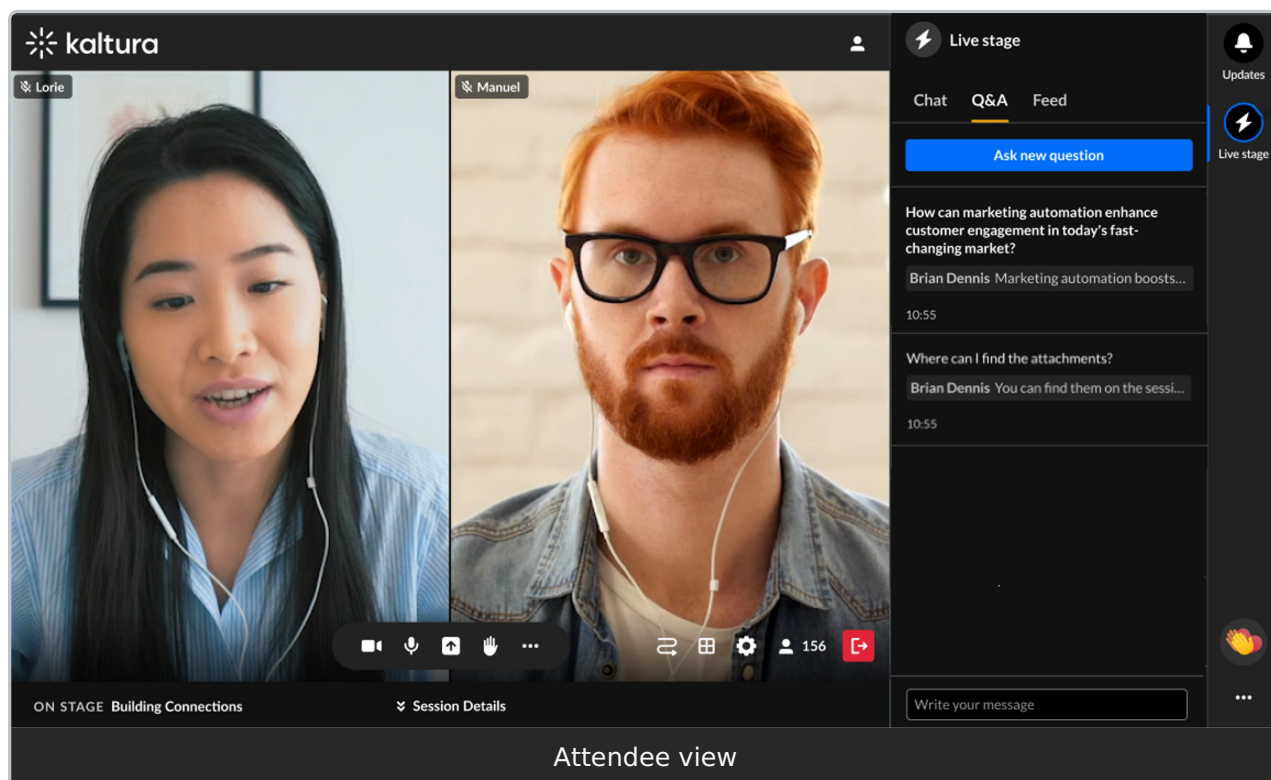
Each question asked by an attendee is displayed as its own separate thread. This allows attendees to have multiple threads open with the moderator, making it easier to organize questions by topic or context.

Admins can select the configuration that best suits the session's needs for clarity and efficiency.

## Single thread example:



## Multi-thread example:

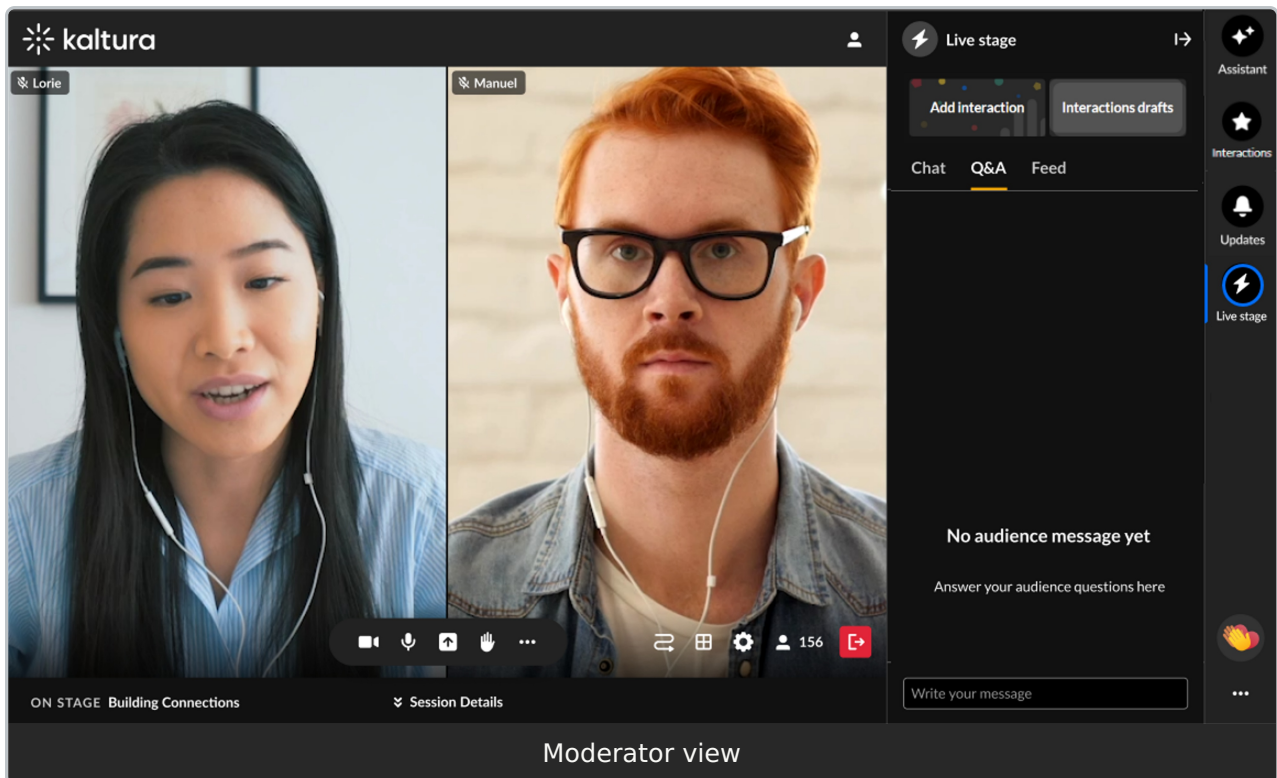


The Q&A experience supports both single and multi-thread layouts on mobile. Tap to open and navigate threads. Some interface elements may appear stacked or compact.

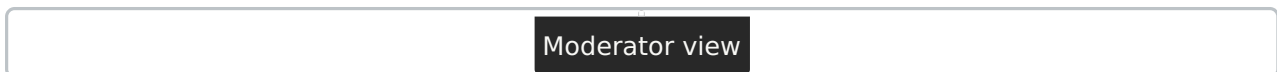


We will be demonstrating the multi-thread capability in this article. Please contact your Kaltura representative for additional information.

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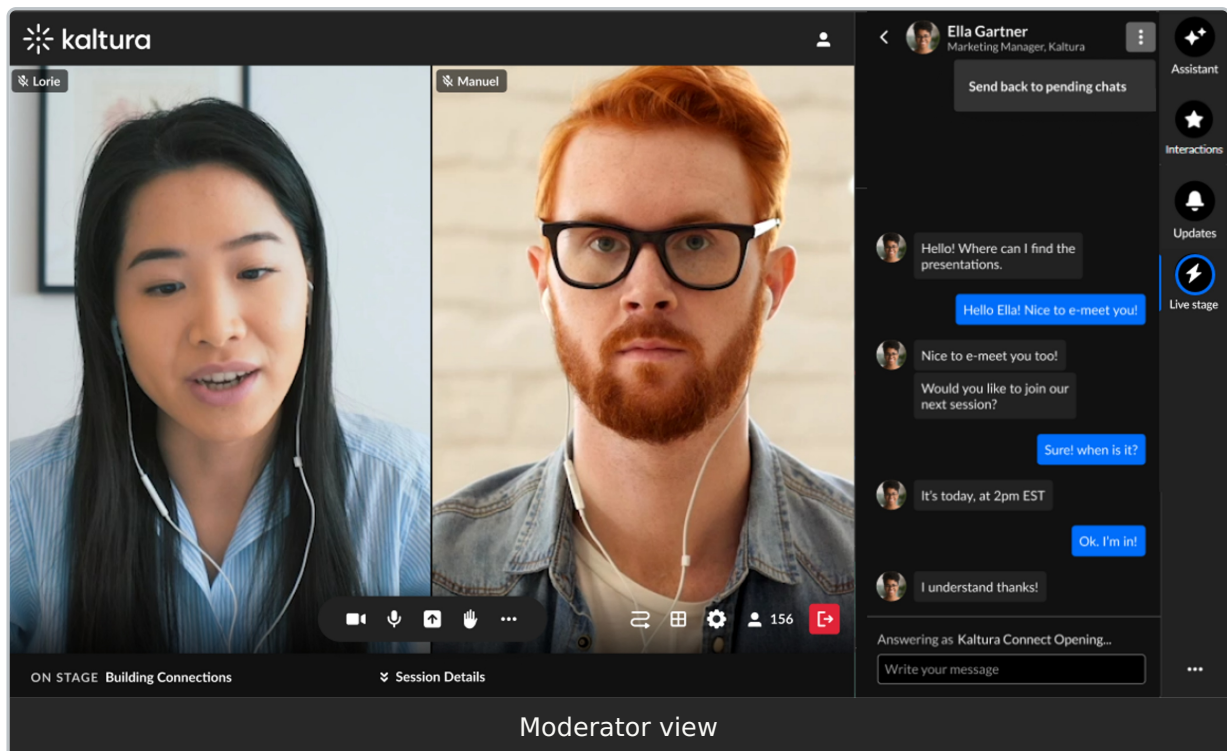


The number of pending chats and claimed chats are displayed, along with arrows allowing you to either expand or collapse both lists.

To read a pending or claimed chat, click on the chat (*not* the **Reply** button).

To claim a pending chat and begin a one-on-one conversation with that attendee -

1. Click the **Reply** button to the right of an attendee's name. A one-on-one conversation is initiated with that attendee.



2. Type your message in the text field. Notice a message above the field reads "Answering as [Session Name]", indicating that you are talking in the chat as a moderator, and you are *not* in a private chat.

To navigate back to the Q&A tab, click the back arrow.

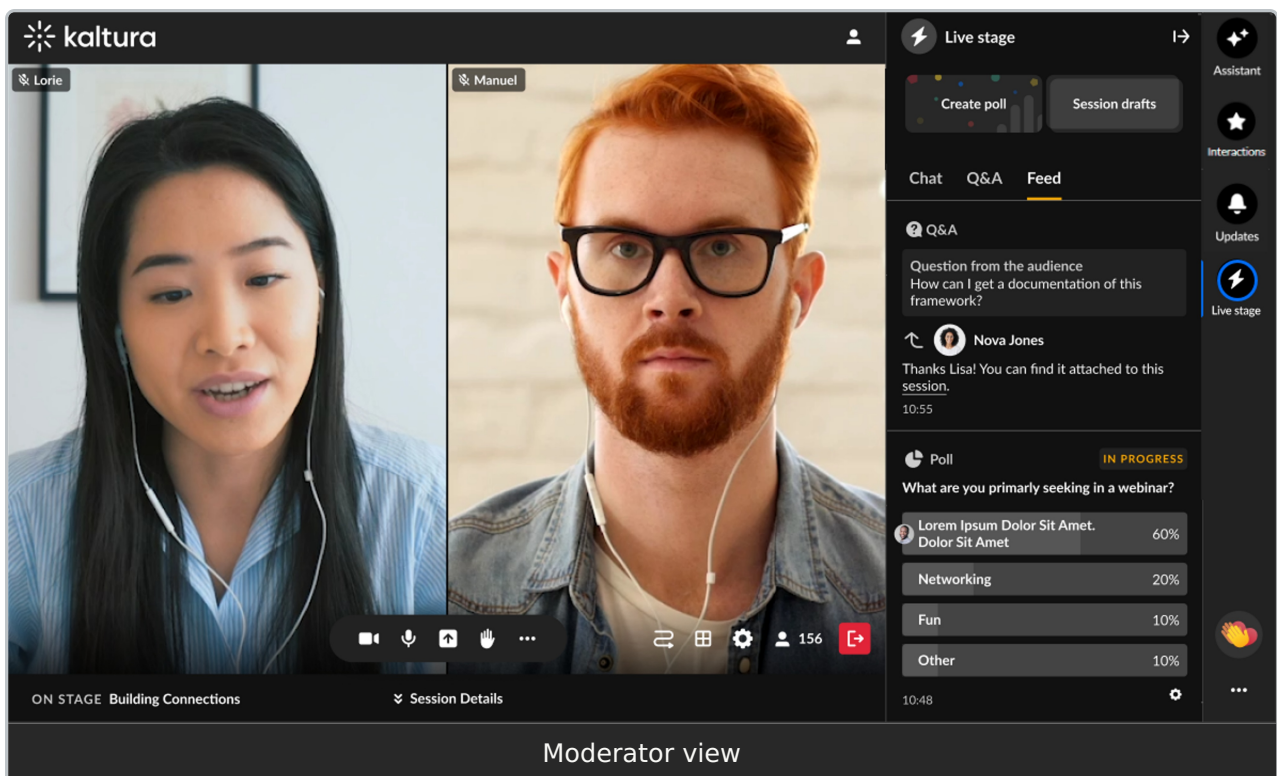
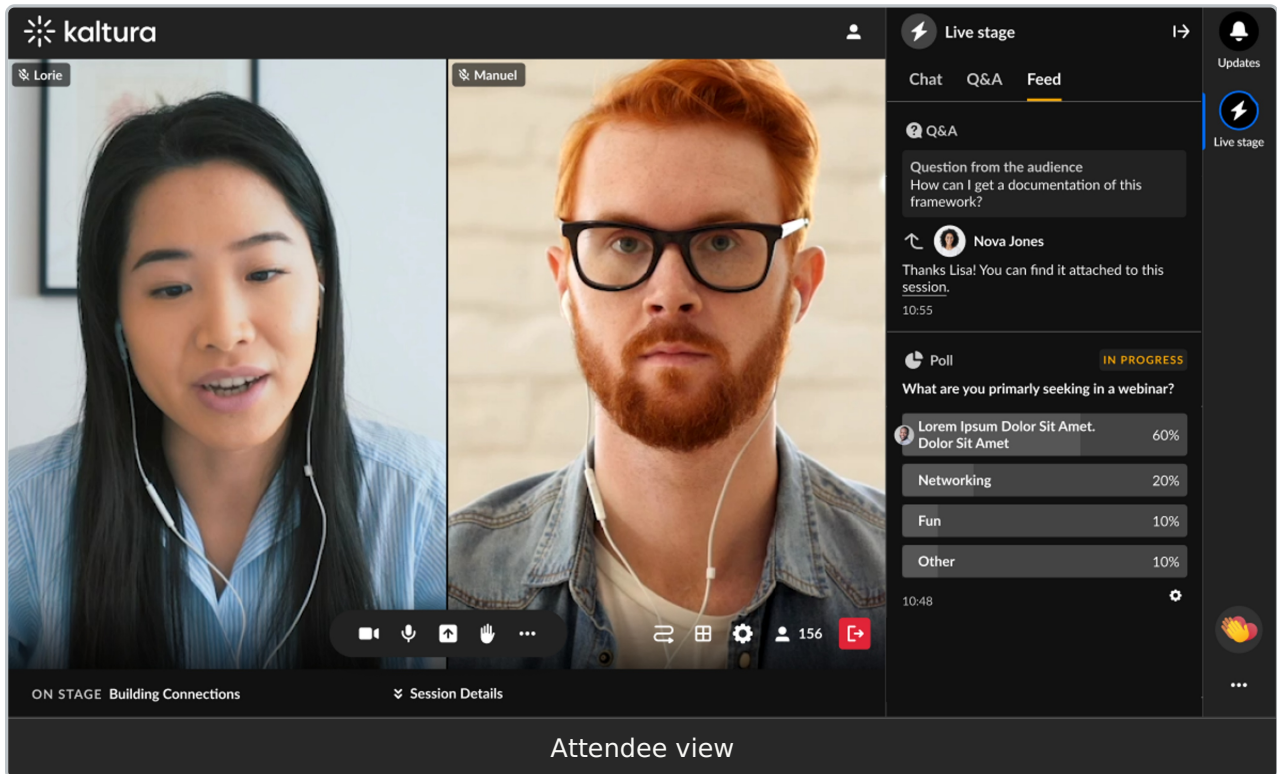
To un-claim and send the chat back to pending chats, click the **three dots** and choose **Send back to pending chats** button.

Moderators have the following additional capabilities in the Q&A tab, just as they do in the Chat sub-tab.

- Hover over any message to:
  - Select the **Like icon** to like the message.
  - Select the **Reply icon** to reply to the message.
  - Select the **Trashcan icon** to delete any message.
  - Select the **Pin icon** to pin the message to the top of the list. (Pinned messages can be unpinned by a moderator.)
  - Select the **Block icon** to block the user from the group chat.
- Click one of the interaction 'cards' at the top of the screen to access interaction capabilities.

## Feed tab

The Feed tab functions like a social media feed, displaying various session components. Both attendees and moderators use this tab to view items such as pinned messages and interactions, including polls, rating scale polls, and crowd vote polls. The Feed tab layout and functionality differ for attendees and moderators.



Moderators can:

- Hide results of a poll, end polls, and unpublish polls on the Feed tab.
- Pin a message from the Chat tab and Q&A tab and it will display on the Feed tab as a "pinned message". (A message that was pinned can also be unpinned by a moderator.)
- Click one of the interaction "cards" at the top of the screen to access interaction capabilities.



Feed items like polls and reactions are fully visible and interactive on mobile. Layouts are stacked vertically for easier scrolling.

## Backchannel tab

The Backchannel tab provides a private space for moderators to communicate with each other during a specific session. This tab functions similarly to the Chat tab but is exclusive to moderators designated for that session.

The following figure depicts a Backchannel tab with no messages posted.



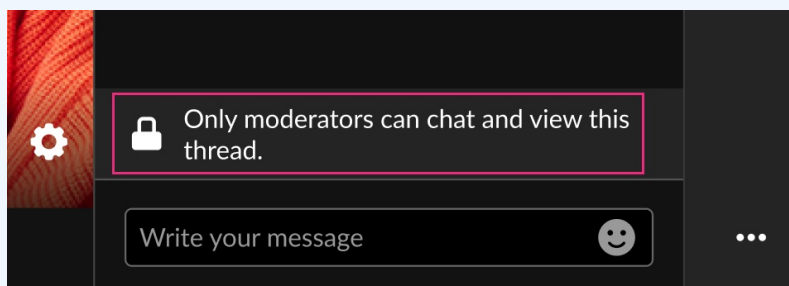
The following figure depicts a Backchannel tab populated with moderator messages.



- Type your message in the text field to start chatting with other moderators.
- Hover over a message and select the **Like icon** to like a message.
- Hover over a message and select the **Reply icon** to reply to a message from another moderator.
- Hover over any one of *your* messages and select the **trashcan icon** to delete the message.
- Click one of the interaction **cards** at the top of the screen to access interaction capabilities.

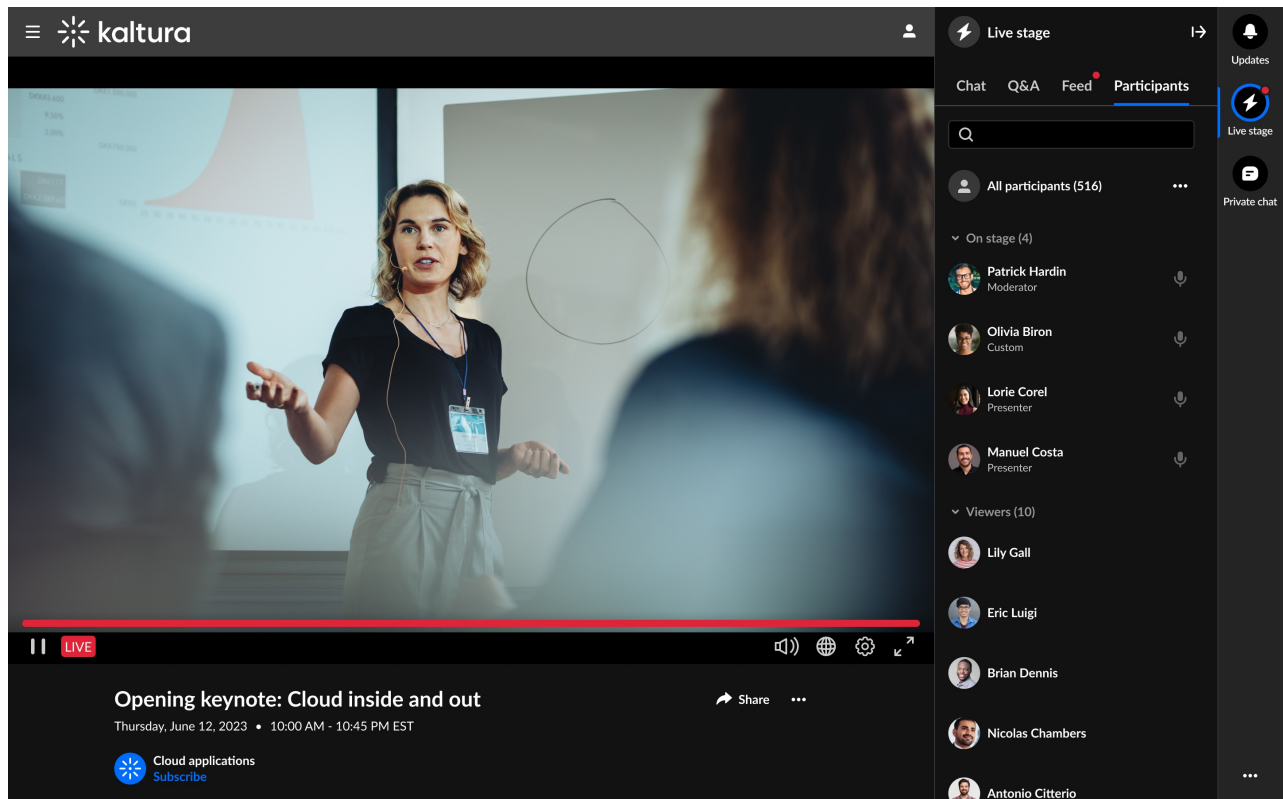


Note the alert at the bottom of the Backchannel tab. Because the Backchannel and Chat tabs function similarly, this alert helps remind moderators that they are in a "Moderator-only" area.



## Participants tab

The participants tab is where you can see all the users in the room and as a host/moderator, you can also manage user capabilities.

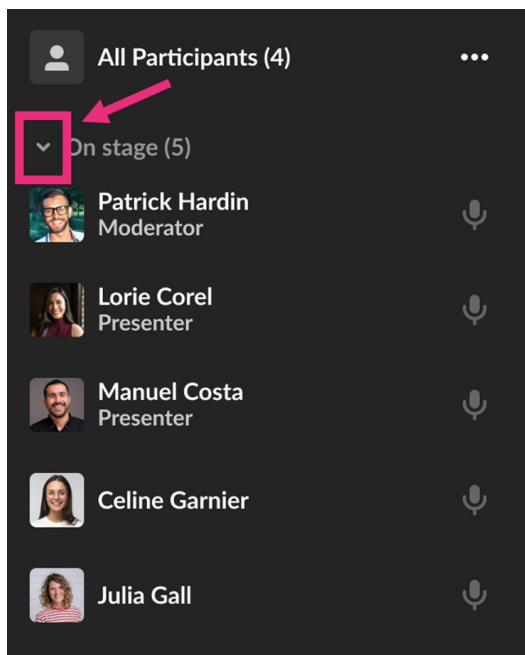


Users are listed under the following section(s):

1. **Raised hands**
2. **On stage**
3. **Viewers**

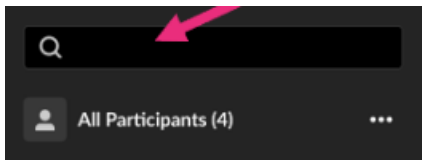
Each section indicates the number of users in that section, as well as their names and a label for moderator or custom permissions. Icons for raised hand and microphone are displayed when relevant, to the right of each name.

You can click on the **v** to the left of each section name to collapse the section, and then the **>** to expand it. When there are many users listed in a section, you will also see the clickable options to **See more** and then **See less**.



## Search the participants list

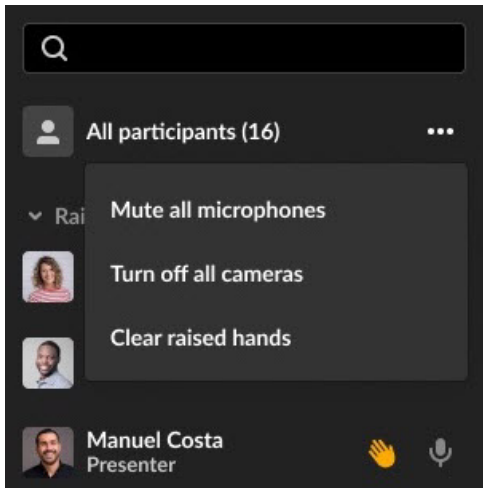
Wondering if someone is in your room? Or who is on stage? The search bar is a handy tool to navigate the Participants list. You can start typing in the search bar, and the list will display results for the text you've entered as well as in which section the user(s) appear.



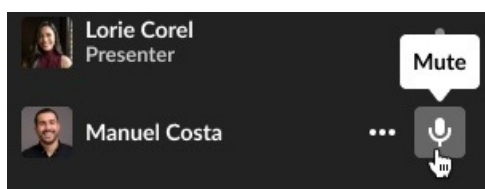
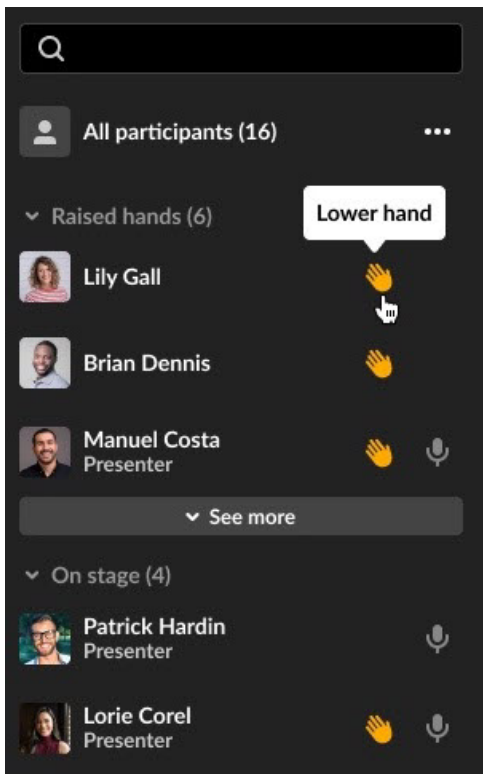
## Manage participants

At the top of the list, you'll see **All participants** with the number, and a **three dots menu**. Clicking the three dots menu will offer the following options:

- Mute all microphones (except yours)
- Turn off all cameras (except yours)
- Clear raised hands



You can manage users individually by navigating to a name in the list, and hovering to click a **raised hand** icon to lower it, or clicking a **microphone** icon to mute or unmute a user (when the user is on stage).

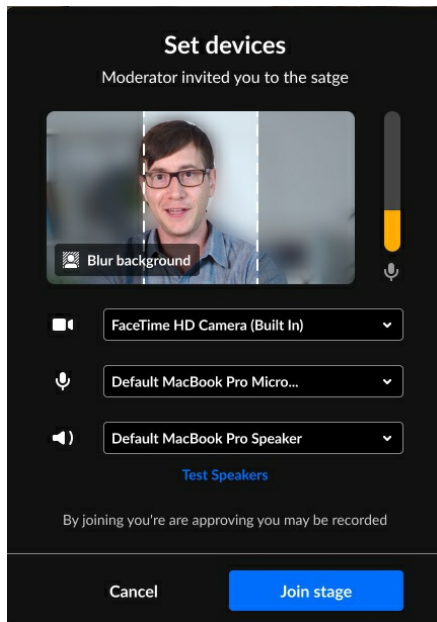


There is also a **three-dot menu** next to each name which offers more actions:

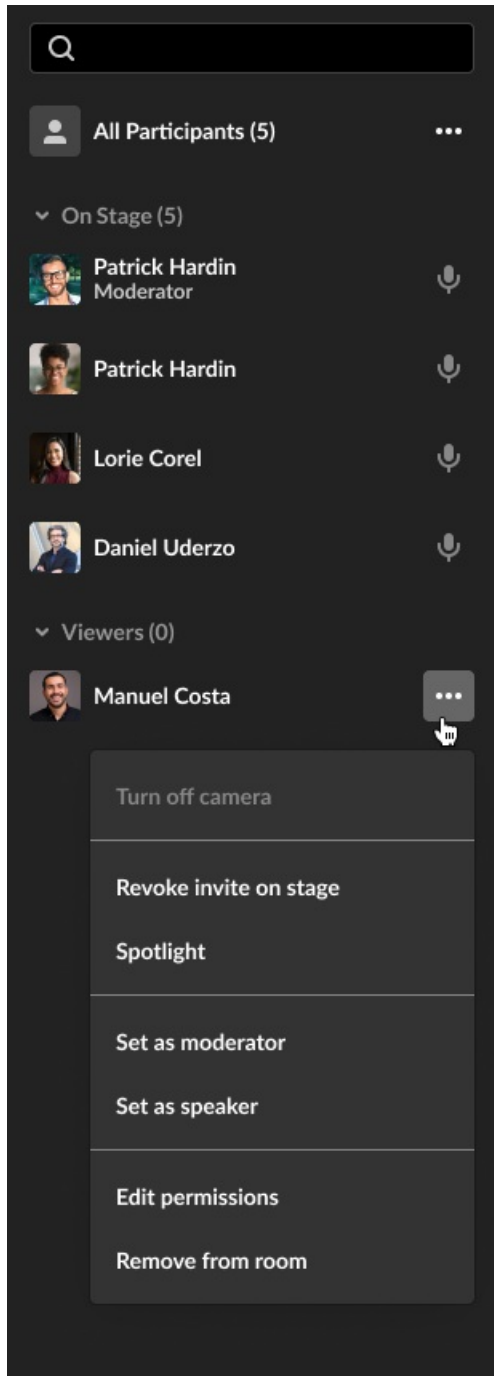
- **Invite to stage/Remove from stage**

- **Invite to stage** send the user a 'Set devices' popup window where they can

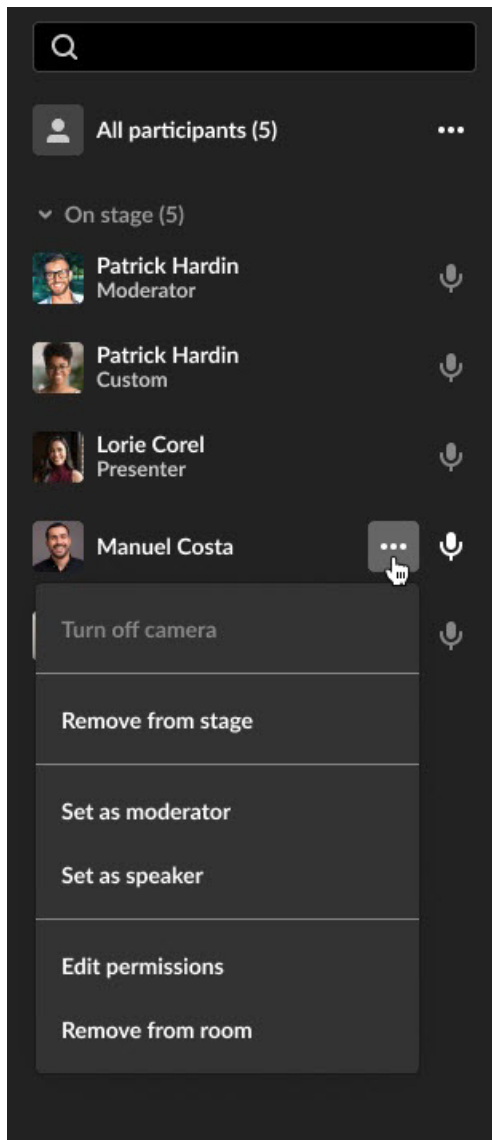
**Decline invitation** or **Join stage**.



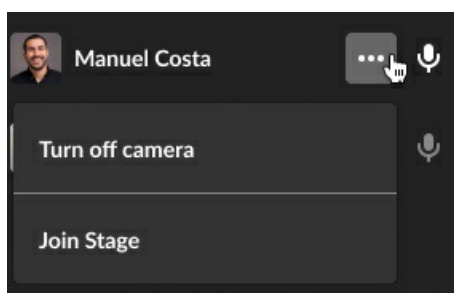
- Until the participant responds to an invitation, you'll have the option to **Revoke invite on stage** (even if another moderator initiated the invitation).



- **Spotlight**
- **Set as moderator**
- **Set as speaker**
- **Edit permissions** (see [Users' Permissions](#))
- **Remove from room**



- When clicking the **three-dot menu** next to your own name, you'll have the options to **Turn off camera** if on stage, and **Join stage/Remove from stage**.



Items available in the three-dot menu depend on user relevant capability and only those with relevant capability can manipulate participants' streams.

- **Turn off camera** - Turns off the participant's camera.
- **Remove from stage** - Adds/removes the participant from the stage. That

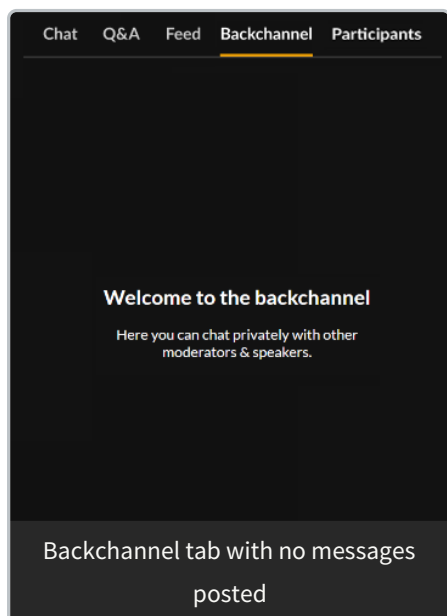
participant can always join the stage again if enabled by a moderator.

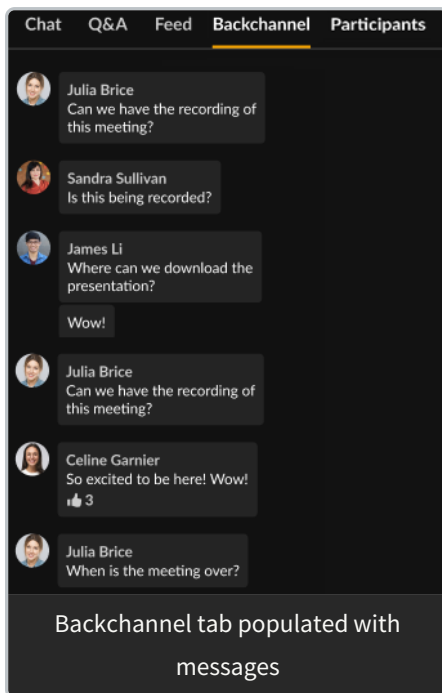
- **Set as moderator** - Sets that participant as a moderator.
- **Set as speaker** - Sets that participant as a speaker.
- **Edit permissions** - Edits the participant's user permission. See User permissions.
- **Remove from room** - Removes the user from the room.

**Backchannel tab** - The Backchannel tab is a private chat space for speakers and moderators in a specific session. It works like the regular Chat tab, but only they can see and use it. They can post, like, reply to, and delete their own messages.



The tab only appears for users who've been added as speakers or moderators for that session.





- Type your message in the "Write your message" field to start chatting with other moderators.
- Hover over a message and select the "Like" icon to like a message.
- Hover over a message and select the "Reply" icon to reply to a message from another moderator.
- Hover over any one of *your* messages and select the "Trashcan" icon to delete the message.
- Click one of the interaction "cards" at the top of the screen to access interaction capabilities. (moderator only)



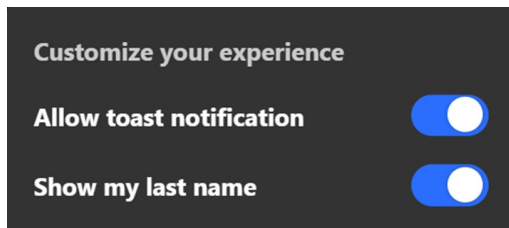
The following alert is shown at the bottom of the Backchannel tab. Because the Backchannel and Chat tabs function similarly, this alert helps remind speakers and moderators that they are in a "Speaker/Moderator-only" area.



**Only moderators & speakers can chat and view this thread.**

## Settings

A participant can configure their own settings. Click the **three dots** at the bottom of the right panel to display the options.

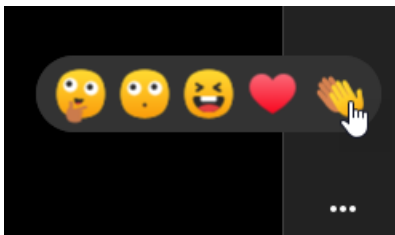


Toggle on the desired item to enable it.

- **Allow toast notification** - Some examples of toast notifications include new polls, messages sent specifically to you, or updates.
- **Show my last name** - Displaying your full name, not just your first name.

## Reactions

1. The possible reaction types display horizontally. Click on the **Reactions icon** (clapping hands emoji).



2. Click on the desired reaction emoji.

The reactions you initiate will display to everyone in the session.

