Enable mute at start of playback in the player

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About

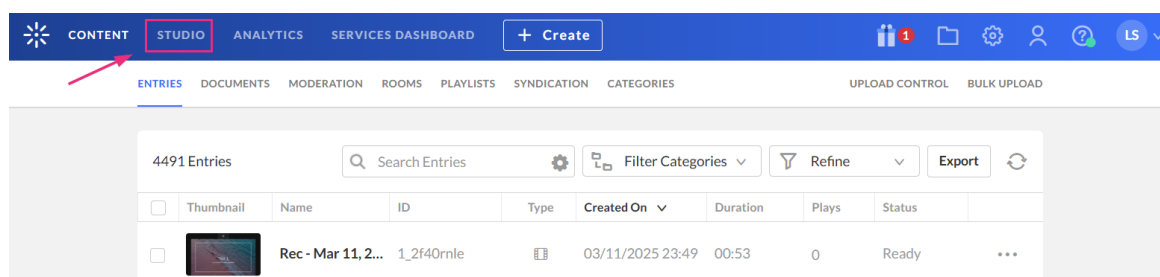You may enable Start playback muted to allow the media to start in mute mode when autoplay playback begins.

For the viewer, a muted indicator with an **Unmute** label appears in the top-left corner of the player, then minimizes to a muted indicator only. The viewer can hover over the muted indicator at any time to reveal the **Unmute** option and turn on sound.

You can configure the period of time both muted indicators remain visible to the viewer and whether or not the **Unmute** button is visible to the viewer.

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Access the player settings

1. Log in to your KMC and click the **Studio** tab.

   The Player Studio page displays.

2. Click the player you want to edit from the list (or use the search bar in the top right).

   > ✅ If you haven't created a player yet, check out our article Create a player for guidance.

The player settings display.

Configure

1. In the **Playback options** section find **Start playback muted** and click the toggle to enable the setting.

2. Configure **Display duration** of the following:

- **Expanded muted button** - The muted indicator in the top-left corner of the player displays for as long as you set. (Default is 3 seconds)
- **Minimized muted button** - The minimized muted indicator displays for as long as you set. (Default is 0 seconds)

> ℹ️ Please note - Both display durations start **when the video starts**. We recommend setting the minimized value greater than the expanded value.

3. Decide whether or not to make the **Unmute** button visible to the viewer.

4. Click **Save** at the top right of the settings page.