

## Customize how captions look in the player

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 This article is designated for all users.

### About

The Kaltura player lets you customize how captions look using the **Advanced captions settings** option. This option appears in the player whenever captions are available.



- To learn about ordering captions, read our [Captioning & enrichment services articles](#).
- To learn how to set the captions default display on the player, see [Set captions to display by default in the player](#).

### Choose a caption style

To choose a pre-set caption style:

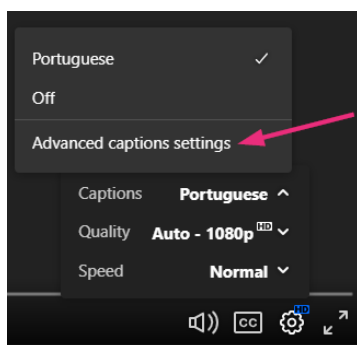
1. Click the **gear icon** at the bottom right of the player to open the settings menu.



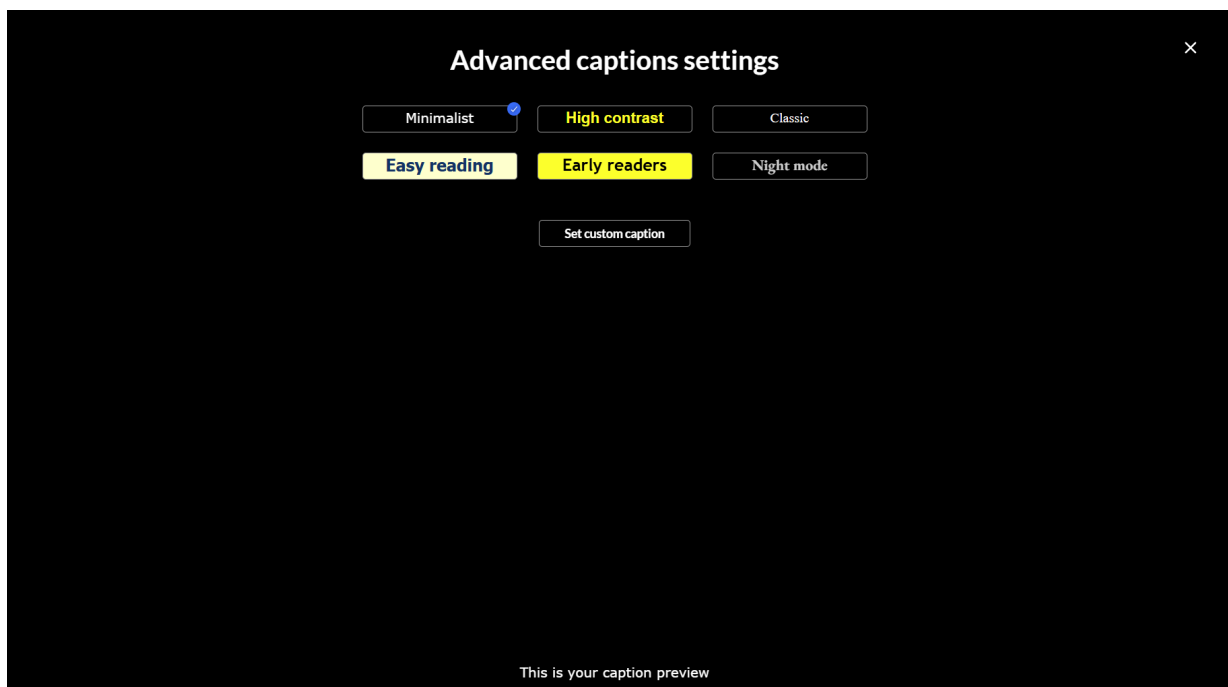
2. Click the arrow next to the captions label to open the advanced captions settings option.



3. Click **Advanced captions settings**.



This opens the Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA) screen.



4. Choose one of the pre-set caption styles:

- **Minimalist**: (default) for a subtle look
- **High contrast** (accessibility enhanced): for viewers with low vision or contrast

sensitivity

- **Classic**: for a traditional caption format
- **Easy reading**: for easier reading, with clear letter shapes
- **Early readers**: for young viewers and early readers
- **Night mode**: for dark viewing environments

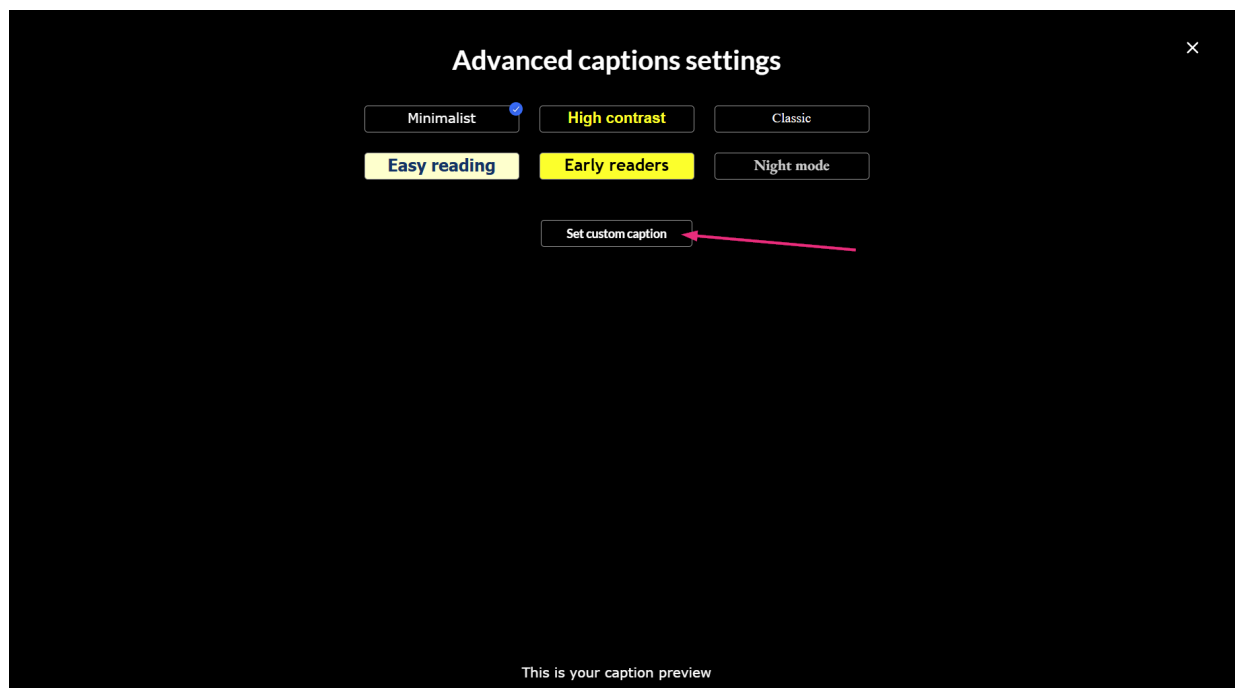
When you select a style, a check mark appears on that button and a preview displays on the CVAA screen.

For information on pre-set options, see [the table below](#).

## Customize captions

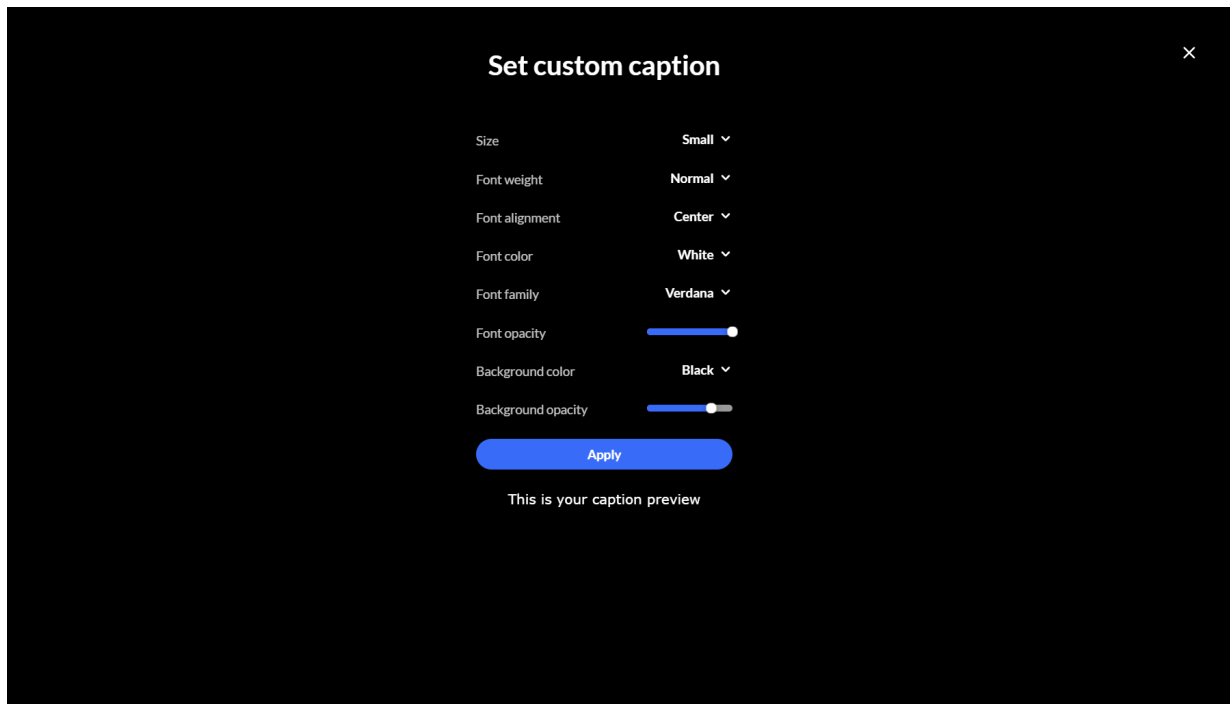
You can create your own caption style using the **Set custom caption** option.

1. On the CVAA screen, click **Set custom caption**.

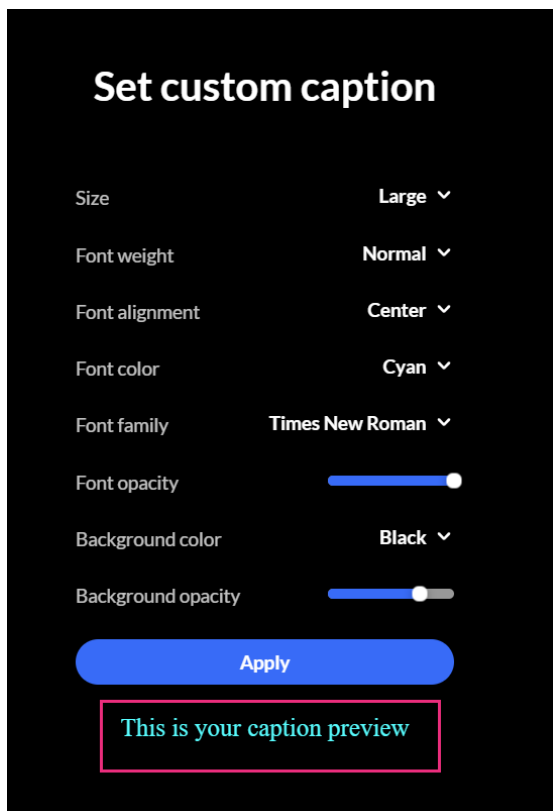


If you've already selected a pre-set style, the window opens with that style's settings. If no custom style is saved, the window loads the **Minimalist** pre-set as the starting point.

2. Choose from the customization options.



After selecting your options, a preview appears just below the settings list, showing how your captions will look in the example sentence.



3. Click **Apply** to save your settings and return to the 'Advanced captions settings' screen.

## Customization options

- **Size:** choose from Small (16), Medium (18), or Large (20)
- **Font weight:** Light (300), Normal (400), Semibold (600), Bold (700)
- **Font alignment:** left, center, or right
- **Font color:** choose the color for the caption text
- **Font family:** Arial, Helvetica, Verdana, sans-serif, Times New Roman, Tahoma, Trebuchet MS, EB Garamond
- **Font opacity:** control how transparent the caption text appears (100% = solid, lower values make the text more see-through)
- **Background color:** Choose a background color for the caption text box.
- **Background opacity:** Control the transparency of the background (100% = solid, lower values make the background see-through).



- Custom styles are saved as the 'Custom' option and stored in your browser's local storage. When a custom style is saved, a **Custom** button appears in the list of caption styles.
- When using Safari in full-screen playback, the native player takes over, and caption styling isn't applied.

## Preset details

Setting	Minimalist	High contrast	Classic	Easy reading	Early readers	Night mode
<b>Size</b>	Medium	Medium	Small	Large	Large	Medium
<b>Font weight</b>	400	700	400	700	700	700
<b>Alignment</b>	Center	Center	Center	Left	Center	Center
<b>Font color</b>	White (#FFFFFF)	Yellow (#FFFF00)	White (#FFFFFF)	Dark Blue (#003366)	Black (#000000)	Light Gray (#CCCCCC) or Cyan
<b>Font family</b>	Sans Serif	Arial	Times New Roman	Tahoma	Trebuchet MS	EB Garamond
<b>Font opacity</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Background color</b>	Black (#000000)	Black (#000000)	Black (#000000)	Light Yellow (#FFFFCC)	Bright Yellow (#FFFF00)	Black (#000000)
<b>Background opacity</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	75%

## Keyboard and accessibility

- Use Tab and Shift+Tab to move between controls.



- Use arrow keys to navigate options within lists.
  - The player uses ARIA labels to announce style descriptions to screen readers.
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