

# Channel privacy types in Video Portal

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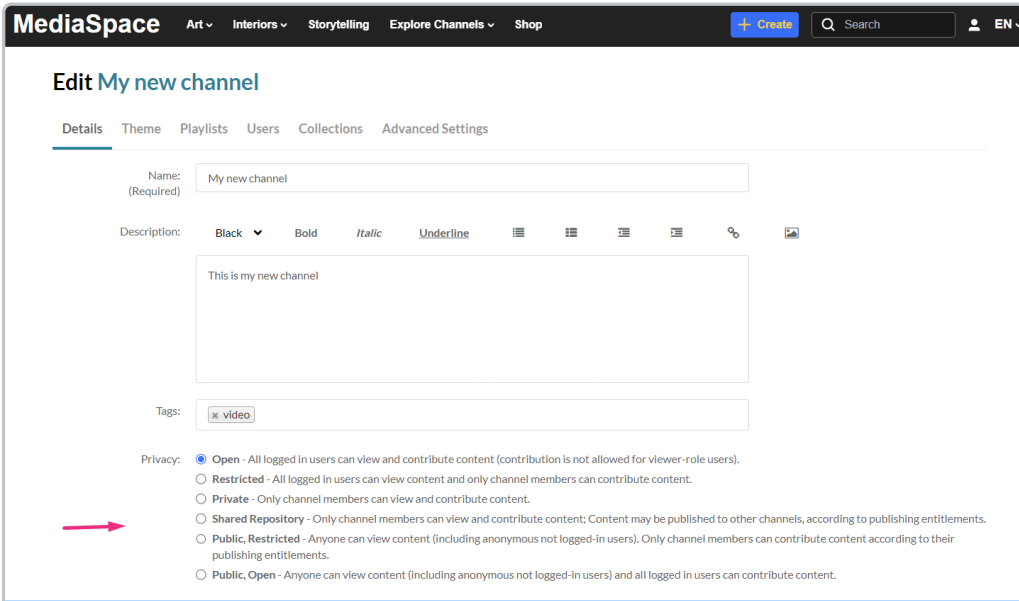
## About

Channel privacy types in Kaltura's Video Portal control who can view and contribute to a channel. Understanding these options helps ensure content is shared with the right audience.

You can set a channel's privacy type when you create it, or later by editing its settings. Only users with the manager or admin role can change privacy settings.

## Channel privacy types

Channels support several privacy options (also called channel types). The privacy option determines who can access and contribute to the channel. Privacy settings are configured on the [channel edit page](#).



The screenshot shows the 'Edit My new channel' page in MediaSpace. The 'Privacy' section is expanded, showing five radio button options. The 'Open' option is selected and highlighted with a red arrow. The options are:

- Open** - All logged in users can view and contribute content (contribution is not allowed for viewer-role users).
- Restricted** - All logged in users can view content and only channel members can contribute content.
- Private** - Only channel members can view and contribute content.
- Shared Repository** - Only channel members can view and contribute content; Content may be published to other channels, according to publishing entitlements.
- Public, Restricted** - Anyone can view content (including anonymous not logged-in users). Only channel members can contribute content according to their publishing entitlements.
- Public, Open** - Anyone can view content (including anonymous not logged-in users) and all logged in users can contribute content.

Example of a channel's edit page showing privacy settings

- **Open** - All logged-in users can view and contribute content, except users with the [viewer role](#) (who can only view).
- **Restricted** - All logged in users can view content, but only channel [members](#) can contribute content.
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To learn how to manage users' entitlements for channels, see [Edit a channel - Users](#).

## How privacy types and roles work together

Privacy types define who can access a channel, while roles and permissions define what users can do once they have access.

For example, even if a channel is open, only users with the appropriate role (such as contributor or manager) can upload or manage content.

For details about user roles, see [Channel roles and permissions in the Video Portal](#).

## Choosing the right privacy type

Use these guidelines to decide which privacy type best fits your needs:

- Open or public - For content meant for broad sharing or discoverability.
  - Restricted - For organization-wide visibility, while controlling who can contribute.
  - Private - For limited-access collaboration within small teams or groups.
  - Shared repository - For central content storage and controlled publishing to other channels.
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