

Set play / pause button visibility

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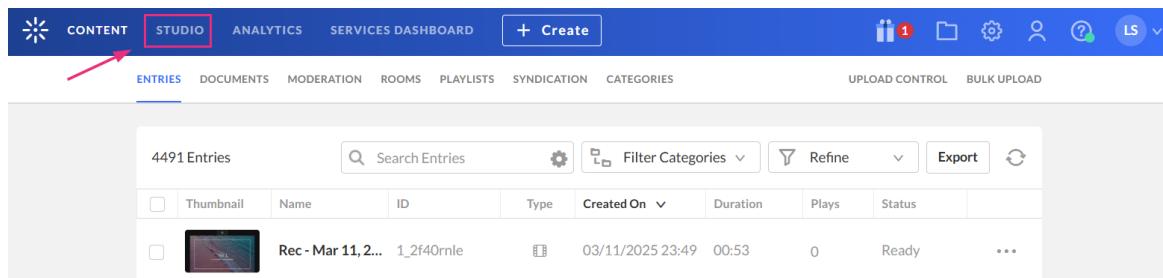
About

You can control whether the player displays the play/pause button during VOD and live playback. This lets you prevent viewers from pausing or stopping playback when needed, such as during live events without DVR.

When the play/pause (or play/stop) control is disabled in the player configuration, viewers can't pause, stop, or resume playback using the control bar, clicking the video, or keyboard shortcuts. Volume controls remain available.

Access the player settings

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

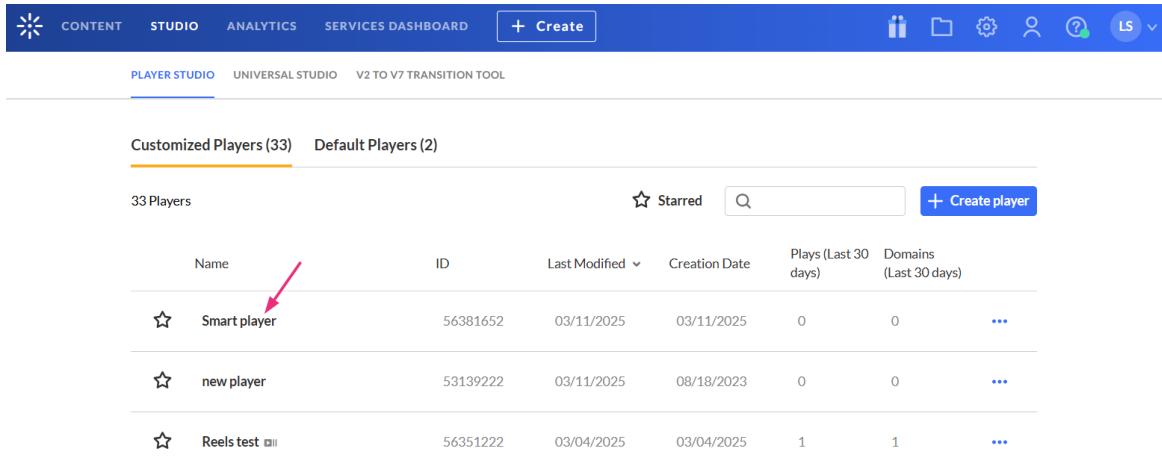


The [Player Studio](#) page displays.

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.



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33 Players

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Name	ID	Last Modified	Creation Date	Plays (Last 30 days)	Domains (Last 30 days)	...
Smart player	56381652	03/11/2025	03/11/2025	0	0	...
new player	53139222	03/11/2025	08/18/2023	0	0	...
Reels test	56351222	03/04/2025	03/04/2025	1	1	...

The [player settings](#) display.



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Set play/pause for VOD playback

1. In the **Playback Options** section, find **Show Play/Pause**. Click the toggle to enable the play/pause button in the player during VOD playback.

PLAYBACK OPTIONS

Show Play/Pause

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

Set play/pause for live playback

1. In the **Engagement and Interactivity** section, find **Live**. Click the toggle to enable the plugin.

ENGAGEMENT & INTERACTIVITY

Call to action	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banner overlay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quiz	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hotspots	<input type="checkbox"/>
Live	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Play/Pause <small>?</small>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Display viewer count <small>?</small>	

2. Check the **Show Play/Pause** box to enable the play/pause and play/stop buttons in the player during live streaming.

Checked/On (default) -

For live entries with DVR enabled, the play/pause button is shown. Viewers can pause, resume, and seek within the DVR window.

For live entries *without DVR*, the control appears as a Stop button. Viewers can stop the stream and click Play to resume at the live feed.

Unchecked/Off -

For live entries with DVR enabled, the play/pause button is hidden. Viewers stay on the live feed and can't pause or seek.

For live entries without DVR, the play/stop button is hidden. Viewers can't stop or pause the stream.

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

For the user guide, see [Hide play/pause buttons on the player](#).