Single-session vs multi-session events

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About

Kaltura Events supports two event formats: **Single session** and **Multi-session**. Each format is designed for a different type of event experience.

Use this article to understand the differences and choose the right format before creating your event.

Single-session events

Single-session events include one session with one schedule and one set of event details. Event and session settings are combined into a single setup, which reduces configuration and setup time. Single-session events are available for **Live webcast**, **DIY**, and **Pre-recorded** events. They aren't supported for Interactive sessions.

In single-session events, there's no agenda page. Attendees are directed straight to the session page, which serves as the event's main page. For the event team, the Overview page serves as the main page for managing the event.

This format works well for webinars, one-time live broadcasts, and events with a single speaker or presentation.

Multi-session events

Multi-session events contain multiple sessions managed within a single event site. Each session can have its own schedule, media, and interactive features, while remaining part of the same event. Attendees use the event site as a central hub to access and navigate all sessions.

This format works well for conferences, summits, and events with multiple speakers, tracks, or time slots.

At a glance

Feature	Single-session event	Multi-session event
Number of sessions	One session	Multiple sessions
Setup flow	Single, streamlined setup	Event and sessions are managed separately
Event details	Entered once (title, description, banner, schedule)	Event details plus individual session details
Schedule	One start time and duration	Each session can have its own time and duration
Speakers and moderators	Automatically assigned to the session when invited	Assigned per session
Interactive features	Available within the single session	Configured per session (for example, chat, Q&A, polls)
Event site	One event site	One event site with multiple sessions
Best for	Webinars and one-time live events	Conferences, summits, and multi-track events

Which format should I choose?

- Choose **Single session** if your event has one main broadcast or presentation and you want the simplest setup.
- Choose **Multi-session** if your event includes multiple sessions, tracks, or time slots and needs more flexibility.

If you're unsure which format fits your use case, contact your Kaltura representative.