

Advanced player setting: Show preview thumbnails on the seek bar

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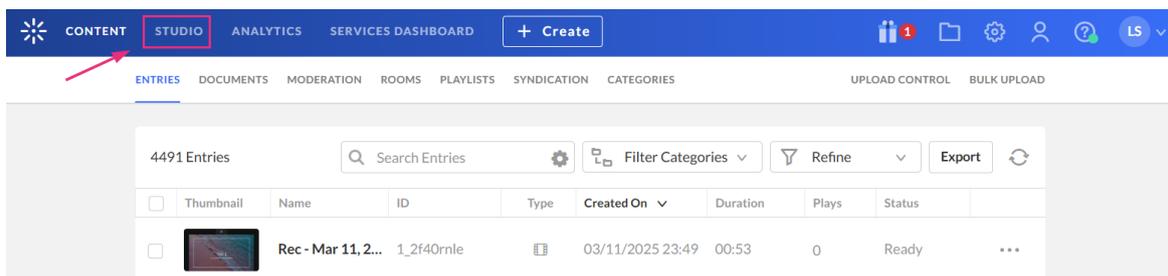
You can show preview thumbnails on the seek bar through the player's Advanced Settings. This configuration is not exposed in the standard Player Studio interface.

Use this setting to display thumbnail previews when users hover over the timeline.

Access the advanced settings

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1. Log into your Rich Media CMS 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).



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☆ 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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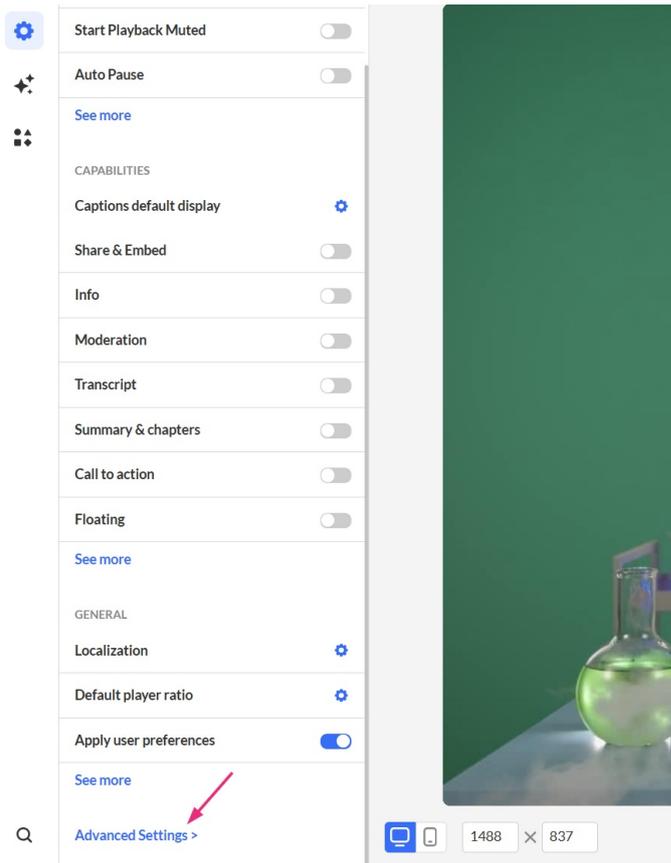
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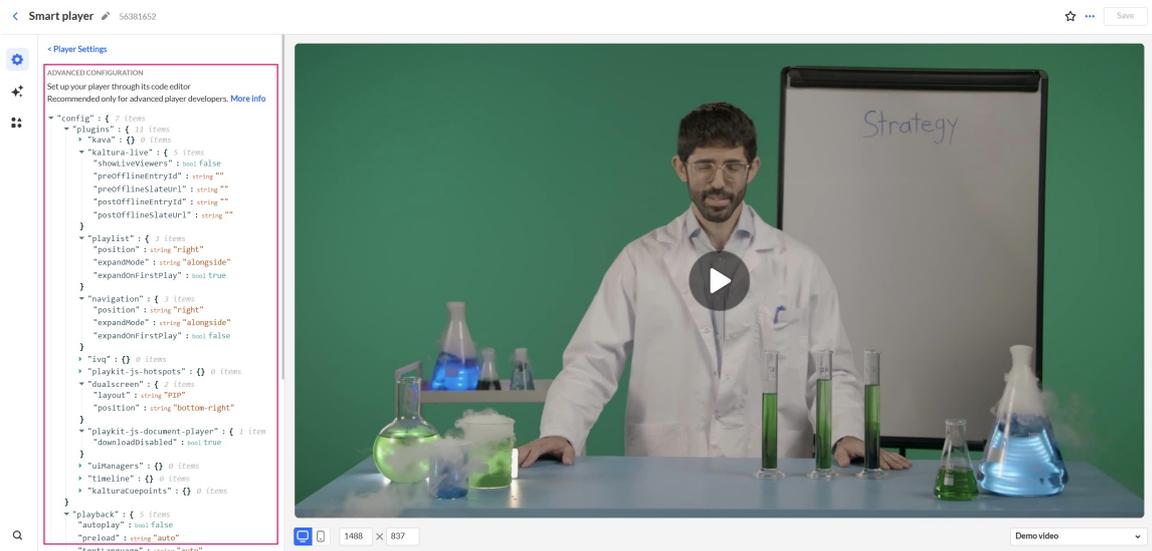


1488 x 837 Demo video

3. Scroll to the bottom of the player settings and click **Advanced Settings**.



The Advanced Settings editor displays.



Show preview thumbnails on seek bar

1. In the **Advanced Settings** tab, hover over **ui** then click the **green + icon**.

```

    "volume" : float 0.5
    "audioLanguage" : string "en"
    "inBrowserFullscreen" : bool true
  }
  ▶ "provider" : {} 0 items
  ▼ "ui" : { 1 item + ×
    ▼ "components" : { 1 item + ×
      ▼ "seekbar" : { 4 items

```

2. In the **Key Name** box, enter: `config.ui.components.seekbar.thumbsSprite`, then click the green checkmark or press 'Enter'.

```

  ▼ "config" : { 7 items
    ▼ "plugins" : { 1 item
      ▶ "kaltura" : { 1 item
        ▼ "kal..." : { 1 item
          "showLiveViewers" : bool false

```

Key Name:

You see the new setting listed.

```

    "inBrowserFullscreen" : bool true
  }
  ▶ "provider" : {} 0 items
  ▼ "ui" : { 2 items
    ▶ "components" : {} 0 items
    "config.ui.components.seekbar.thumbsSprite"
    : NULL
  }
  ▼ "text" : { 1 item

```

3. Hover over the setting and click the **green edit icon**.

```

"config.ui.components.seekbar.thumbsSprite"
: NULL [edit] [delete]

```

A box containing a null value displays.

```

"config.ui.components.seekbar.thumbsSprite"
: null [edit] [delete]
  NULL [check]

```

4. Remove the null value and paste in the URL of your thumbnail image, then click the **green checkmark**.

```

"ui" : { 2 items
  ▶ "components" : {} 0 items
  "config.ui.components.seekbar.thumbsSprite"
  "
  :
  : https://cdnbakmi.kaltu
  ra.com/p/4834032/sp/48
  3403200/thumbnail/entr
  y_id/1_aaa551bq/def_he
  ight/480/def_width/640
  /vid_slices/92
  }
  }

```

The string displays.

```

"ui" : { 2 items
  ▶ "components" : {} 0 items
  "config.ui.components.seekbar.thumbsSprite"
  "
  :
  : string "https://cdnbakmi.kaltura.com/p/4834032/si
  "
  }
  }

```

5. Click **Save** at the top right before exiting.

i To disable this feature, enter an empty string (' ') in the value field, and click **Save**.

✓ If the setting doesn't appear after saving, try refreshing the page.

Optional: Adjust thumbnail display settings

You can fine-tune how thumbnails appear using the following keys:

Thumbnail width

Key Name: `config.ui.components.seekbar.thumbsWidth`

```

"config" : { 7 items
  ▶ "plugins"
  ▶ "kav"
  ▶ "kal"
  "showLiveViewers" : bool false

```

Example value: `164`

```

"config.ui.components.seekbar.thumbsWidth"
: 164
int 164

```

Thumbnail height

Key Name: `config.ui.components.seekbar.thumbsHeight`

Example value: `92`

Number of slices (frames)

Key Name: `config.ui.components.seekbar.thumbsSlices`

Example value: `100`



Each slice represents a frame in the preview. More slices create a more precise timeline preview.