

User permissions in the Kaltura Room in Video Portal

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 This article is designated for moderators and hosts

About

This guide will walk you through how to manage your participants' permissions in a Kaltura Room.

What permissions are available?

In Kaltura Rooms, there are three types of users: **host**, **moderator** and **participant**. The following are the default capabilities and permissions per user type:

Capability / Permission	Host	Moderator	Participant
Join stage / enable webcam and mic	✓	✓	✓ interactive room mode (In panel room mode- only when invited to stage)
Share screen	✓	✓	x
Raise / lower hand	✓	✓	✓
Interactive tools - record, media and files, storyboard, quick poll, broadcast	✓	✓	x
Settings - set devices, give feedback	✓	✓	✓
Settings - lock room, brand	✓	✓	x
Chat	Room, Q&A, Moderators, Private	Room, Q&A, Moderators, Private	Room, Q&A, Private
Participant list	View and manage participants, including moderators	View and manage participants, including host and moderators	View only
Leave class	✓	✓	✓
End session for everyone	✓	✓	x



A moderator can't edit permissions of a host, but can for other moderators.

What capabilities do I have as host / moderator?

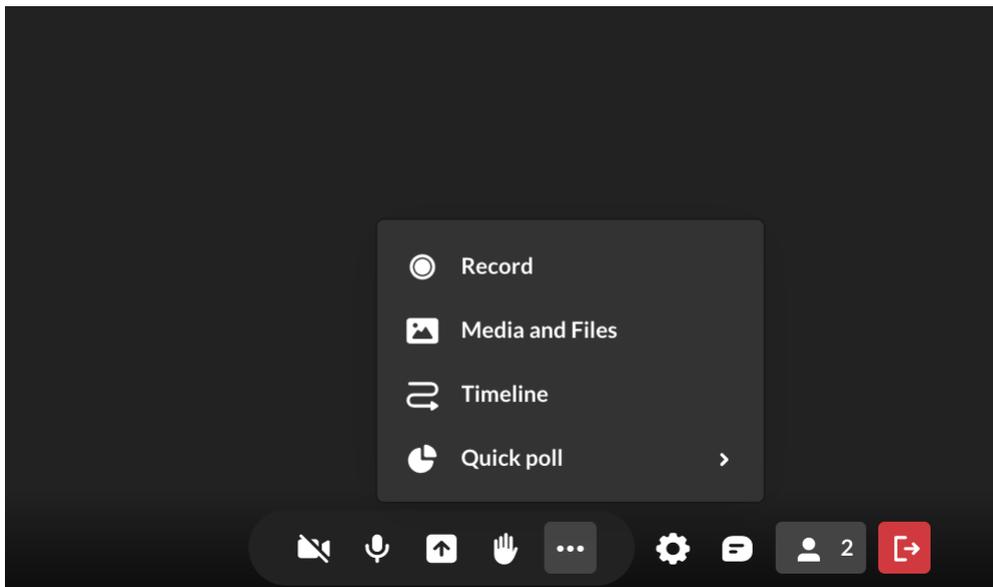
Hosts and moderators have various capabilities, as well as being able to manage participants. These capabilities are accessible from the **bottom toolbar** and the **individual tiles** of the people on stage.

Bottom toolbar

- **Join stage** (or enable / disable webcam and mic if on stage)
- **Share screen**
- **Raise / lower hand**
- Interactive tools - **record** the session, access and share room **media and files**,

create a **storyboard** of media and files to present, **quick poll, broadcast**

- Settings - **lock room, set devices, give feedback, brand**
- **Chat** - chat with the entire room, Q&A chat, chat with moderators, or chat with a participant privately.
- View and manage all on **Participants list**
 - Mute all/Disable all cameras/Clear all raised hands.
 - Per participant - Mute/Disable camera/Invite to stage or revoke invitation to stage or remove from stage/Set as moderator/Edit permissions/Remove from meeting.
 - For oneself - Join stage/Mute/Disable camera/
- **Leave session** and **End session for everyone**
 - If the session host leaves the room, then an invisible timer is started of 15 minutes (a longer timer can be configured by the Kaltura admin on the backend if needed). If the host does not return within that timeframe, then the session is automatically ended for all session participants. Participants are redirected to a screen informing them that the session has expired and then to the page from where they entered the room.

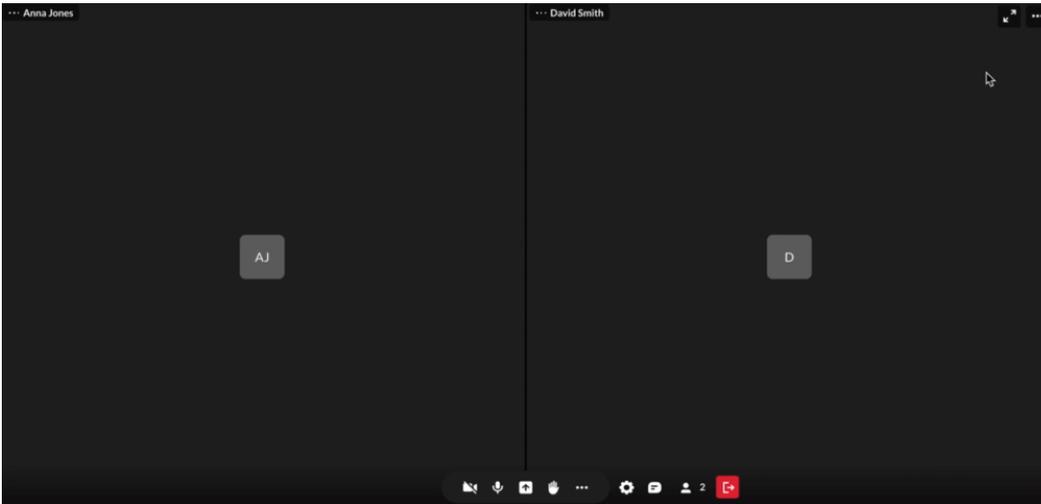


Individual tiles

You can manage tools on the individual tiles for both yourself and others:

- **Highlight tile / set as main camera**
- **Turn off camera** for that participant
- **Remove from stage**
- **Set as moderator**

- **Edit permissions**
- **Remove from meeting**



If you're using a mobile device as a host or moderator, be aware that certain capabilities are limited. The mobile view does not support presenting or moderation tools like screen sharing, storyboard, quick polls, or media uploads. You'll still be able to:

- Join the stage
- Raise your hand
- Use chat and view the participant list

For full moderator controls, we recommend joining from a desktop.

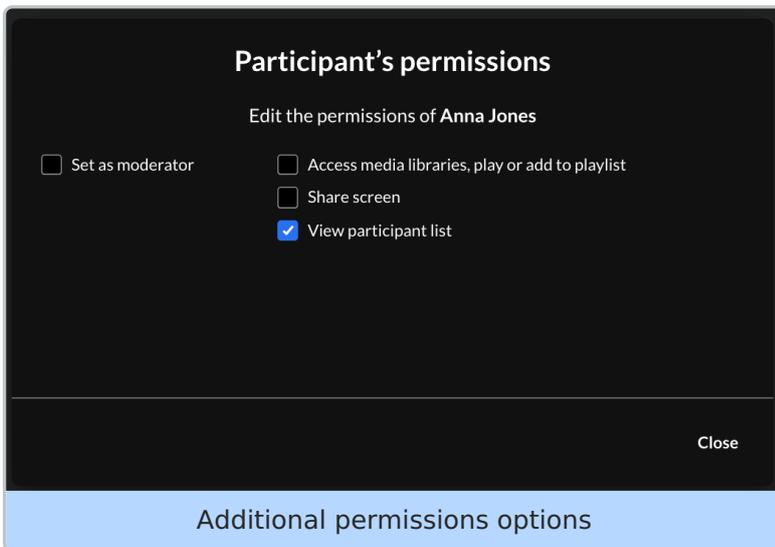
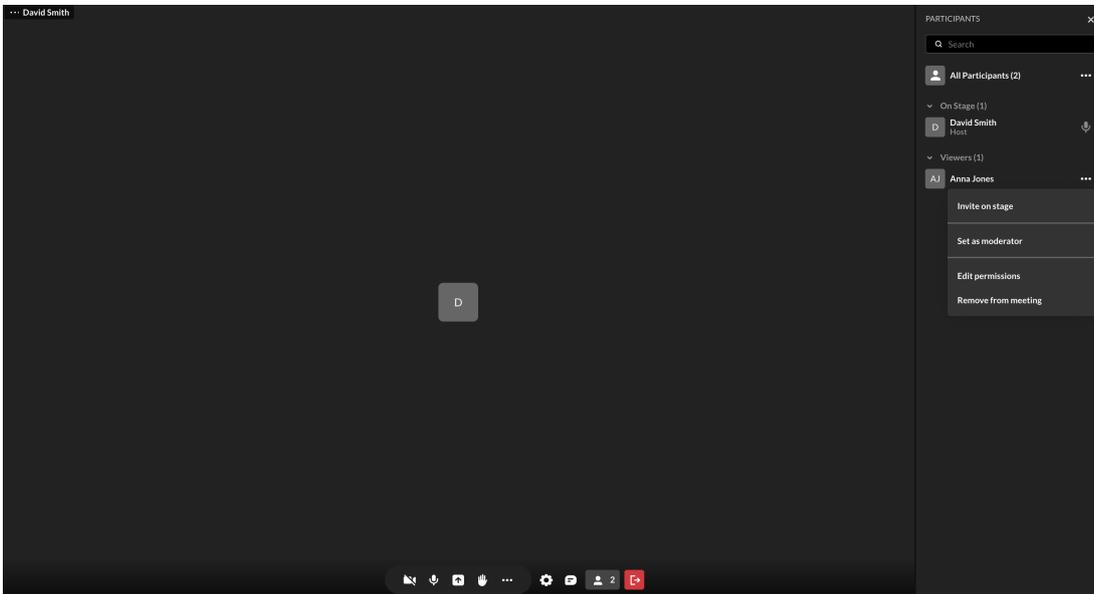
How can I manage a participant's permissions?

As a host or moderator, you can give any of your participants additional permissions for that session:

1. Click on the **user icon** in the bottom toolbar to open the participants list.
2. In the list, click the **three dots menu** beside a participant's name.
3. You can then click **Set as a moderator** or **Edit permissions** to bring up a box with additional permission options:
 - access media libraries, play or add to playlist
 - share screen
 - view participants list - enabled by default for every participant. You can disable it here individually.



The permission options, except **Set as a moderator**, are session-based, so giving a specific participant additional permissions in one session does **not** give them those permissions automatically the next time they join.



You can also enable these permissions from a participant's tile on stage:

