Order extended audio description (EAD) in Canvas (legacy)

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This article is designated for all users.

About

You can order **extended audio description** (EAD) for videos with limited natural pauses or dense visual content. EAD pauses playback to insert detailed narration of visual elements, then resumes the video when the narration is complete.

EAD uses speech synthesis to generate narration from a time-coded VTT file. Most browsers support speech synthesis, but some may not. To check browser compatibility, visit lambdatest.com.

- Please contact your Kaltura representative to enable extended audio description on your account.
- Extended audio description requires a plugin in the Kaltura Player. To configure the plugin, administrators can visit our article Extended audio description setup.
- Not supported in V2 player, mobile or non-VOD entries.

The video below features **extended audio description**.

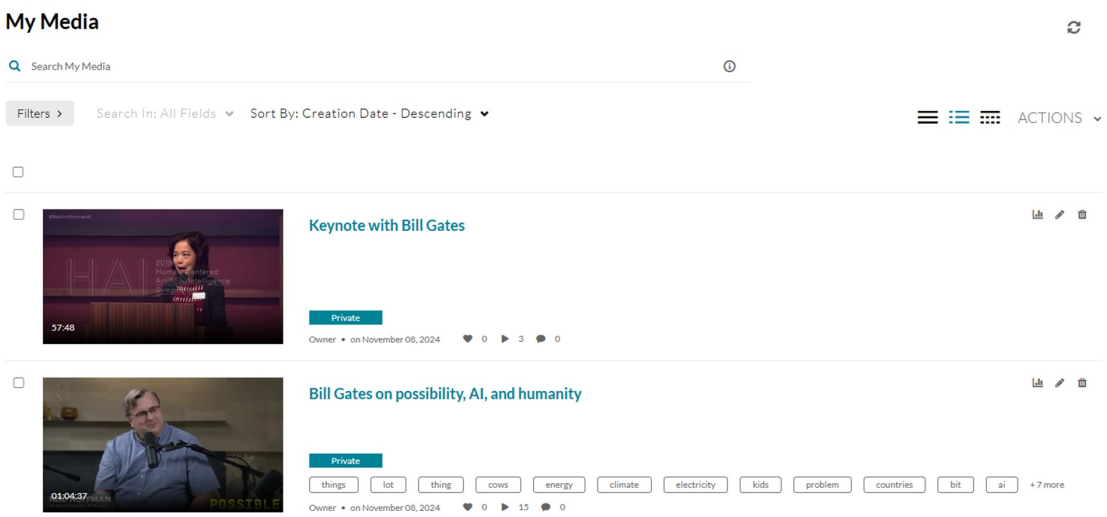
Media must be at least **10 seconds** long for audio description processing.

These instructions apply to the **legacy Video Portal**. If you're using the Theming-based Video Portal, please refer to the Content Hubs category.

Order for a single video

1. Go to your **My Media**.

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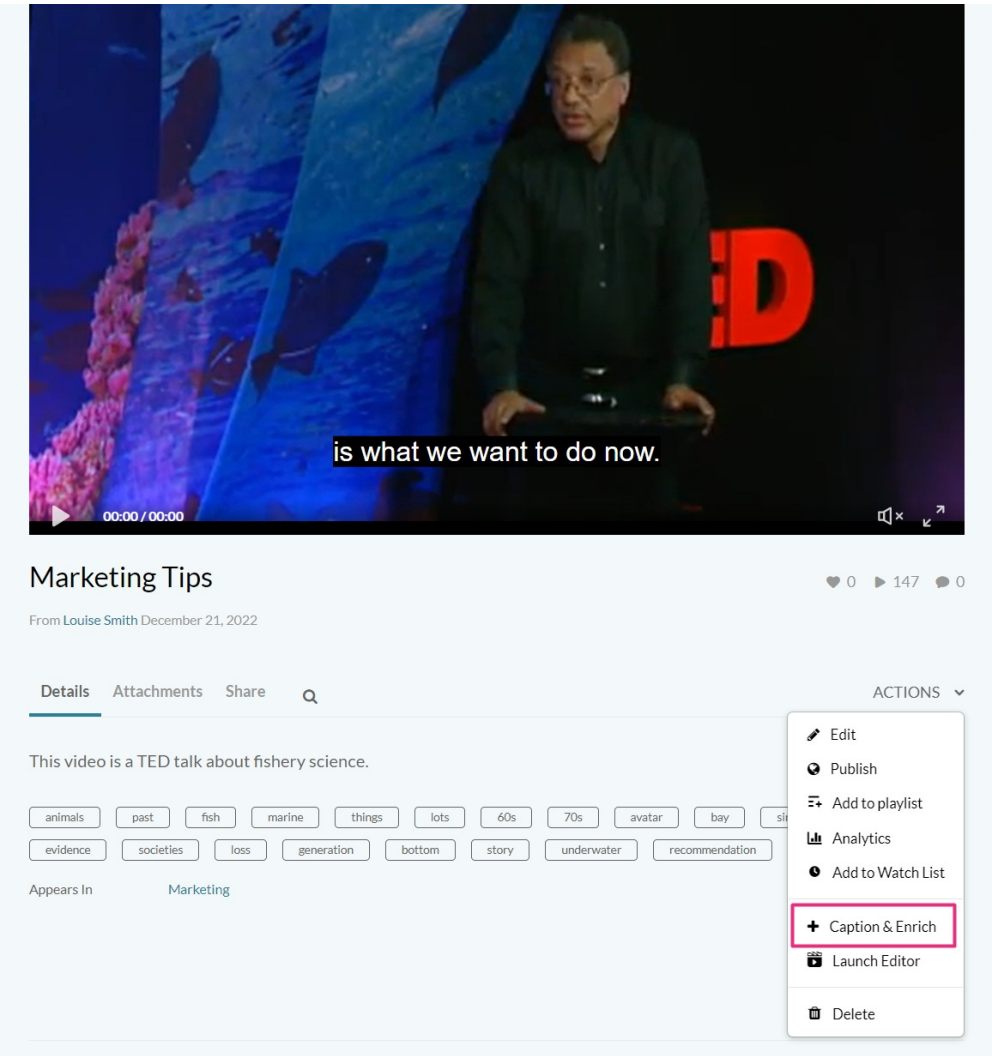
2. On the **My Media** page, click the desired media's thumbnail.



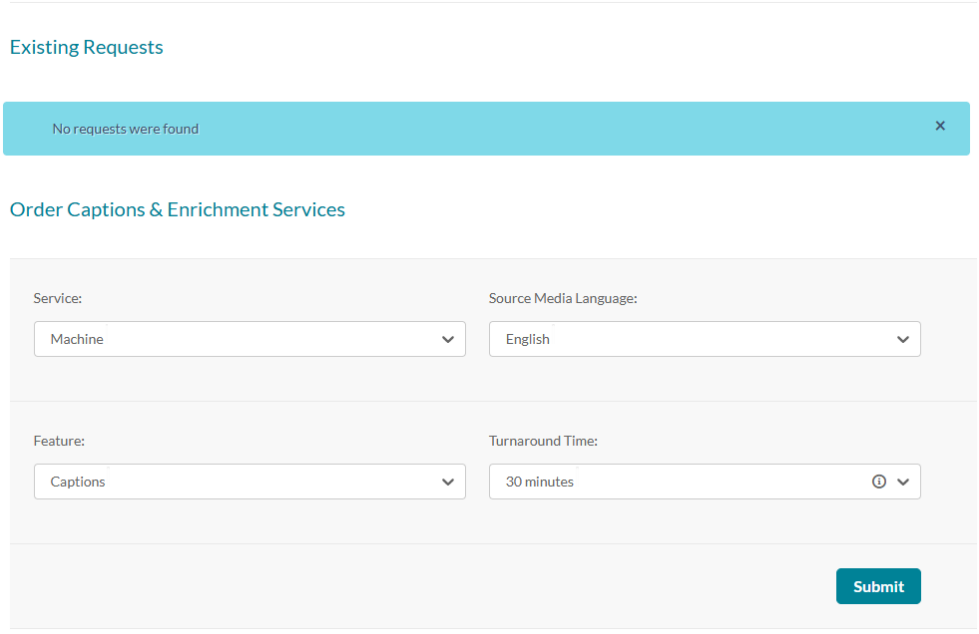
   The media entry displays.

3. From the **Actions** drop-down menu, select **+Caption & Enrich**.

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The **Order Captions & Enrichment Services** window displays.



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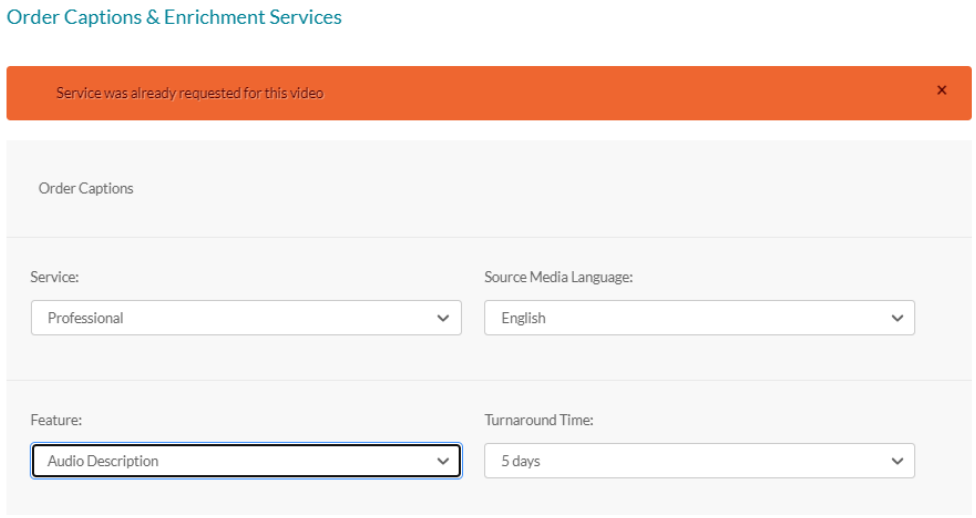
4. Complete the following fields:

- **Service** - Choose **Professional** as the Service. Audio Description is supported for professional service only and must be enabled by your system administrator.)
- **Source Media Language** - Select **English** from the drop-down menu. (This service is only available in English)
- **Feature** - Select **Extended Audio Description.**
- **Turnaround Time** - Select the turnaround time from the drop-down menu. (The TAT options are set by your administrator.)

5. Click **Submit**.

A success message displays: *Your request has been received. Your video will automatically be updated upon completion.*

The request will be shown on the request list. If there is an identical request for an audio description service, the system will display an error message: *Service was already requested for this video.*



If there is insufficient credit to order this service, the system will display an error message: *The request cannot be fulfilled. Your account credit is depleted. Please contact your administrator.*

You can follow the order status in the **Existing Requests** section at the top of the screen. If your requests require approval, the request status will be 'Pending approval' until the requests are approved.

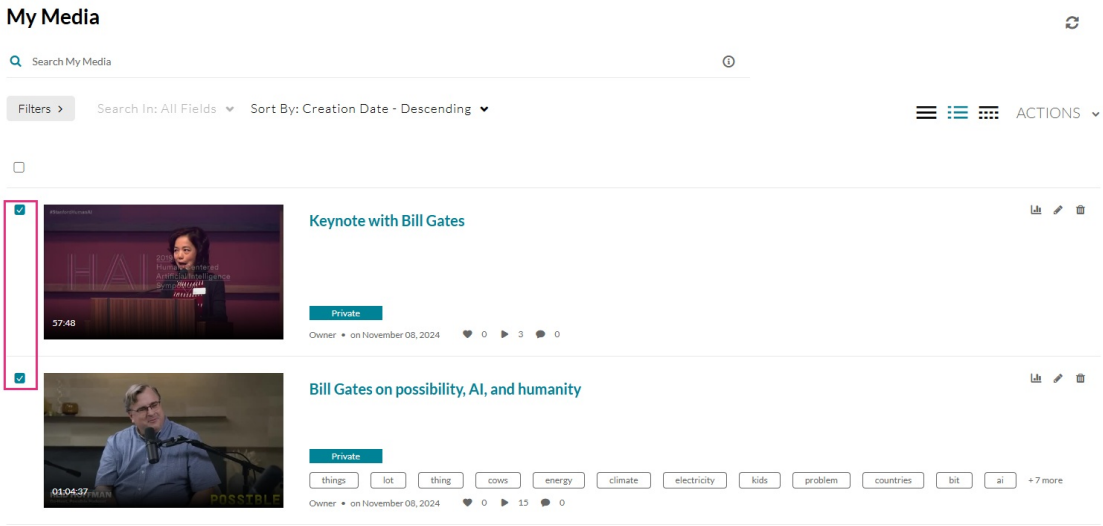
The audio description will be uploaded when completed, and you'll receive a message that your request has been received.

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Notifications must be enabled by your system administrator.

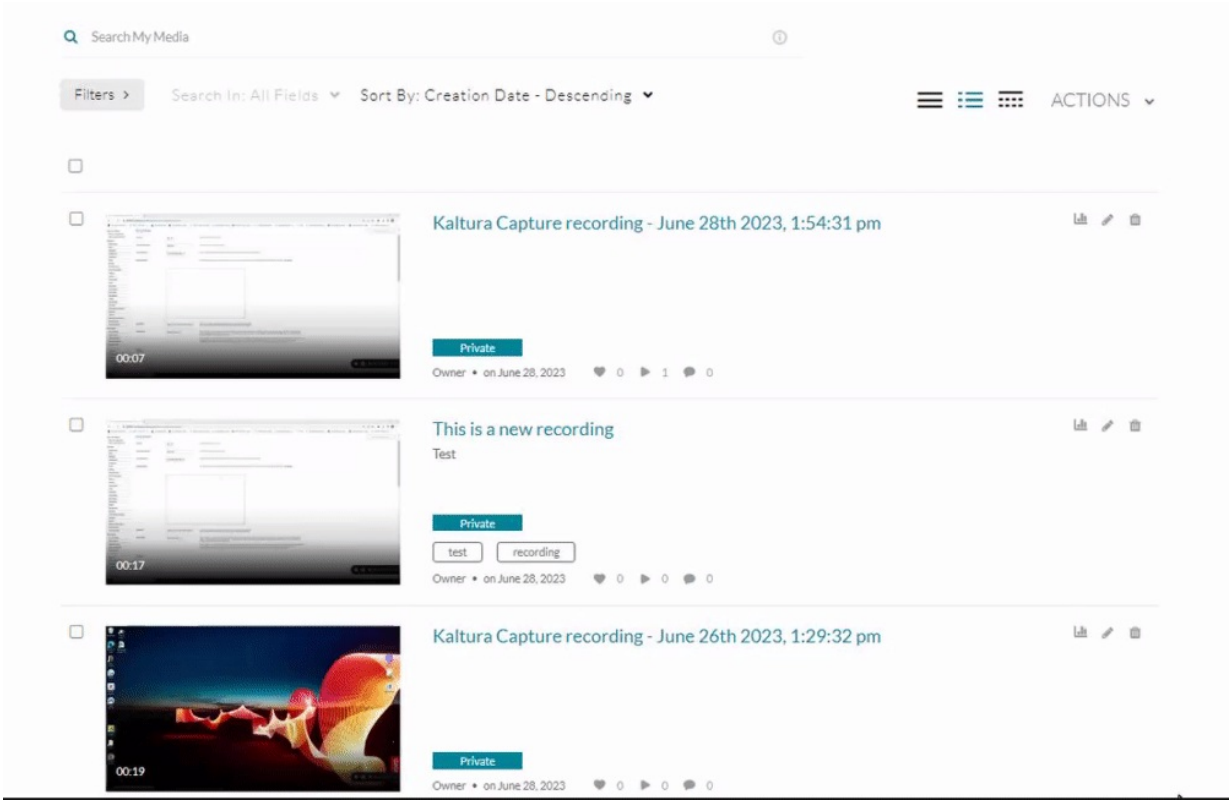
Order for multiple videos

1. Go to your My Media page.
2. Select the media you want to order captions for by checking the checkbox next to each item.



3. From the **Actions** menu, select **Request Captions & Enrich**.
   The Captions & Enrich screen displays.

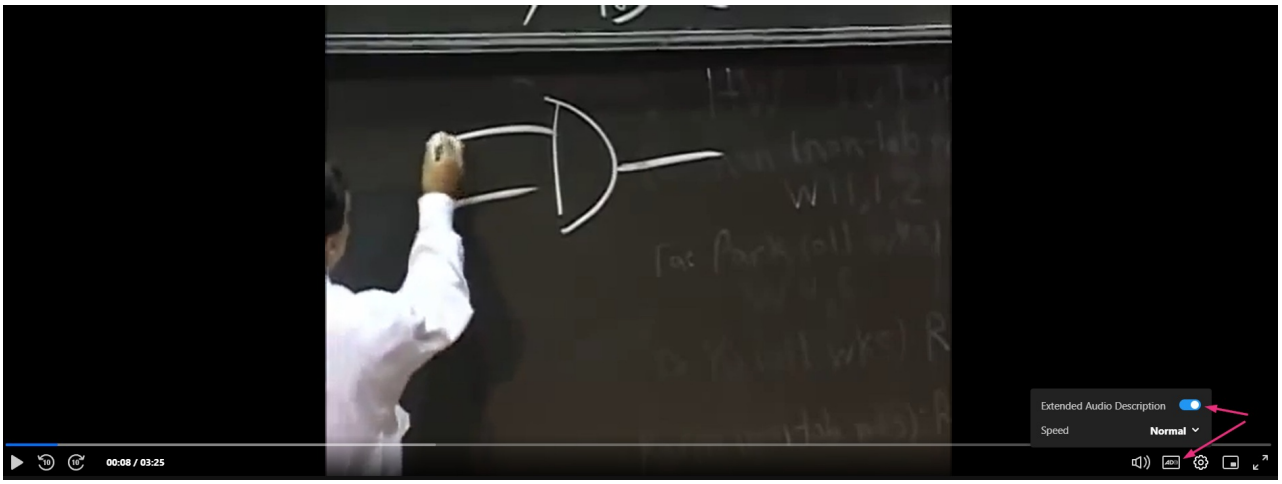
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4. Follow steps 4-5 above.

User experience

Users can enable **Extended audio description** by clicking the **AD** button on the player or using the toggle in the settings menu.



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