

Upload and manage extended audio description (EAD) files in Canvas

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 This article is designated for all users.

About

You can upload **extended audio description** (EAD) files for media you own or have editing privileges for.

EAD files are time-coded text files that the Kaltura player converts into spoken narration using browser speech synthesis. They make visual content in videos accessible for people with visual impairments.

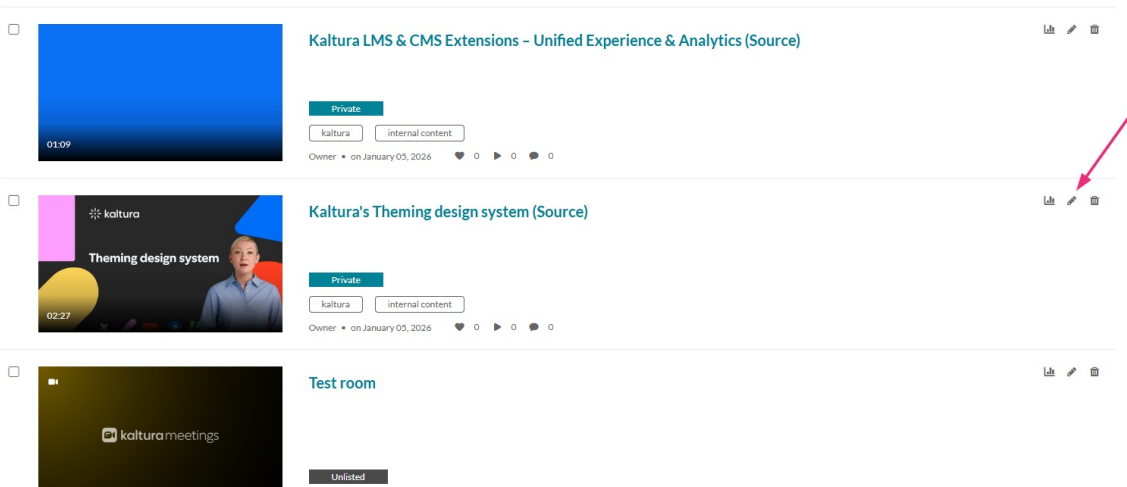
EAD files are uploaded in **VTT** format and managed from the **Captions** tab, alongside caption files, using a dedicated upload option.



For media files that don't already have EAD, learn about ordering in our article [Order extended audio description \(EAD\)](#).

Access the extended audio description settings


1. Go to your [My Media](#) page.
2. Locate the video you want to add extended audio description to and click the **pencil icon** to the right of it.



The screenshot shows a list of three video items in a 'My Media' interface. Each item has a thumbnail, a title, a status (Private or Unlisted), and a set of icons for actions. A red arrow points to the pencil icon on the right of the first video item, 'Kaltura LMS & CMS Extensions - Unified Experience & Analytics (Source)'. The second video item is 'Kaltura's Theming design system (Source)' and the third is 'Test room'.

The edit page opens with the **Details** tab selected by default.

Kaltura's Theming design system (Source)



Basic Info

Creator: Louise

Owner: Louise

Media Entry ID: 0_lqz2suqr

Media Type: Video

Publish Status: Private

Creation date: January 05, 2026 11:57 AM Asia/Jerusalem

Update date: January 05, 2026 11:59 AM Asia/Jerusalem


Media asset update date: January 05, 2026 11:57 AM Asia/Jerusalem

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3. Click the **Captions** tab to open the settings.



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No Captions have been added to media
Begin by uploading a caption file
(SRT, DFXP, VTT formats are supported)

Upload an extended audio description file

1. Click **Add extended audio description**.

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Language	Label	File type	Accuracy	Actions
English	srt_file	SRT	100%	✎ ✕ 📄 📁 Set as default

The 'Upload extended audio description' window opens.

Upload an EAD file
×

*Select a file: Browse...

*Language Select Language ▾

*Accuracy 100% ▾

Label

(text that appears in caption selector)

Cancel
Save

2. Click **Browse**, and select a VTT file from your device.
3. Select the language from the **Language** dropdown menu.
4. Type in a label (it's advisable to add an “EAD” suffix to clearly identify the file as extended audio description).
5. Click **Save** to upload the file.

Edit captions
×

Language English ▾

Accuracy 100% ▾

Label English - EAD

(text that appears in caption selector)

Cancel
Save

The file is added to a table.

Language	Label	File type	Accuracy	Actions
English <small>(Default)</small>	English	SRT	100%	✎ ✕ ⬇️ 📄
English	English - EAD	VTT	100%	✎ ✕ ⬇️ 📄 Set as default

To upload another file, click **Upload captions file** again and repeat.

Actions

For extended audio description files, the following options are disabled:









- Display on player
- Set as default

Delete an extended audio description file

1. In the captions table, locate the caption file and click **x** in the same row.

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Language	Label	File type	Accuracy	Actions
English	srt_file	SRT	100%	    Set as default
English	English - EAD	VTT	100%	    Set as default

A warning message displays: *Are you sure you want to delete this file?*

2. Click **Delete** to continue.



Deleting an extended audio description file doesn't affect caption files. Captions and extended audio description are managed separately.

Download an extended audio description file











You can only download a media you're the owner of. If you are the co-publisher, co-editor, or co-viewer, you will not be able to download the media.

In the captions table, locate the EAD file and click the **download icon** in the same row.

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Language	Label	File type	Accuracy	Actions
English (Default)	English	SRT	100%	   
English	English - EAD	VTT	100%	    Set as default

The file downloads to your device. The default file name will be "English.vtt", but you can rename it.