Guest links vs. Invite links – what's the difference?

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This article is designated for all users.

About

Kaltura provides two ways to give access to media: **guest links** and **invite links**. Media can include videos, documents, quizzes, and live sessions.

While these options may sound similar, they're designed for different use cases.

Guest links - for broad access

Use a guest link when you want to **open access to a wider audience.**

You create a reusable link and share it however you like, via email, chat, or even social media. Multiple guests can use the same link, and it isn't tied to specific users or email addresses.

Anyone with the link can join by entering a name and email - no Kaltura account is required.

Guests can easily access the content, but have limited capabilities once inside.

This is a good fit when:

- You're sharing with a large or unknown group
- You want a quick, frictionless way for people to access the content
- You don't need to control individual permissions

Think of it as: "Here's a link - anyone with the link can use it."

Invite links – controlled access for specific people

Use invite links when you need to **invite specific people and control their access or permissions.**

Each link is tied to a particular email address, so only that person can use it. Depending on the content type, you can also control what they're allowed to do, whether that's viewing media, collaborating, or participating in a live session as a moderator or

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speaker.

This is useful when:

- You’re inviting specific viewers, speakers, moderators, or contributors
- You want to control access and permissions
- You need to know exactly who’s invited

Think of it as: “You control who can access the content and what they can do.”

Access the features

You can access guest links and invite links from media pages, Kaltura Rooms, channel room sessions, and media gallery room sessions.

Depending on the media type, these options may be available from the **media page** or from the **Participants tab** during a live session.

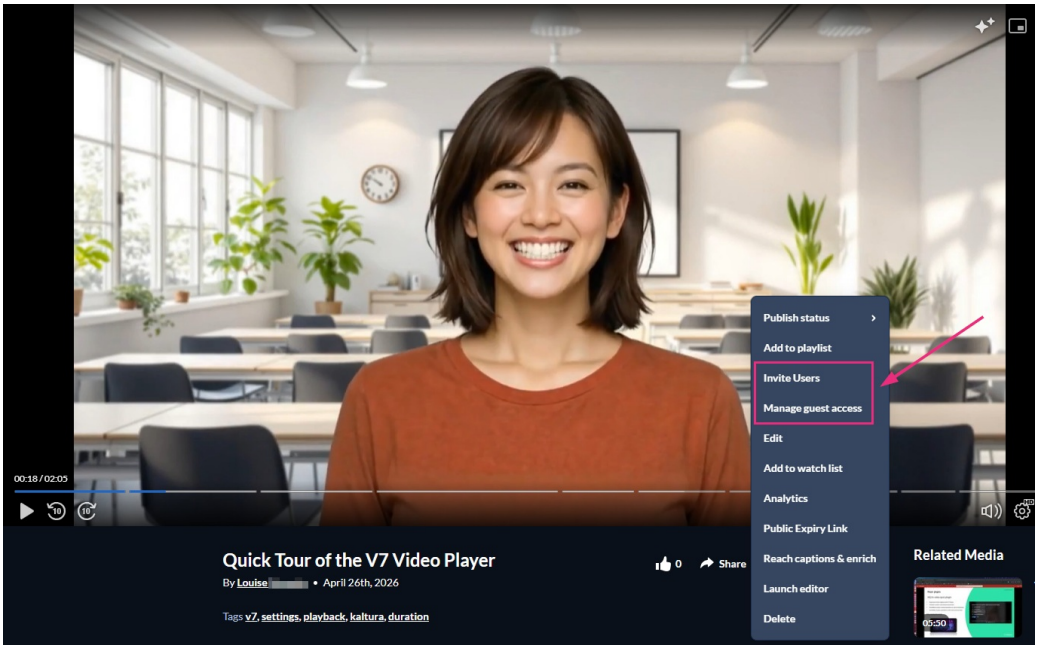
From the media page

Available only in **Content Hubs**.

Three-dot menu

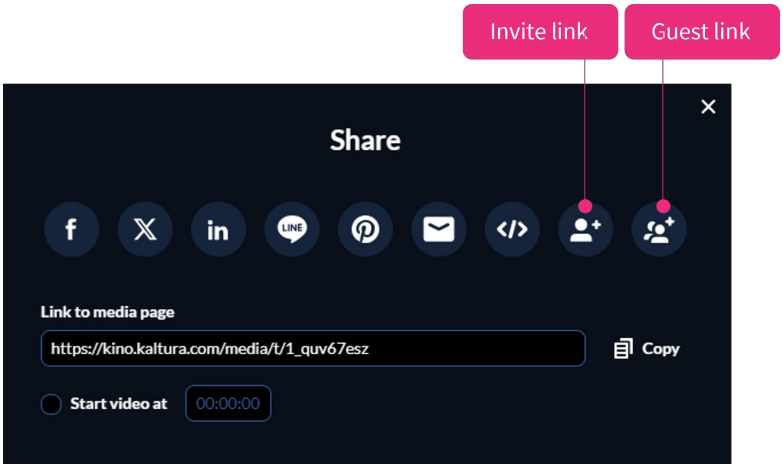
Click the **three dots** below the player and select **Invite users** or **Manage guest access**.

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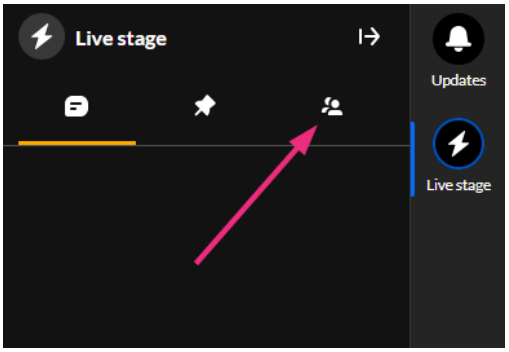
Share button

Click **Share** below the player, then select the relevant option.



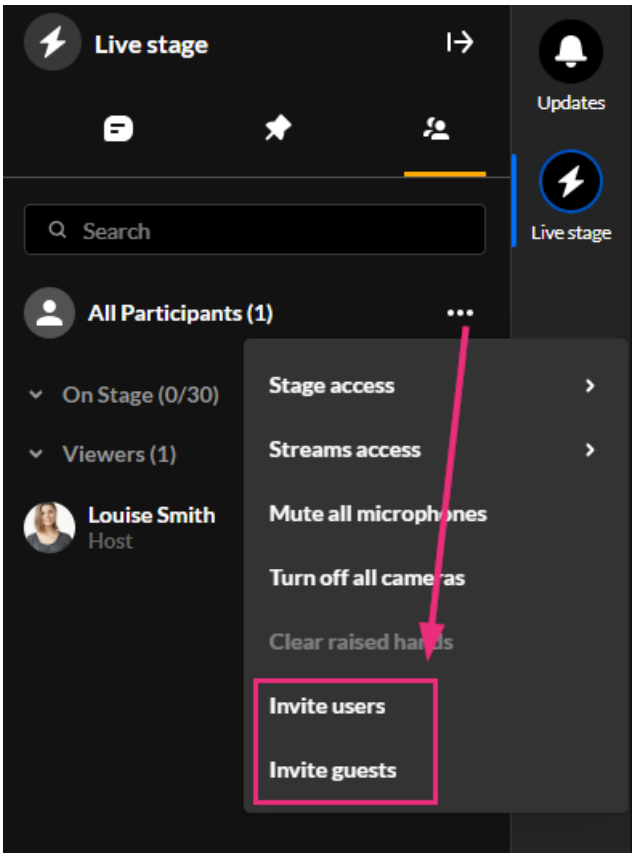
From the Participants tab (for live sessions)

1. Navigate to the **Participants** tab.



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2. Click the **three dots** to the right of 'All participants' and select **Invite users** or **Invite guests**.



For more information on **guest links**, see:

- Share a guest link to specific media in Content Hubs
- Share a guest link to a Kaltura Room session
- Share a guest link to specific media in LMS Extensions

For more information on **invite links**, see:

- Invite people to access media in Content Hubs
- Invite people to your Kaltura Room session in Content Hubs
- Invite people to access your media in LMS Extensions

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