Add a YouTube video in Canvas

Content updated: 05/04/2026

This article is designated for all users.

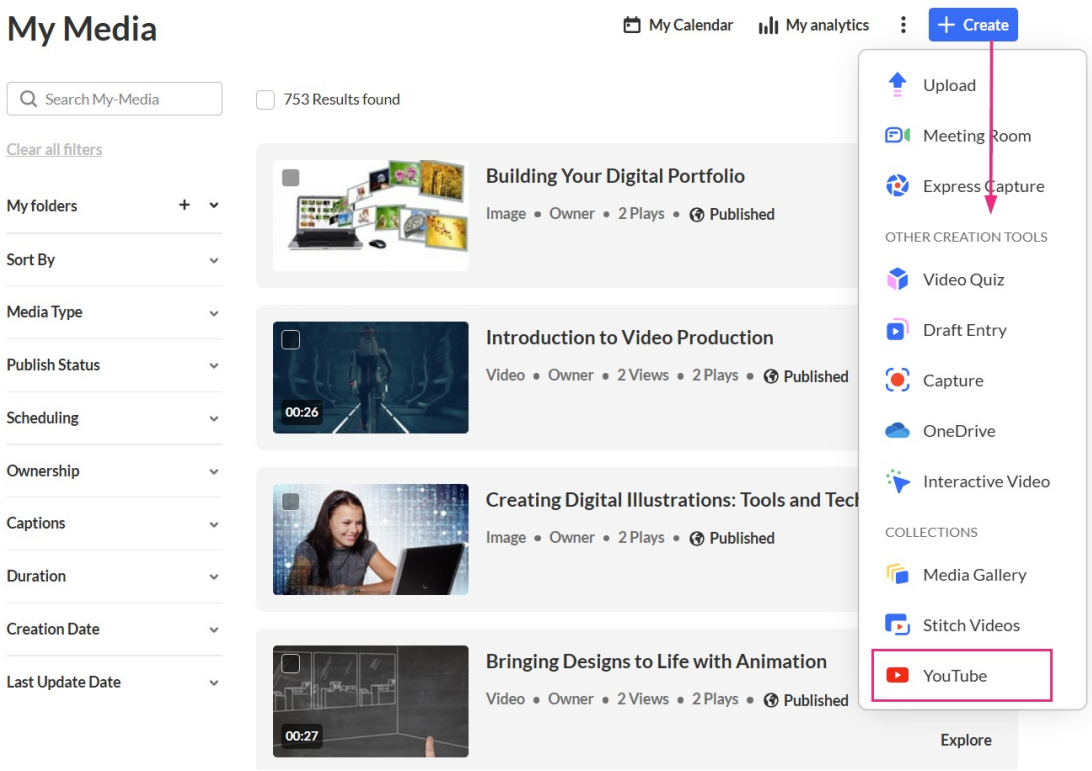
About

Add YouTube videos to your media library to enrich your LMS content using publicly available videos. This article explains how to import a YouTube video and what to expect after it’s added.

This feature requires the YouTube module to be enabled.

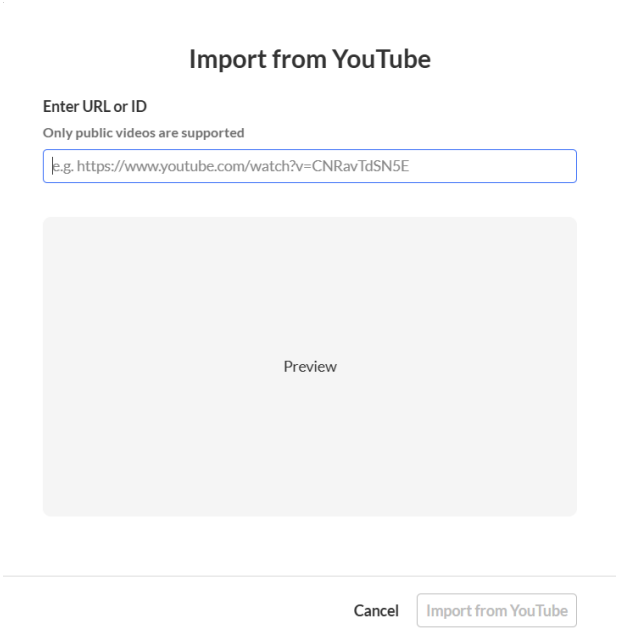
Add a YouTube video

1. Navigate to your **My Media** page.
2. Click the **+Create** menu and select **YouTube**.



The 'Import from YouTube' page displays.

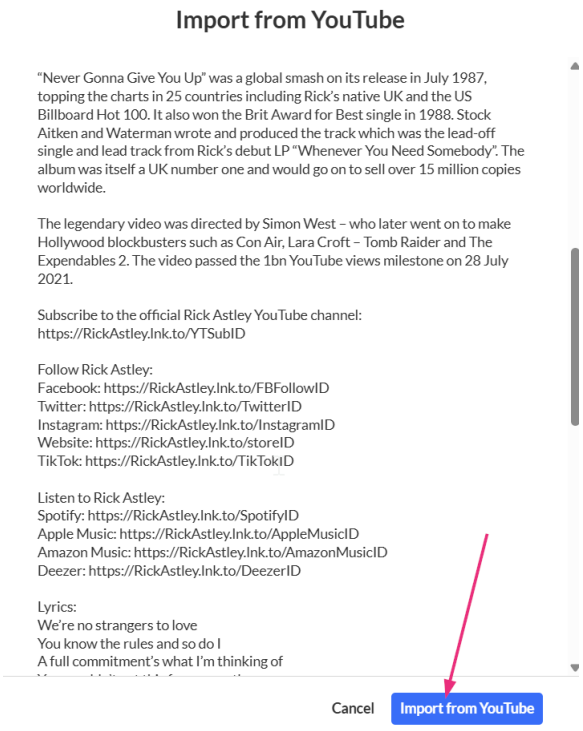
Copyright © 2025 Kaltura Inc. All Rights Reserved. Designated trademarks and brands are the property of their respective owners. Use of this document constitutes acceptance of the Kaltura Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.



3. Paste the YouTube link into the empty field.

>
> Only public domain videos are supported.

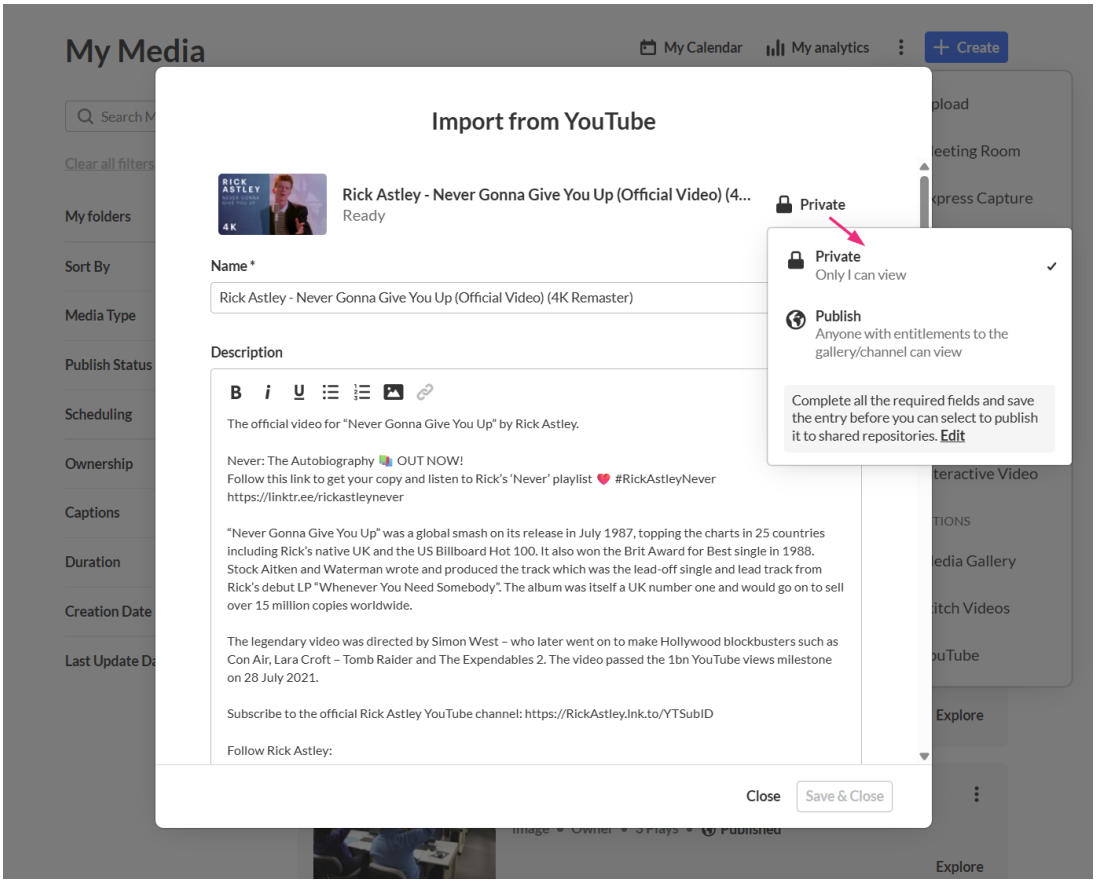
4. Click **Import from YouTube**.



5. Edit the name, description, and metadata as desired.

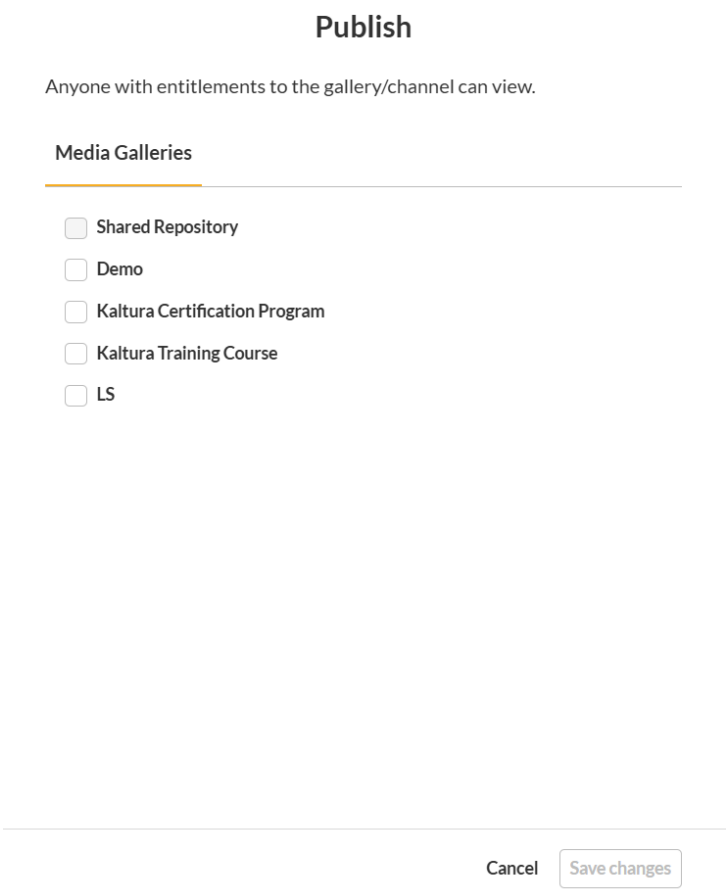
Copyright © 2025 Kaltura Inc. All Rights Reserved. Designated trademarks and brands are the property of their respective owners. Use of this document constitutes acceptance of the Kaltura Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.

6. Choose a **Publishing Status**, if desired.



If publishing, choose the publishing destination, then click **Save changes**.

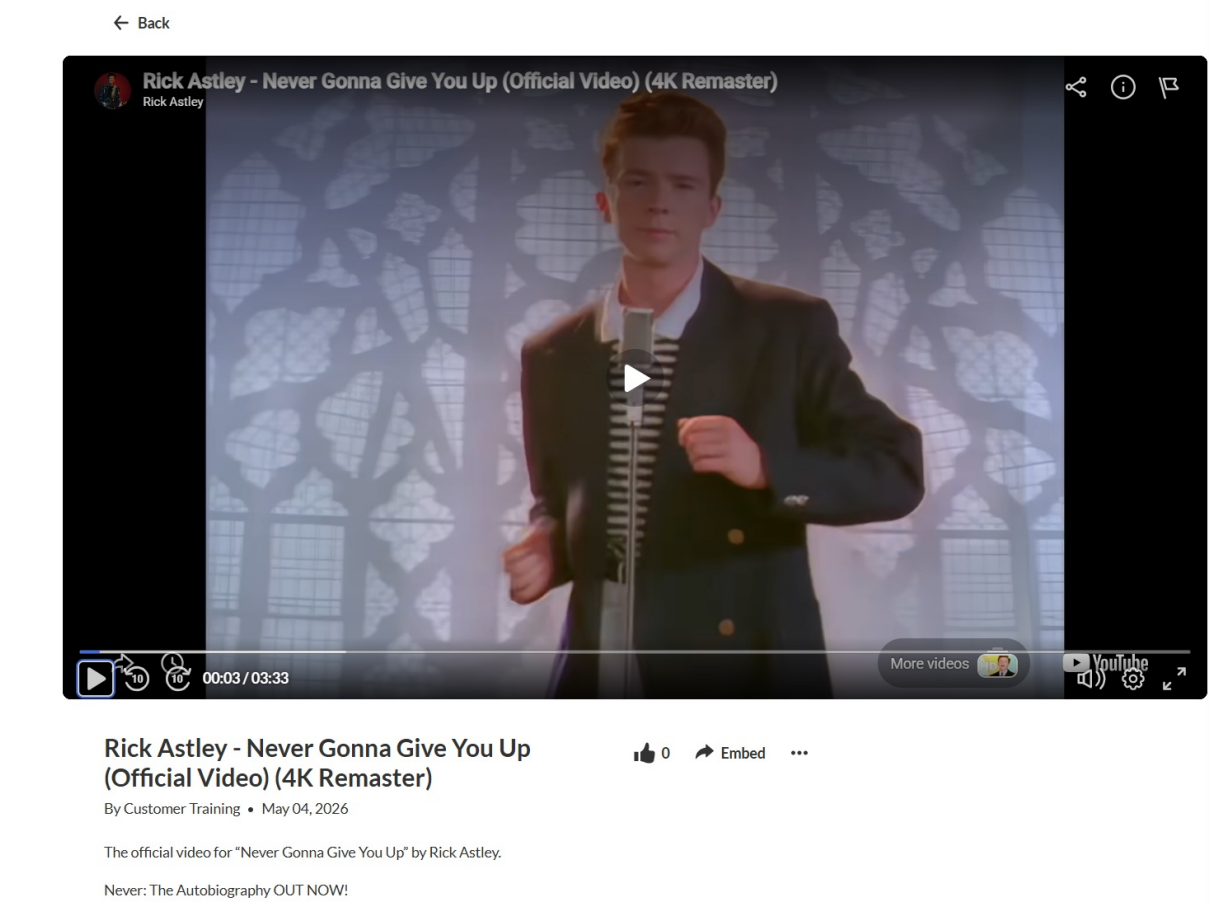
Copyright © 2025 Kaltura Inc. All Rights Reserved. Designated trademarks and brands are the property of their respective owners. Use of this document constitutes acceptance of the Kaltura Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.



7. When you're finished, click **Save & Close**.

   The media page opens.

Copyright © 2025 Kaltura Inc. All Rights Reserved. Designated trademarks and brands are the property of their respective owners. Use of this document constitutes acceptance of the Kaltura Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.



Always check the availability of imported YouTube videos. If a video is deleted or unpublished on YouTube, it won't play in your site and may display a loading indicator instead.

Analytics

YouTube videos linked to Kaltura via the YouTube module have their own analytics, tracking engagement within your LMS. These stats are separate from YouTube's playback analytics.

Captioning

If a YouTube video has captions, you might see overlapping captions with the Kaltura REACH captions. Check out Overlapping YouTube Captions to learn how to manage this.

The **v7 player** currently does not ingest captions from YouTube videos.

Copyright © 2025 Kaltura Inc. All Rights Reserved. Designated trademarks and brands are the property of their respective owners. Use of this document constitutes acceptance of the Kaltura Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.