

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

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About

Kaltura provides two ways to give access to media: **guest links** and **invite links**. While they 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 single link and share it however you like, via email, chat, or even social media. Anyone with the link can join by entering a name and email (no account needed).

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 join
- You don’t need to control who does what



Think of it as: “Here’s the link - anyone can join.”

Invite links – controlled access for specific people

Use invite links when you need to **invite specific users and control their role**.

Each link is tied to a particular email address, so only that person can use it. You can also decide what they’re allowed to do, whether that’s just viewing, or taking on a more active role like moderator or speaker.

This is useful when:

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



Think of it as: “You control who gets in and how they participate.”

Access the features

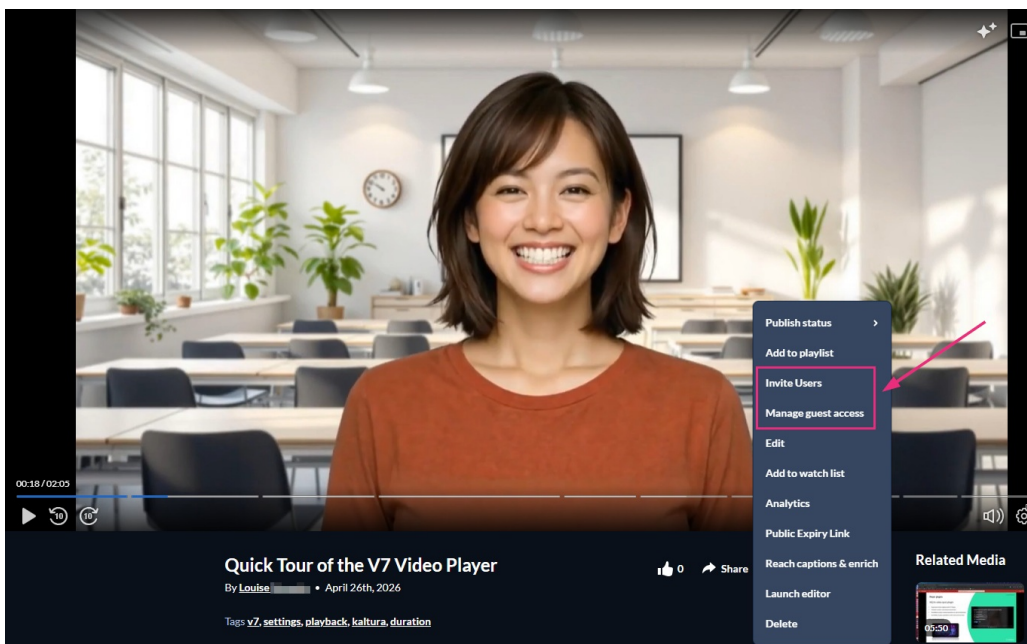
You can access guest links and invite links from standalone media, [Kaltura Rooms](#), [channel room](#) sessions, and [media gallery](#) room sessions.

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

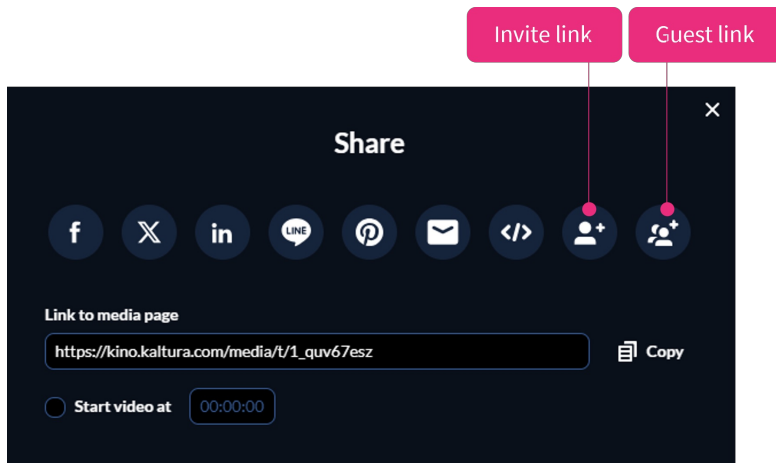
Three-dot menu

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



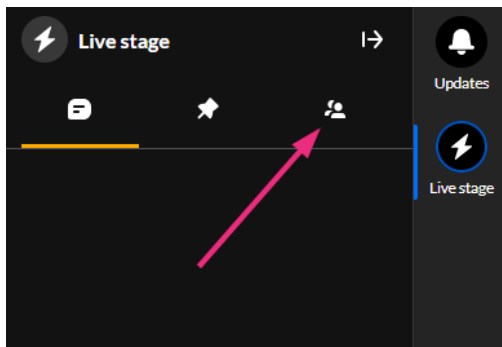
Share button

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

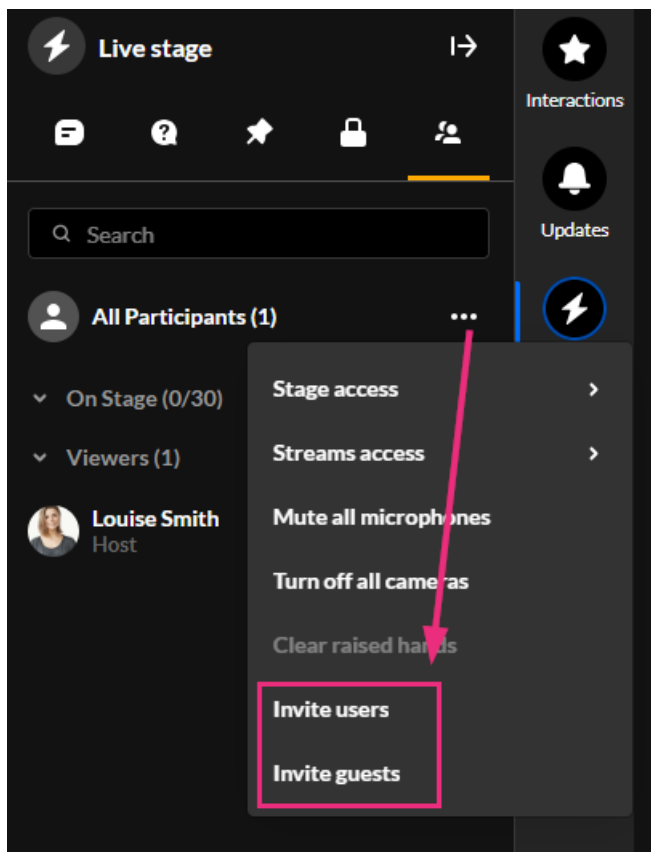


From the Participants tab during a live session

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



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](#)

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

- [Invite users to access media in Content Hubs](#)
- [Share an invite link to join your Kaltura Room.](#)