# Get started as a moderator in a live session

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This article is designated for moderators

## About

As a **moderator**, you have tools to manage conversations, interactions, and participants during a live session. The tools available depend on the session type, your assigned permissions, and the account configuration.

This article introduces the main moderator tools and helps you find the right workflow.

## Manage conversations and interactions

Use the engagement panel to manage session activity, including:

- **Group chat and Q&A** – Moderate messages and questions.
- **Interactions** – Create and manage polls and other interactions.
- **Feed** – Manage pinned items and published interactions.
- **Updates** – Send notifications to participants.
- **Backchannel** – Chat privately with other moderators and speakers.

## Manage participants

For live sessions that include a Kaltura Room, moderators can also manage participants and the live stage. Depending on your permissions, you can:

- Manage participants during the session
- Control stage access
- Assign moderator and speaker roles
- Manage participant permissions
- Create and send access links

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