

## Order OCR in Blackboard

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 This article is designated for all users.

### About

**OCR (Optical Character Recognition)** makes it easy to search for text within a video, like titles, slide content, labels on graphs, or other on-screen text.

This helps students and employees quickly find what they're looking for, improving productivity and saving time.



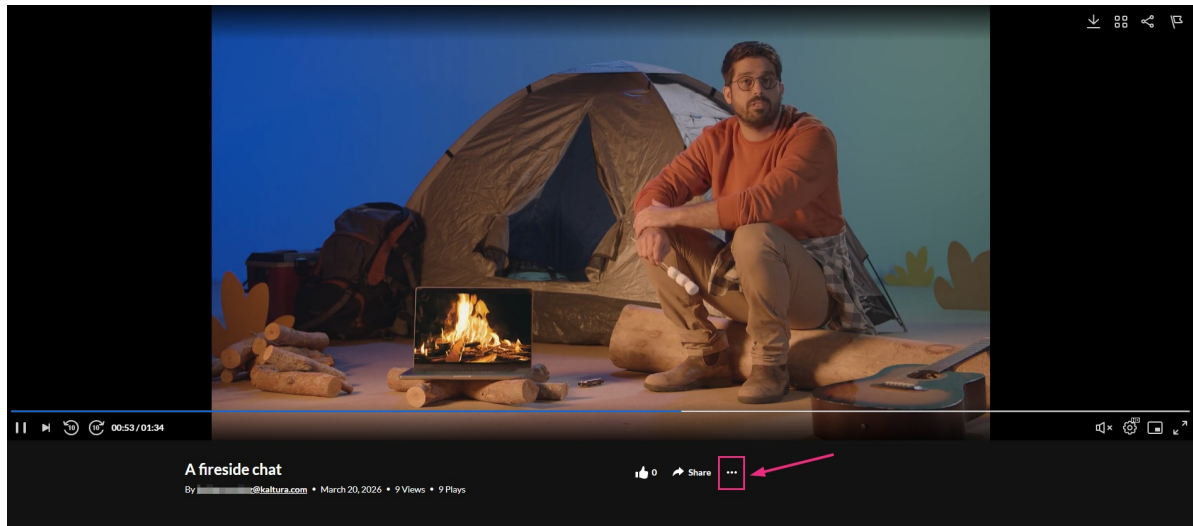
For OCR functionality to work, [REACH services](#) must be enabled on the account.



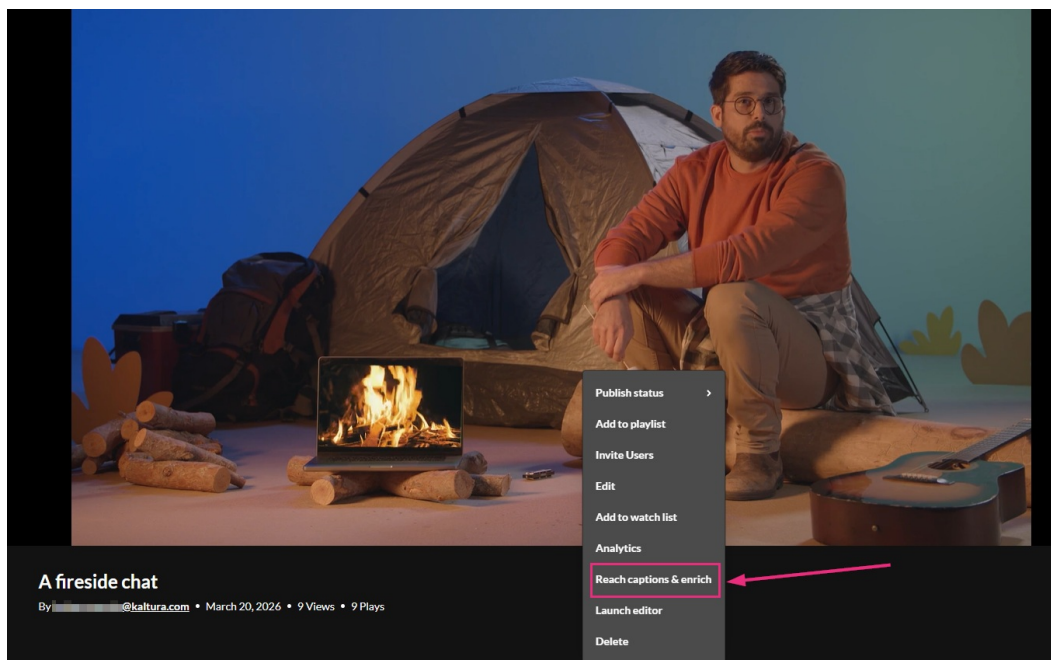
Want OCR to be ordered automatically? Check out our article [Create captioning & enrichment rules in Rich Media CMS](#).

### Order OCR

1. Open the media page for the desired video, then click the **three dots** below the player.



2. From the menu options, select **Reach captions & enrich**.



The **Reach captions & enrich** window displays.

### Reach captions & enrich

Order Captions

**Feature**  
Captions

**Service type**  
Machine

**Source media language**  
English

**Turnaround time**  
30 minutes

Close
Order

- In the **Feature** drop-down menu, select **OCR**.

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- Click **Order** (bottom right).

A confirmation message displays: *Your request has been received. Your video will automatically be updated upon completion.*

Click **Back** to view your order as well as any other existing orders.

| Reach captions & enrich |              |          |                   |             |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Language                | Service type | Feature  | Request Date      | Status      | Actions                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Auto-Detect             | Machine      | Captions | October 3rd, 2025 | ● Completed |                                                                                      |
| English                 | Machine      | OCR      | October 3rd, 2025 | ● Pending   |   |

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## Request status types

OCR requests can have the following statuses:

- **Pending** - The request is being created
- **Processing** - Sent to the vendor and the vendor received the request
- **Ready** - OCR is complete
- **Error** - The request failed; error details are included
- **Aborted** - The request was canceled

Hover over the **information icon (i)** next to the request to display details.

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| Auto-Detect             | Machine      | Captions | October 3rd, 2025 | ● Completed                                                                                                 |  |
| English                 | Machine      | OCR      | October 3rd, 2025 | <div> Task ID: 571667513<br/> Requester: louise.<br/> Feature: OCR<br/> Turnaround time: Best Effort </div> |                                                                                       |

## Cancel a request

You can cancel pending requests by clicking the **trash can icon** next to the request.

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A confirmation message displays. Click 'Yes' to confirm.

If you try to delete a request that's already in progress, a message displays: *The request is already in progress, therefore cannot be canceled.*

## OCR language support

- OCR is optimized for Latin-based characters, numbers, and common symbols (e.g., @, #, \$, %).
- Non-Latin scripts may be partially supported:
  - Chinese, Japanese, Korean: Works best with printed text in standard fonts.
  - Arabic, Hindi, and others: Accuracy may vary and is not explicitly supported.