

# Roles and permissions for Live Studio sessions in Blackboard

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 This article is designated for all users.

## About

Live Studio uses role-based permissions to determine who can access Studio view and what they can do during a session.

Everyone opens the session using the same link. Live Studio recognizes each person's role and automatically directs them to Studio view or Attendee view.

Available access and controls also depend on the session type:

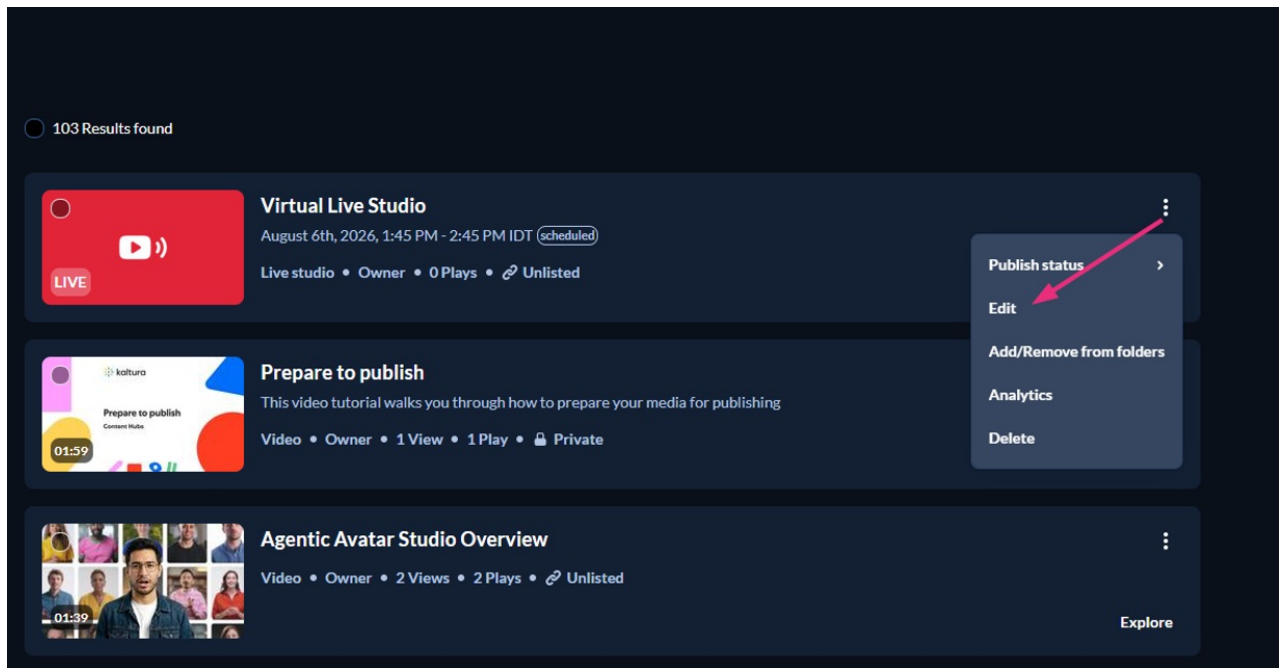
- **Virtual studio broadcast** – Uses the full Kaltura Room experience for sessions with one or more speakers.
- **External broadcast** – Uses a simplified Studio experience for monitoring and managing a stream supplied by an external RTMP encoder.

## Assign and manage roles

Roles are assigned and managed from the [session's edit page](#). You can access the session's edit media page from My Media or directly from the session page.

### Access the edit page from My Media

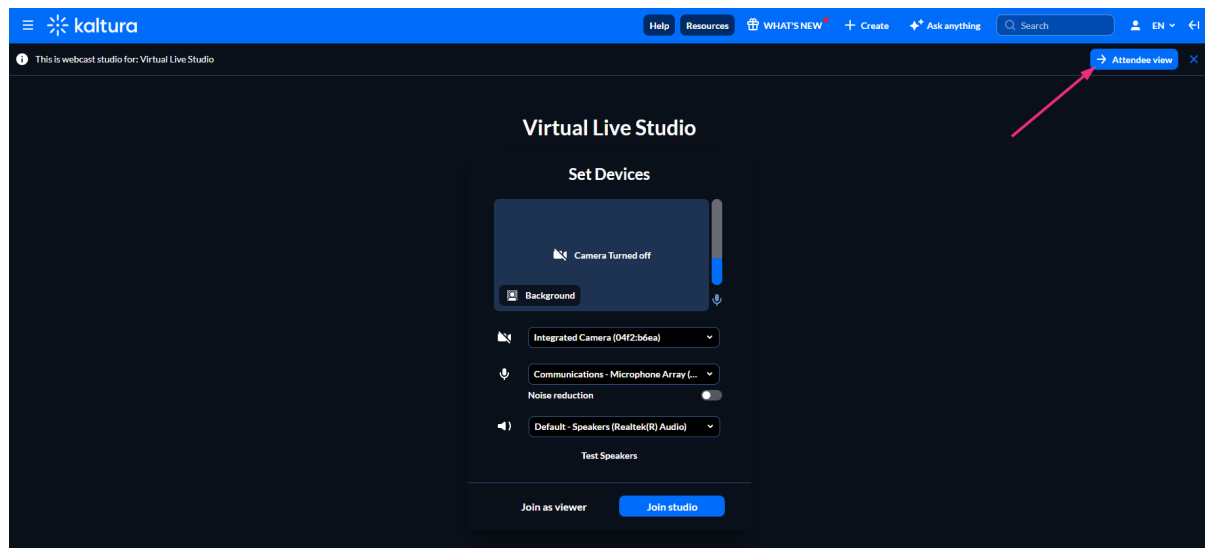
In **My Media**, locate the Live Studio entry, click the **three dots** to the right and select **Edit** from the menu options.



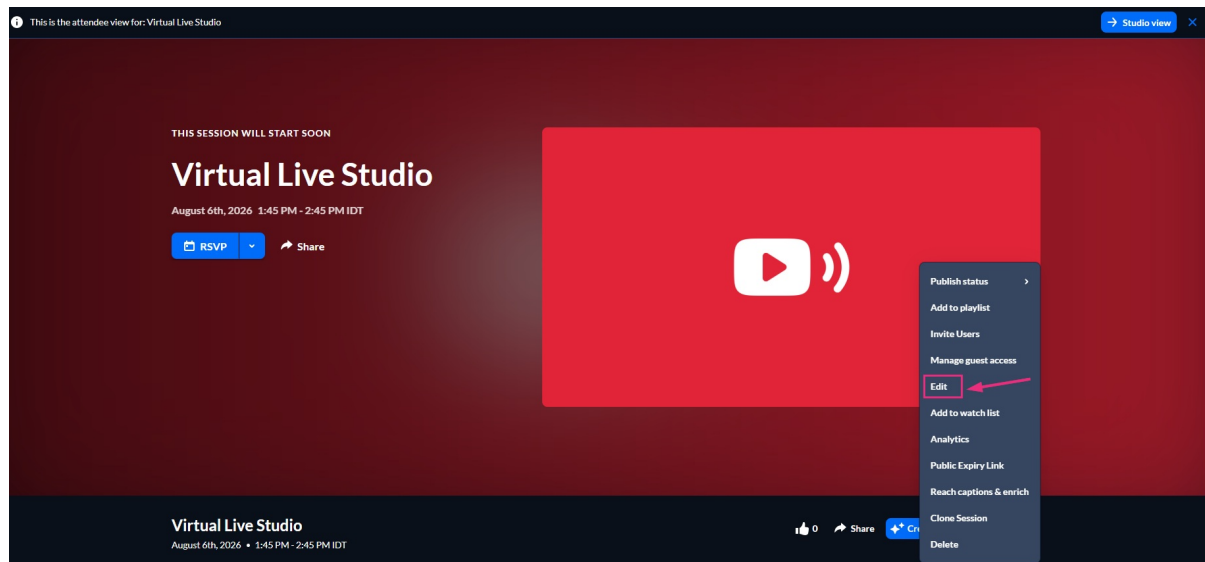
## Access the edit page from the session page

1. Open the Live Studio session.

Make sure you're in **Attendee view**. If you're in Studio view, use the blue button at the top of the page to switch views.



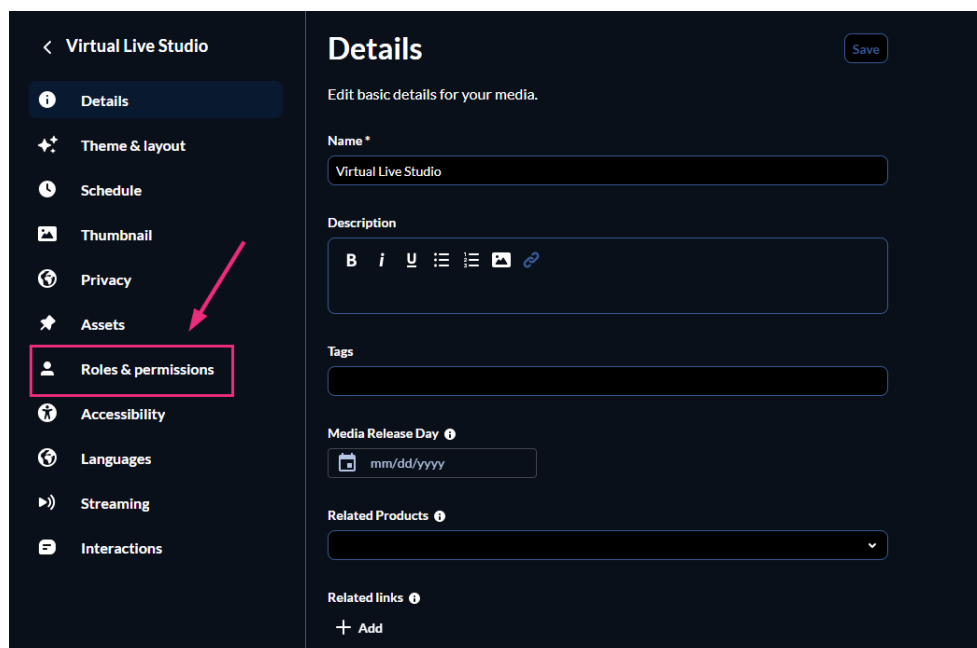
2. Click the **three dots** at the lower right of the screen and select **Edit** from the menu options.



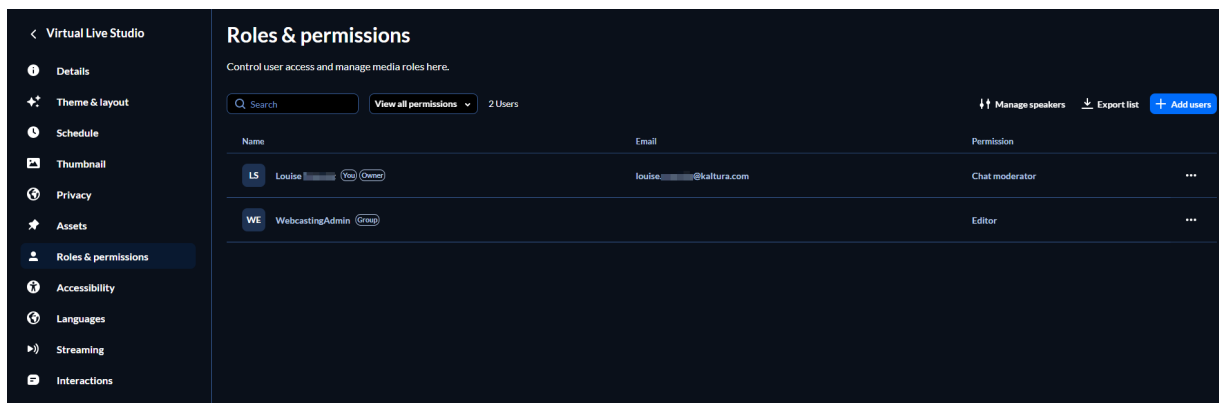
The edit media page displays with the **Details** tab selected by default.

## Assign roles

1. On the edit page, click the **Roles & Permissions** tab.



The Roles & Permissions page displays.



2. Add collaborators, Room moderators, Chat moderators, and speakers as needed.

Room moderator and Chat moderator are separate roles. Assign both roles to users who need to manage the session as well as moderate chat and Q&A.



For more information, see:

- [Manage media roles and permissions](#)
- [Add and manage speakers](#)

## Compare roles and permissions

The following table shows the permissions provided directly by each role. Users assigned more than one role receive the combined permissions of those roles.

| Role             | Enter Studio view | Manage broadcast or session | Moderate chat and Q&A                | Edit session settings | Notes                                                           |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Owner</b>     | Yes               | Yes                         | Yes                                  | Yes                   | External broadcast sessions open in the simplified Studio view. |
| <b>Co-editor</b> | Yes               | Yes                         | Only if also assigned Chat moderator | Yes                   | External broadcast sessions open in the simplified Studio view. |
| <b>Admin</b>     | Yes               | Yes                         | Based on admin permissions           | Yes                   | Access may depend on the admin role and site configuration.     |

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Room moderator</b>           | Yes                                  | <b>Virtual:</b> Manage the session.<br><b>External:</b> Preview or monitor the stream. | Only if also assigned Chat moderator | No                    | Only one moderator can be in Studio view during an External broadcast session. |
| <b>Speaker</b>                  | Virtual studio broadcast only        | No                                                                                     | No                                   | No                    | External broadcasts don't have an in-studio Speaker role.                      |
| <b>Chat moderator</b>           | Only if also assigned Room moderator | No                                                                                     | Yes                                  | No                    | The Chat moderator role alone doesn't provide Studio or room controls.         |
| <b>Co-publisher / Co-viewer</b> | No                                   | No                                                                                     | No                                   | No                    | Joins through Attendee view.                                                   |
| <b>Attendee</b>                 | No                                   | No                                                                                     | No                                   | No                    | Watches and participates through Attendee view.                                |