

Move your Video Portal to the Theming design system

A step-by-step guide

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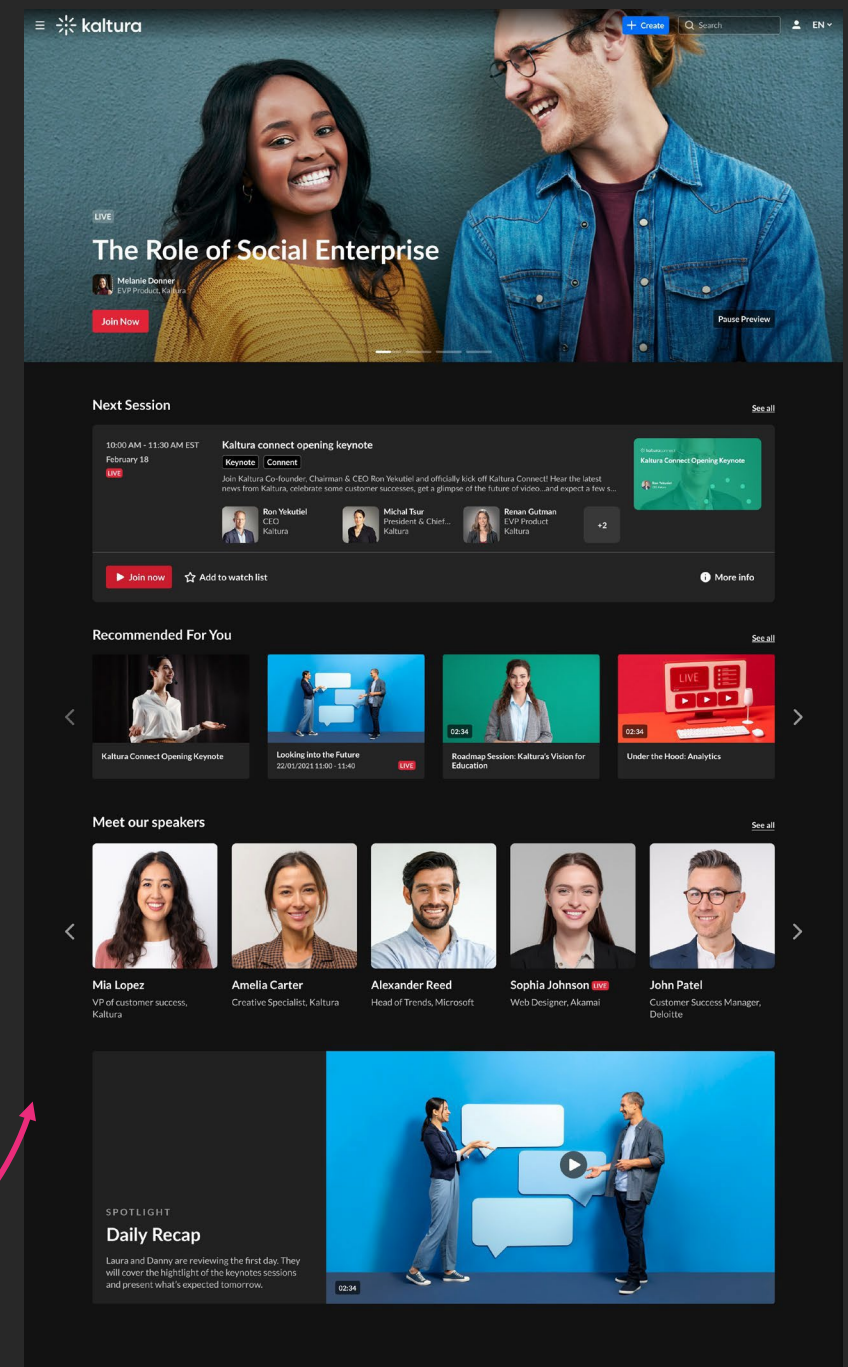
What's Theming?

Theming introduces a centralized design system for your site. Instead of customizing individual pages or using custom CSS, your site's layout and branding can be managed in one place.

Key points:

- Built on a modular system of reusable components
- Applies styles (colors, fonts, button shape) across your entire site
- Supports new page types and layouts
- No need for custom CSS
- Scales easily as your site grows or changes

Theming homepage built from modular sections like hero banner, playlists, and group of speakers



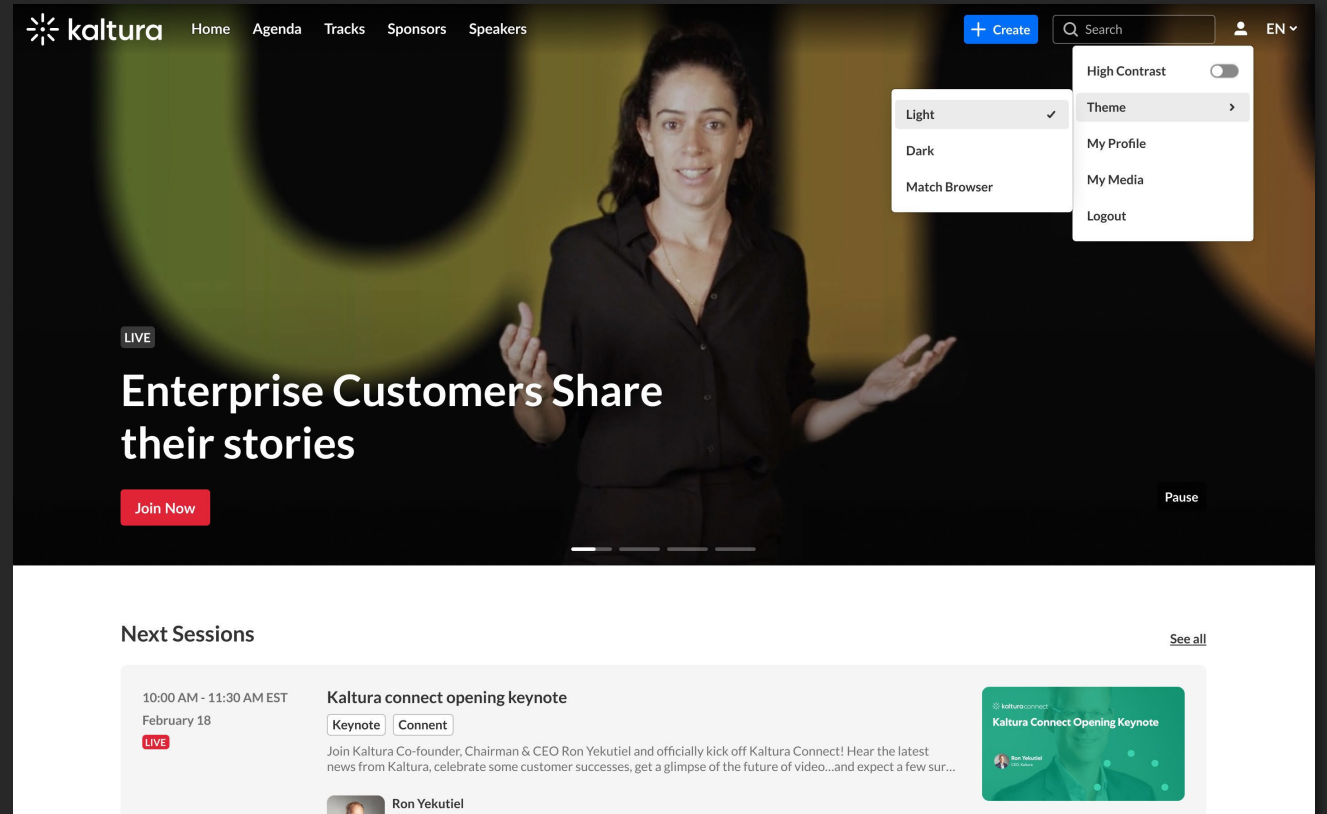
Why switch to Theming?

Theming isn't just a new look — it makes your site easier to manage and better for your users.

With the Theming design system, you get:

- A clean, modern layout on every page
- Mobile-friendly, fully responsive design
- Improved accessibility
- Faster configuration with one centralized theme
- A consistent experience across your entire site

All this with no CSS!



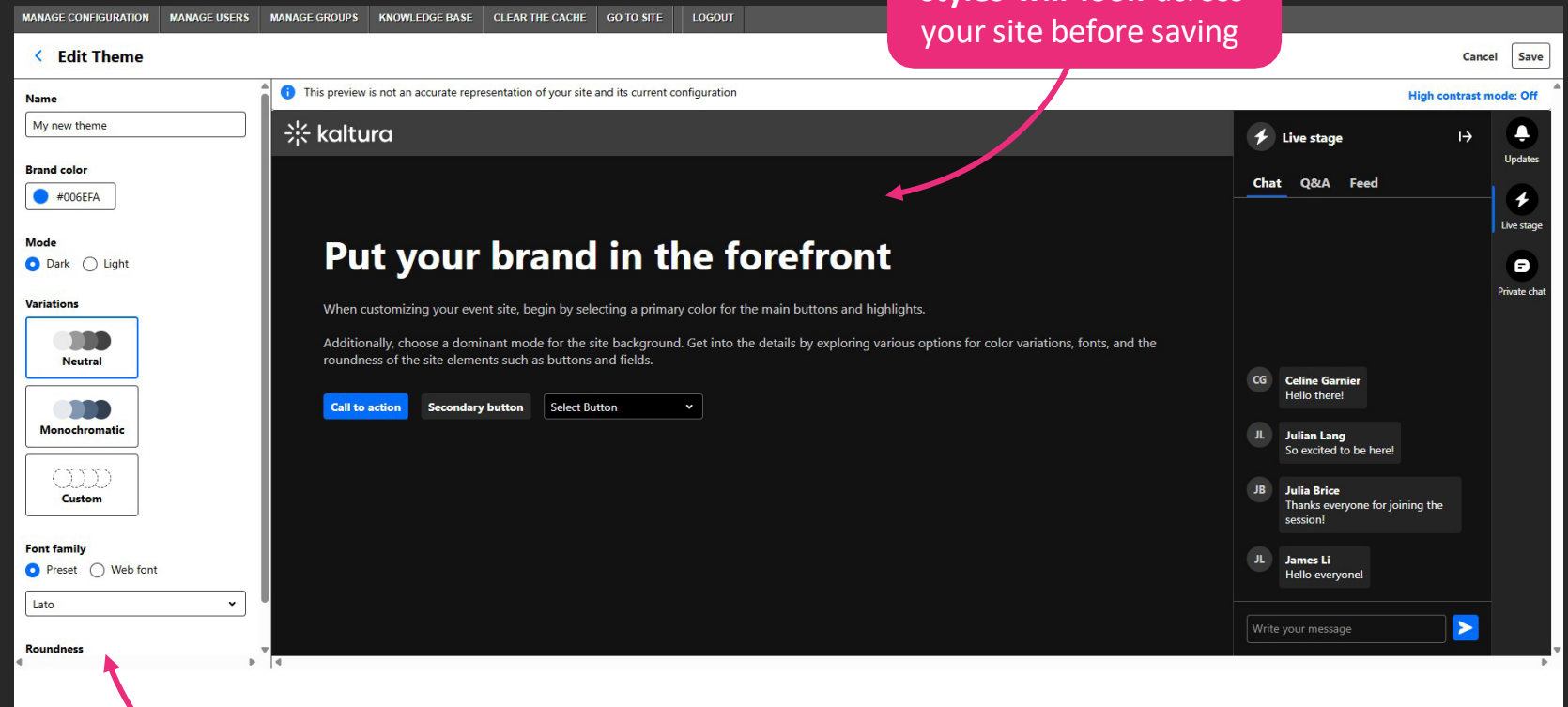
Brand your site: Theme Builder

The Theming design system comes with a built-in Theme Builder — a simple way to apply your branding across all pages without writing a single line of code.

You can use it to:

- Choose your site's colors and fonts
- Adjust button shapes and UI roundness
- Preview your changes before saving

Once you apply a theme, your entire site adopts the new look automatically.



Set up Theming in five steps

There's so much you can do with Theming, but you only need these five basics to get started!

Choose a theme

In the Theming module, pick a built-in Light or Dark theme to give your site an instant refresh.

Preview your site

Use the Preview option to see your selected pages with the new theme - visible only to you.

Upgrade to V7 player

Theming only works with Kaltura's V7 player so make sure you upgrade first.

Select the pages you want

In the Features section of the Theming module, turn on pages you want, like Channels, My Media.

Build your homepage

Use Theming's modular components to create a branded, content-rich homepage.

Pages supported by Theming:

(Click any page below to open the full how-to article in Kaltura's Knowledge Center)

Media management:

- [Upload media](#)
- [Single media](#)
- [My Media](#)
- [My Playlists](#)

User experience:

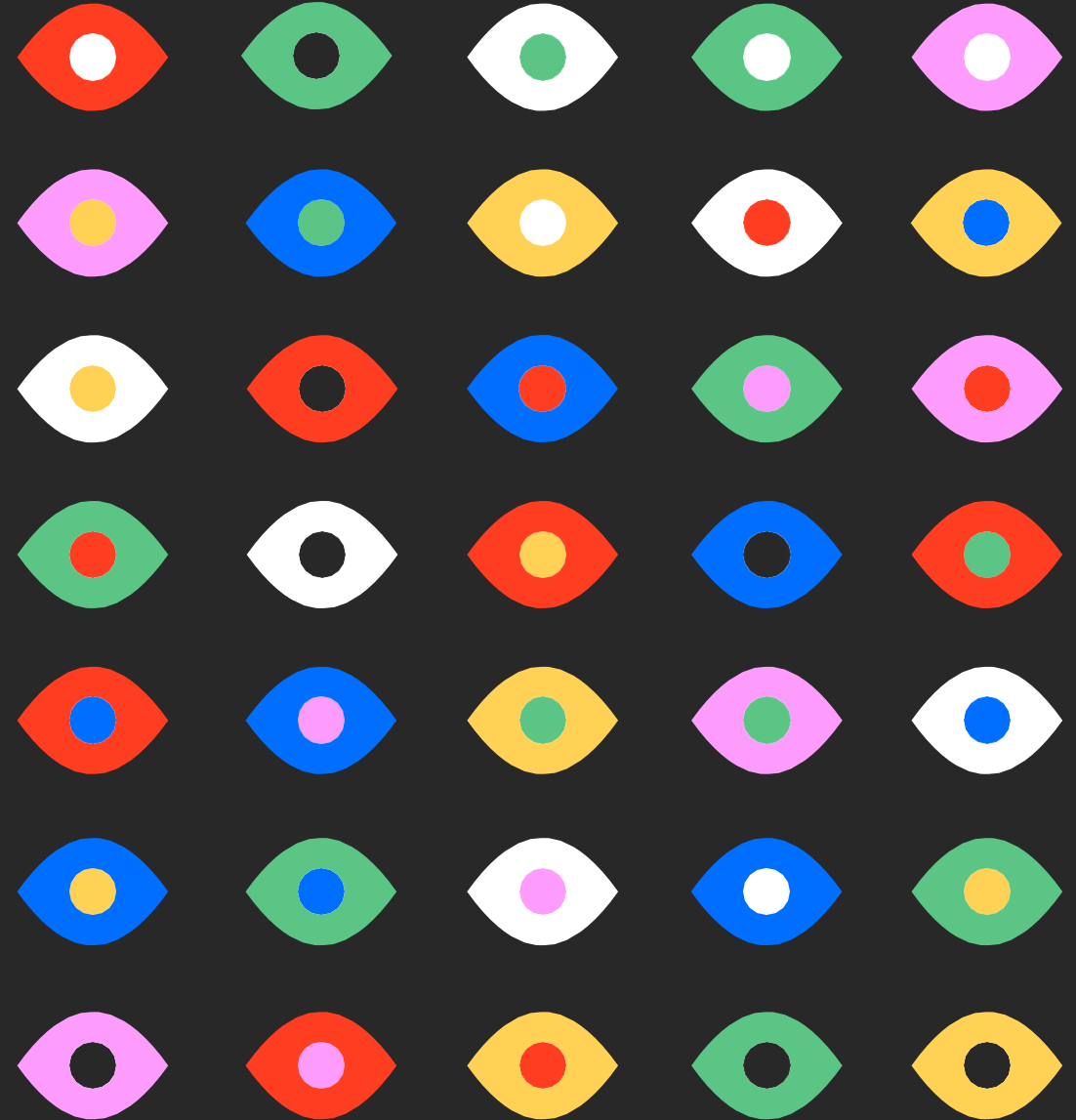
- [My Profile](#)
- [Login page](#)
- [Group page](#)

Navigation & discovery:

- [Gallery page](#)
- [Channels page](#)
- [Channel collections](#)
- [Global search](#)
- [List page](#)

Custom & re-usable pages:

- [Homepage](#)
- [Custom pages](#)
- [Template pages](#)



Explore some pages:

My Media page

- Card-based layout
- Bulk actions for publishing, deleting, and more
- Quick access to edit, analytics, and more via three-dot menu
- 'Explore' panel shows extra details without leaving the page

The screenshot displays the 'My Media' page in the Kaltura interface. The top navigation bar includes the Kaltura logo, a search bar, and a user profile icon. The main content area is titled 'My Media' and shows a list of media items. On the left, there are filters for 'Sort by' (Relevance, Creation date, Update date, A to Z, Views, Plays, Likes, Comments, Webcast start date, Webcast end date) and 'Media type' (All media, Video, Quiz, Audio, Room, Image, Webcasting events). The media items are displayed in a card-based layout, each with a thumbnail, title, description, and metadata. The first item is 'Enterprise customer tell their story' (VOD, Owner, 1,4 K Plays, Published). The second is 'Digital transformation: empowering ente...' (Audio, Co-publisher, 124 Plays, Unlisted, Published). The third is 'Navigating cybersecurity challenges: stra...' (Quiz, Co-editor, 321 Plays, Published). The fourth is 'People first approach: building a resilient...' (Image, Group co-publisher, Owner, 0 Views...). The fifth is 'Corporate marketing: key objectives' (Image, Group co-publisher, Owner, 0 Views...). On the right, there is a detailed view of the 'Enterprise customer tell their story' item, showing a video player, a 'Go to media' button, and a description by Eric Grant, dated September 12, 2022. The detailed view also includes tags for 'Enterprise customers', 'Videos stories', 'Customer success', 'Marketing behavior', and 'Customer first feedback'.

Explore some pages:

Single media page

- Clean layout with video front and center
- Easy access to share, edit, publish, and captions
- Speaker bios, channel context, and metadata all in one place

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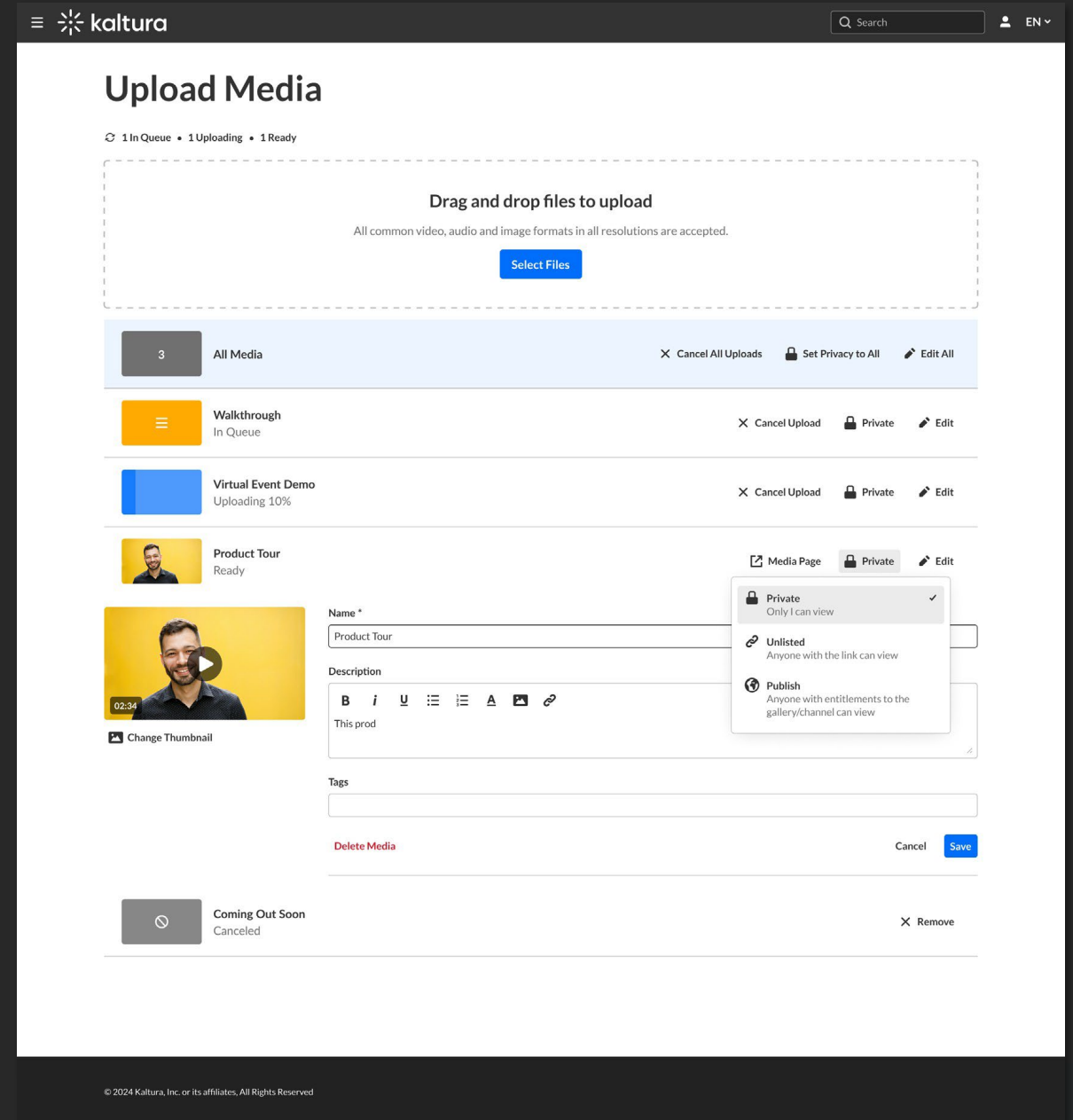
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Explore some pages:

Upload media page

- Sleek design for drag-and- drop uploads
- Upload multiple files of any type or size
- Edit metadata and publish in bulk during upload
- See progress and status for each file in real time

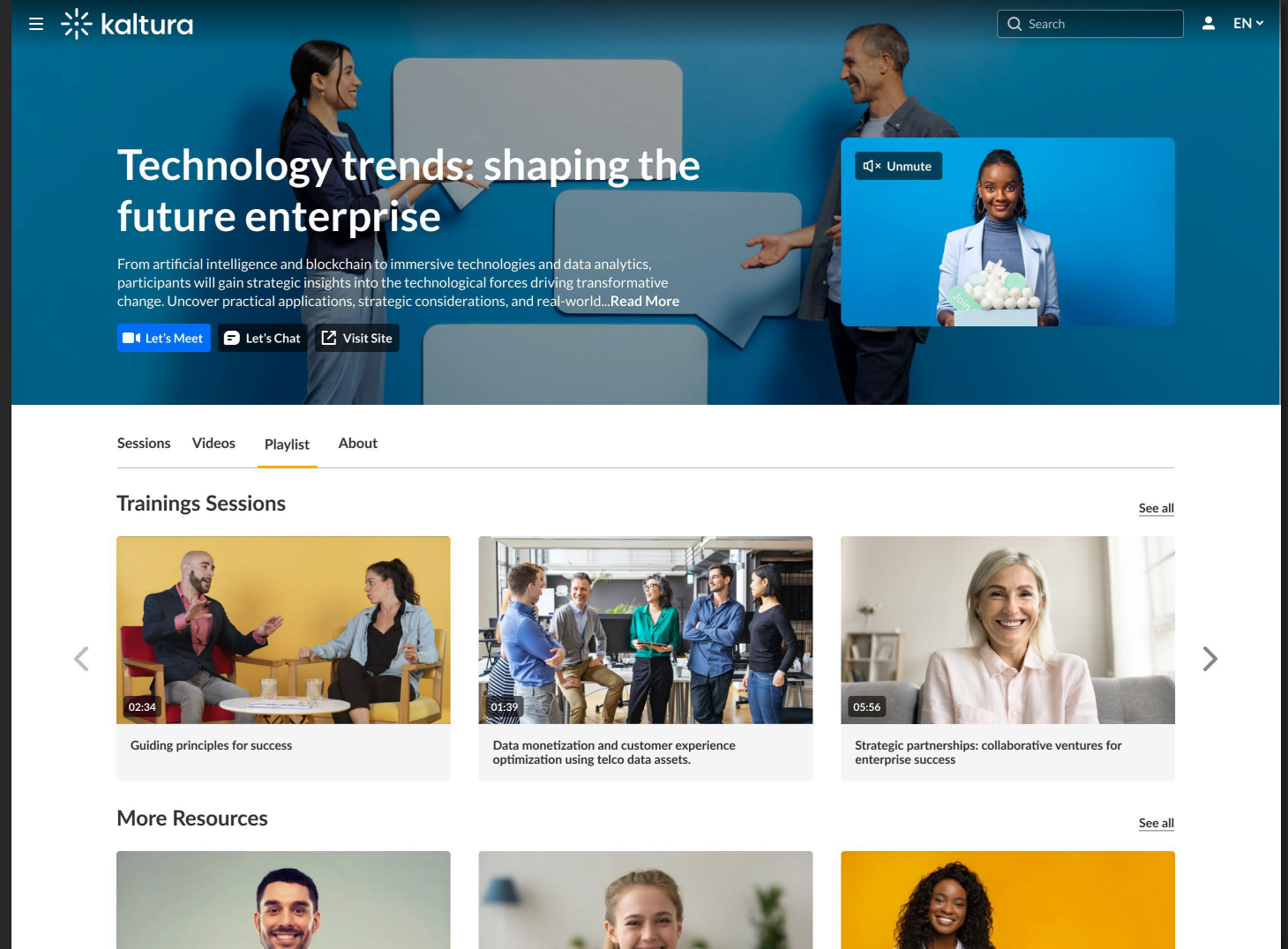
Note: To use the Upload Media page, make sure the **Uploadmedia module** is enabled in addition to enabling Theming.



Explore some pages:

Channels page

- Channel cards with media count, member/subscriber info, and quick actions
- Filters by membership role and channel type
- Sorting by creation date, media count, update date, and more



How to enable Theming

To get started, just go to the **Theming module** in the Configuration Management console. Flip the switch to “Yes” and choose a built-in theme - easy!

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Configuration Management

Search Configuration

Server Tools

- Backup Configuration
- Player replacement tool

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Theming

Module Info

Description

This module provides admins with a unique set of features and pages and with the ability to theme them. Using this module, admin can create different themes to the site using a theme builder and test and preview them before enabling it on the site. Some pages are theming based only and cannot be used without the module turned on, while other can be flipped between the non-theming and the theming based UI, based on the settings in the features section below.

The following list display the relevant theme based pages and features available for the admin:

- **Custom Pages** module
- **Template Pages** module
- **Help Page** module
- **Personal Profile** module
- **Footer** module
- **List Page** module
- **Login** module
- **Upload Media** module
- **Channel Theming UI** module
- **Channel Collections** module
- **Playlist Page** module
- **Search** module
- **Groups Page** module

Note

KMS and KAF Module. Enabling the module will set a different look and feel for the site's header. KMS instances with custom CSS or styling, please contact your Kaltura representative.

enabled Yes ▾ Enable the theming module. Required for preview as well.

CurrentTheme Default Light Theme ▾ Select a theme for your site. Once selected, it will affect all pages that are marked with "yes" in the features section. Custom themes can be created and edited in the Themes section below.

UserModeSelection Yes ▾ Select 'Yes' to allow users to switch between predefined themes (Light, Dark, or Match Browser). Select 'No' to have a single theme applied to all users. Note: This is a KMS only field.

Activate themed pages

Next, pick which pages you want to use with Theming.

Just flip the toggle to “Yes” for each one you want to activate, like Media Page, My Media, Channels, and more.

💡 The **Header** feature is required for Theming. If you leave it set to “No,” your site will display different headers on different pages.

Set **header** to “Yes” (needed for all Theming pages)

Turn on pages here

Selected theme in the Current Theme field. The layout and design will be applied to all users, and be affected by the theme. Keep a feature set to No to be able to preview it before enabling using the Preview feature, as the 'Preview' feature will show all pages as if they are set to Yes.

NOTE: Some theming based pages and features won't be shown in the list if they are not enabled (see module description for more details).

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header	Yes ▾	Keeping it set to No will result in different headers in different pages on the site.
login	No ▾	Configured from the login section
mediapage	Yes ▾	Turn on the theming based media page design for all types of media, including draft, video, audio, image, ivq, live, kwel case, interactive (path), meeting rooms, and playlist. Note: Only player v7 is supported on these pages. Please make sure to update all players to the v7 player version.
globalsearch	Yes ▾	Turn on the theming based global search page.
playlistsgid	No ▾	Turn on the theming based playlist grid page design. Note: Only player v7 is supported on this page. Please make sure to update your playlist player to the v7 player version from the playlistPage module.
mymedia	Yes ▾	Turn on the theming based my-media page design.
allchannels	No ▾	Configured from the channels module.
mychannels	Yes ▾	Configured from the channels module.
createchannel	Yes ▾	Enables the Theming-based Create Channel modal
gallerypage	Yes ▾	Turn on the theming based gallery page. The page can be configured from the gallery module
createplaylist	Yes ▾	Enables the Theming-based Create Playlist
myplaylists	Yes ▾	Turn on the theming based my-playlists page.

Build your homepage

Your homepage is the first place visitors land, and it sets the tone for their experience.

With Kaltura's pre-built components, you can easily build a homepage that's both functional and engaging.

Use our guide, **Set up a homepage with Theming**, to configure your homepage. It walks you through enabling the right modules, creating template and custom pages, and setting navigation.

The image shows just **some** of the components you can mix and match to fit your needs

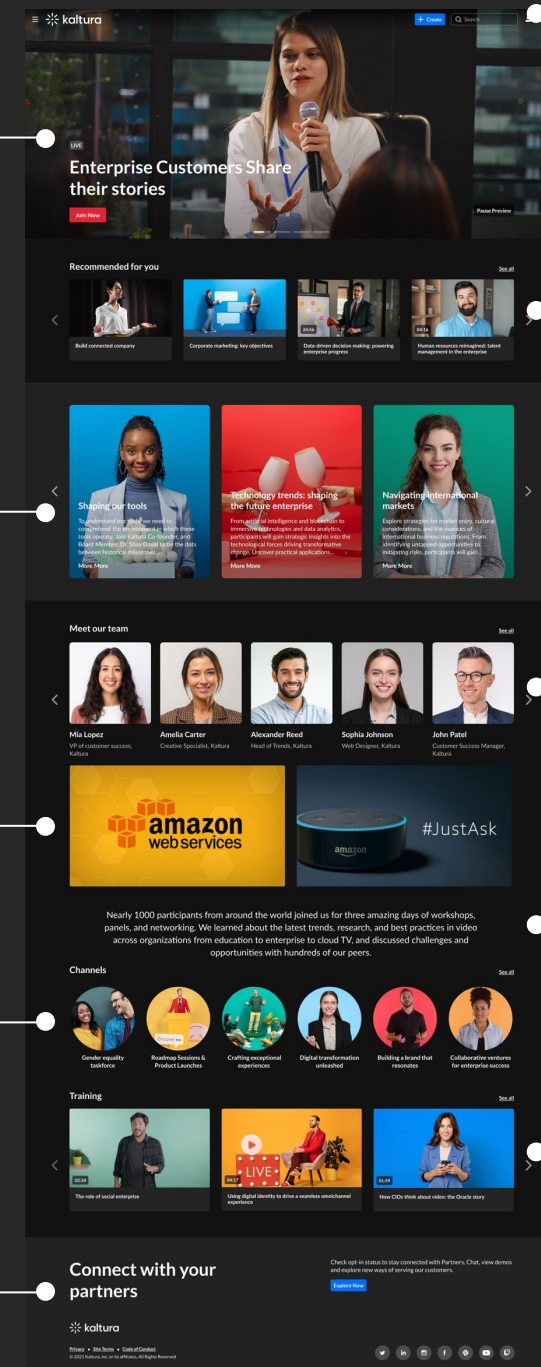
Hero unit – choose from a dynamic **player carousel** or a **text & counter**

News items lead to articles

Clickable images with hyperlinks

Channel collection to explore channels

Spacious **footer** for links, logos, and more



Slim, sleek **navigation bar**

Playlist carousel with 4 thumbnails

Group page to showcase members

Plain text for messages (HTML supported)

Playlist carousel with 3 thumbnails

Tips for a smooth transition

- ✓ **Confirm you're using the V7 player** – Theming only works with the V7 player, so make sure you've upgraded before enabling any themed pages.
- ✓ **Start small** - Begin by enabling the **Header** (required for Theming). Then add just a few more elements, such as the footer, login page, or My Media.
- ✓ **Communicate with your team** - Let users know what's changing and where.
- ✓ **Double-check custom workflows** – Some of your previous CSS might need to be adjusted.
- ✓ **Use the Preview mode** - Safely explore how your site will look before publishing changes to users.



Roadmap & what's next

Theming is being rolled out in phases. Some pages and features are still in progress and will be released in upcoming updates.

👉 For the latest status, subscribe to the [Video Portal Release Notes](#).

👉 To understand current limitations and how to plan around them, see our [Gap Analysis](#) article.

Need help? Visit the [Knowledge Center](#) or contact your Kaltura representative.

