

Kaui User Guide

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PART 1

What Is Kauai?

"Kauai" (KAUI) stands for Kill (Bill) Admin User Interface. We think "Kauai" is easier on the eyes than "KAUI."

Kauai is a user interface for Kill Bill. You can use Kauai to perform all sorts of back office tasks related to customer accounts. You can also use Kauai to perform more advanced tasks.

What You Can Do in Kauai

In Kauai, users can perform basic tasks, such as:

- Create a customer account
- Generate a customer invoice
- Cancel a subscription

However, Kauai can also help advanced users perform tasks, for example:

- Adding a plugin to Kill Bill
- Managing Kill Bill users
- Creating tags or custom fields

These are just a handful of the tasks you can accomplish with Kauai. For a full list, see the Table of Contents at the beginning of this guide.

How to Use This Guide

Part 1 explains how Kauai is organized and how to perform basic customer service tasks, such as creating accounts, invoices, and so forth. It's appropriate for back office staff, such as those working in customer service, product management, and finance.

To quickly find what you're looking for, you can use the *Table of Contents* or our [FAQs](#) section.

Part 2 explains advanced features of Kauai, for example: customer fields, tags, extensions, and more. It's appropriate for Kill Bill administrators and software developers.

About Screenshots

The screenshots displayed in this guide may differ from what you see on your Kauai screen. That's because your user permissions control what features you can access (i.e., what you see on the screen).

Other Learning Resources

Glossary

Some of the terms may have a slightly different meaning from your previous encounters with them. For that reason, we encourage you to review the following terms in the *Kill Bill Glossary*:

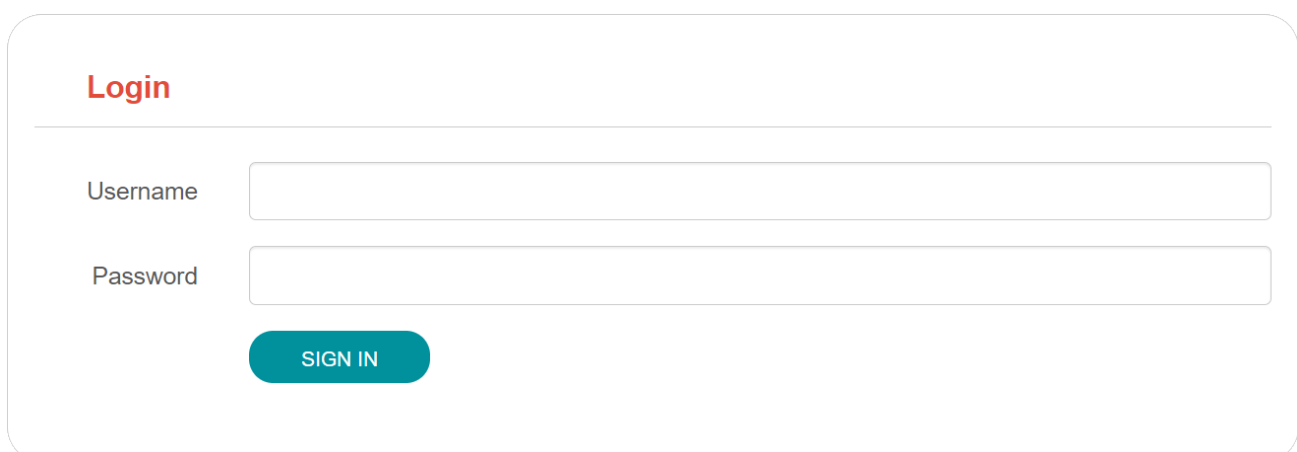
Account | External Key | Parent | Payment Method | Subscription | Tag | Tenant | User

Videos

We regularly add new overviews and tutorials to [our YouTube videos](#), so check in from time to time.

Log In and Log Out

To log in to Kauai, type in your username and password, then select the **Sign In** button.

A screenshot of a login form. At the top left, the word "Login" is written in red. Below it, there are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". The "Username" field is a simple text box. The "Password" field is a text box with a small eye icon on the right side to toggle visibility. Below the password field is a teal-colored button with the text "SIGN IN" in white, uppercase letters.

If your organization uses more than one Kill Bill tenant, select the tenant from the dropdown and select the **Save** button:

Choose Tenant

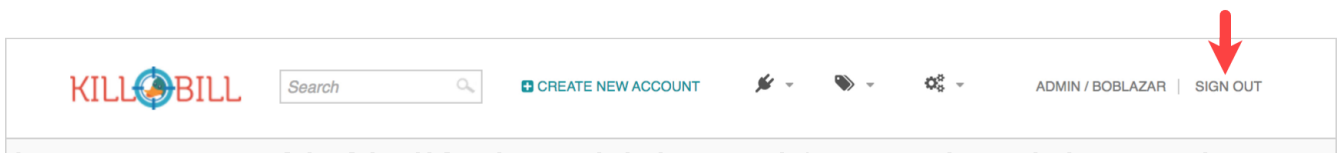
Tenant

SAVE



Note: Authentication is handled by Kill Bill. The method your organization uses to manage users is highly configurable. For information on managing users and permissions, see [Users, Roles, and Permissions](#).

To log out of Kaui, select **SIGN OUT** in the upper right corner of the Kill Bill homepage:



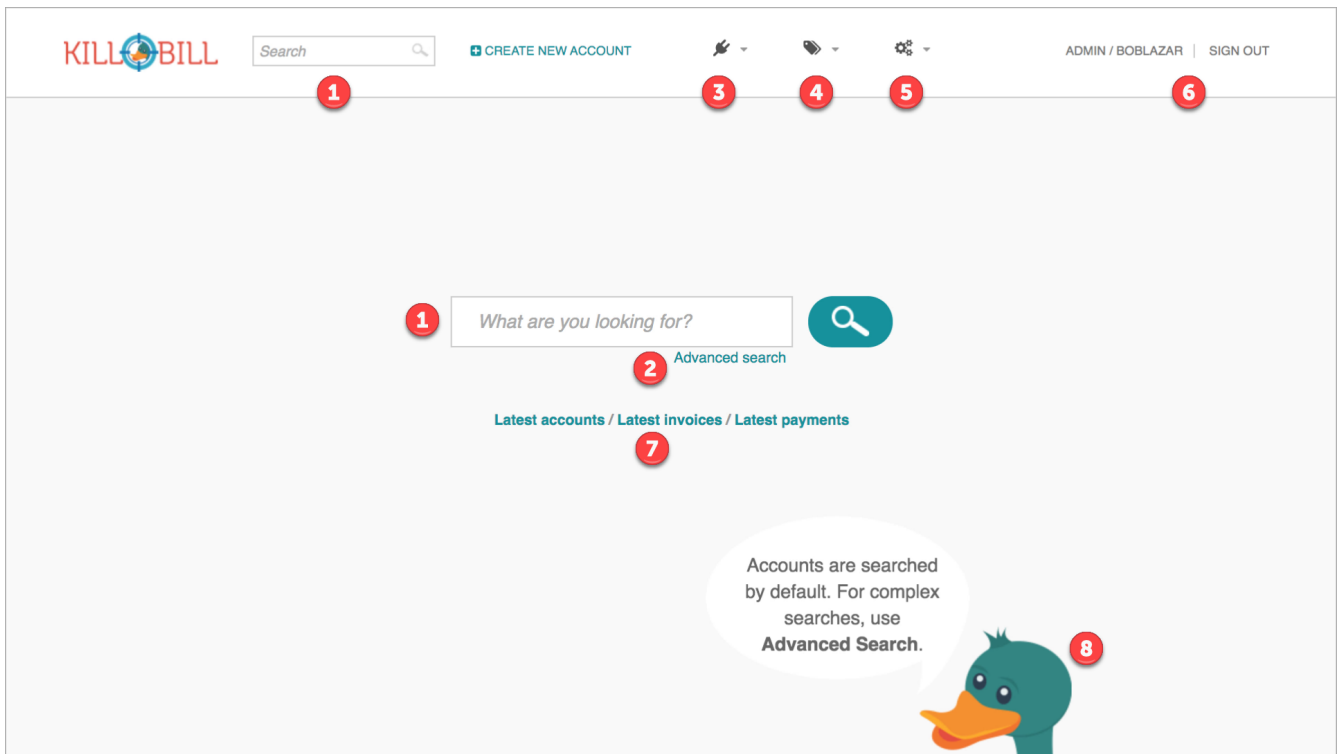
Navigate

This section gets you familiar with the standard features of Kaui's user interface, such as:

- [Homepage Layout](#)
- [Icons](#)
- [Basic Search](#)
- [Advanced Search](#)
- [Grids/Tables](#)

Homepage Layout

The homepage is the screen that Kaui displays after you first log in.



1. [Basic Search](#) (find customer accounts)
2. [Advanced Search](#) (find invoices, payments, and more)
3. Plugin specific screens, e.g. Analytics (reporting), Deposit (record wire transfers), KPM (Kill Bill Package Manager).
4. Tags, Tag Definitions, and Custom Fields*
5. Users, Tenants, and Admin*
6. Username / Tenant name | [Signout](#)
7. Latest invoices, accounts, and payments (latest records created for this tenant)
8. This is Killian, the Kill Bill mascot!

*Indicates advanced features you may or may not have access to, depending on your user permissions.

Return to Homepage

From any screen in Kill Bill, you can return to the homepage by clicking the logo in the upper left corner:



Icons

Grids/Tables

Grids (a.k.a. tables) appear throughout Kaui to keep lists organized:

Showing All Accounts

ID	EXTERNAL KEY	BALANCE
68b2ba7f-0f6f-4786-9788-8efe3af71676	68b2ba7f-0f6f-4786-9788-8efe3af71676	\$0
ec4d7a66-5eed-4a1d-a290-208c3aafda24	0585529786	€0
a95d6483-3df1-4d3d-bf6a-1c9a82a229d5	7411156749	\$0
7e050655-f160-428e-8e64-68718a1da147	8473547085	£0
eb8b02dc-42f0-44c3-84ea-5b7b5f91343b	6235981780	€0
ab99521-25fd-4007-bfca-c4fde5403c0b	2418455544	€0

Below some grids, you can use the pagination controls to view different "pages:"

First	Previous	1	2	3	4	...	5	Next	Last
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To sort columns on a grid, click the up/down arrow in that column's header:

Invoices

NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT	BALANCE
18577	2021-06-23	\$4.54	\$4.54
18576	2021-06-23	\$2.49	\$0
18575	2021-06-23	\$7.33	\$0
18574	2021-06-23	\$59.98	\$59.98

Kaui shows you which column is currently sorted by the purple arrow:

Invoices

NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT	BALANCE
18574	2021-06-23	\$59.98	\$59.98
18573	2021-06-23	\$59.98	\$59.98
18538	2021-06-22	\$29.99	\$29.99
17587	2021-05-29	\$29.99	\$0

The direction of the arrow (up or down) indicates if the column is sorted in ascending or descending order.

If relevant, you can click on a link in the grid to view that item's detail. For example, on the Invoices

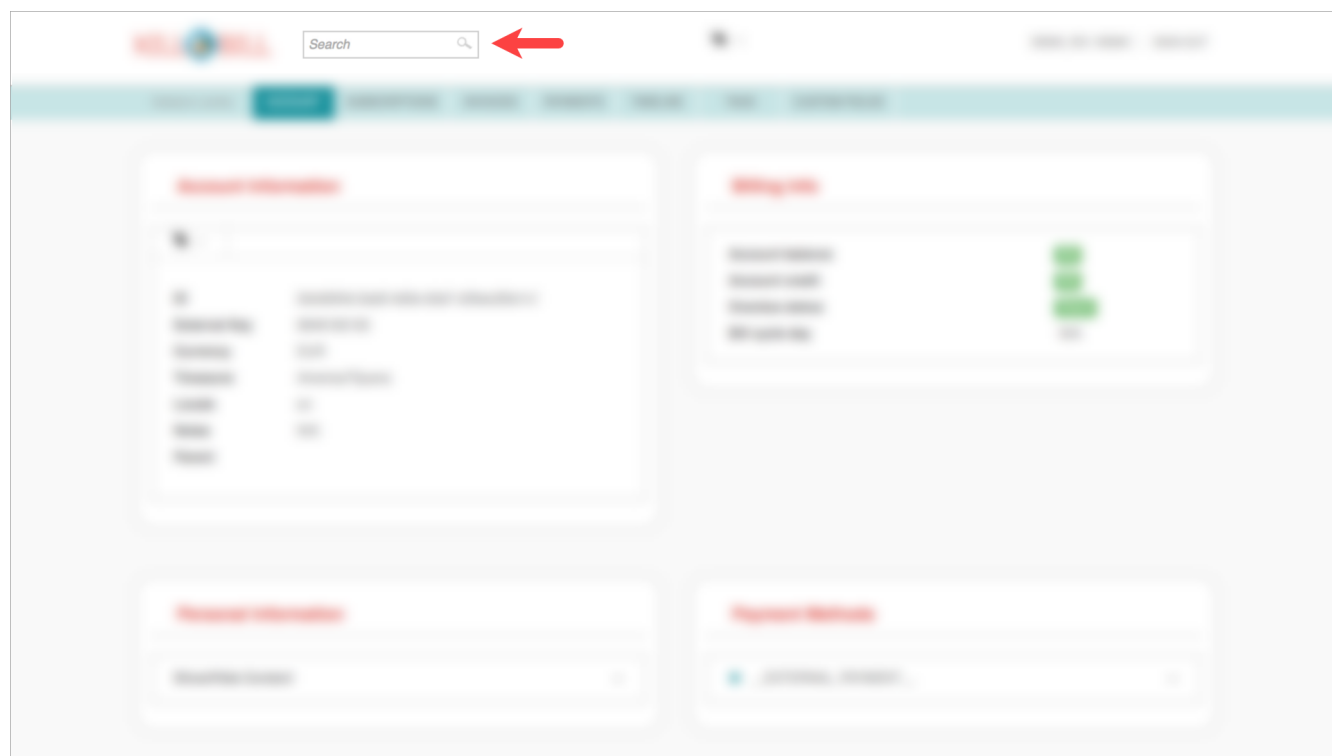
grid, click the link to open that specific invoice:

Invoices			
NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT	BALANCE
18574	2021-06-23	\$59.98	\$59.98
18573	2021-06-23	\$59.98	\$59.98
18538	2021-06-22	\$29.99	\$29.99
17587	2021-05-29	\$29.99	\$0

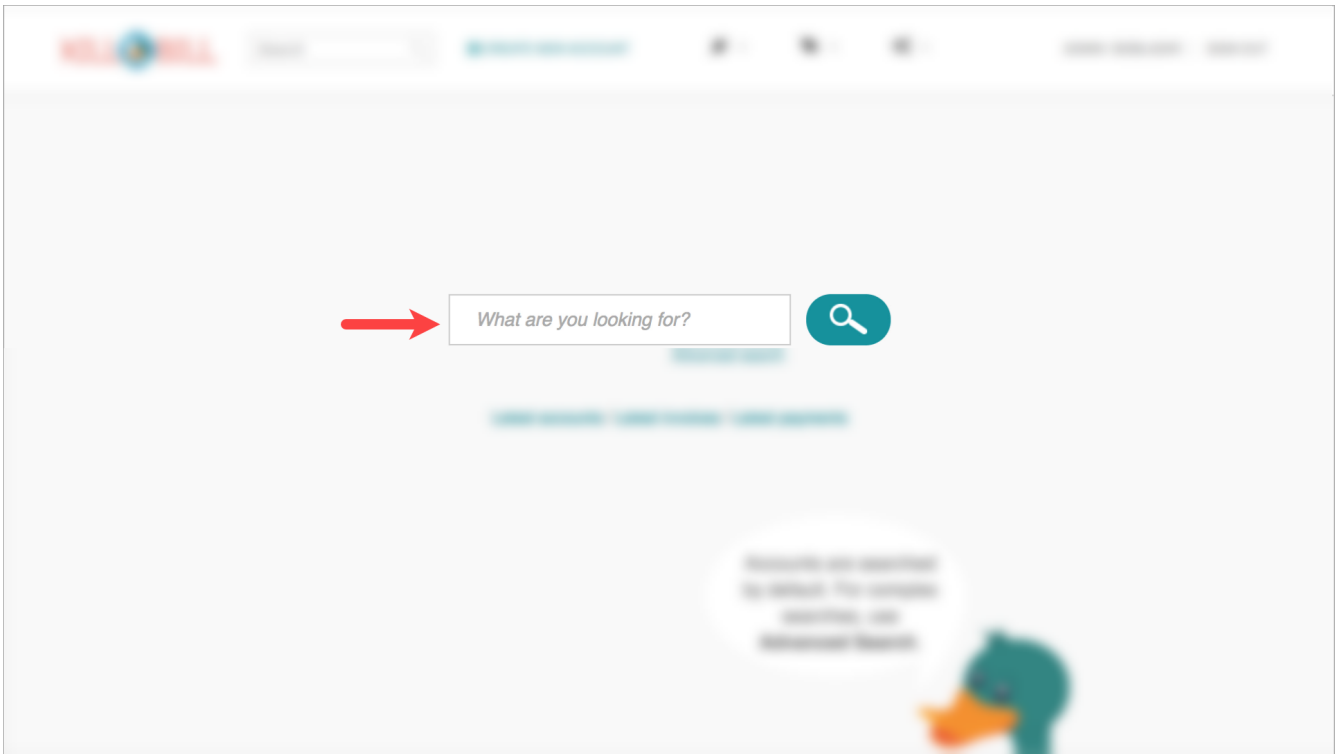
Basic Search

Tip: To view all accounts, place your cursor in the search field and press the Enter key.

To search for customer accounts, use the basic search. Basic search is available at the top of the screen no matter where you are in Kauai:



Basic search is also available in the center of the **homepage**:



You can search on the following information:

- ID
- External key
- Name
- Email address

Advanced Search

An advanced search can help you find customer account as well as other types of objects in the system, such as invoices, subscriptions, and so forth.

To perform an advanced search:

1. On the homepage, click **Advanced search**: image::ShowAdvancedSearch.png[width=850] Kauai displays the Advanced Search popup: image::AdvancedSearchPopup.png[width=650]
2. In the **Object type** field, select the object type you want to search for: image::AdvSearch-ObjectTypeDropdown.png[width=650]
3. In the **Search for** field, enter the identifier (ID) of the object you're searching for. (*Example: If you're searching for a specific invoice, type in the invoice number.*)



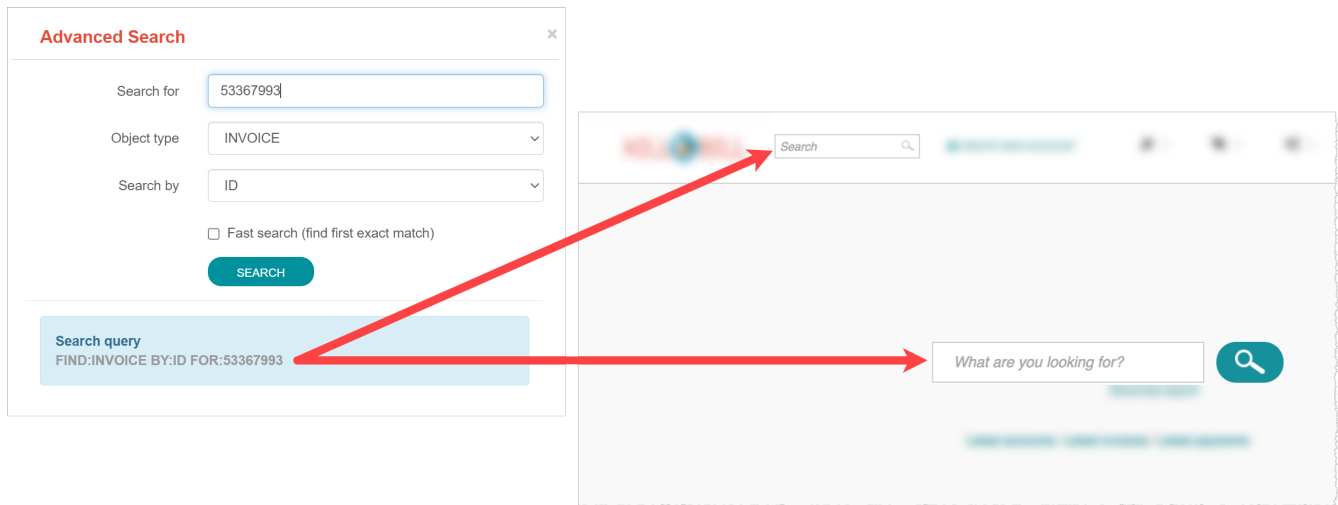
Note: In addition to searching with an ID, some object types can be searched for using an external key, such as the customer account.

4. If you want Kauai to search and display the first record in the search results, click the **Fast search** checkbox.
5. Click the Search button. Kauai displays the search results.



Tip: At the bottom of the Advanced Search popup, Kauai displays the search syntax. You can copy and paste this advanced search syntax into a basic search field. This is helpful if you frequently perform the same kinds of advanced searches.

Example:



Accounts

This section helps you become familiar with customer accounts and the layout of the Account page.

The Account page provides information about a specific customer, such as email address, physical address, and so forth. It is also the central location for the customer's billing information, subscriptions, invoices, and payment methods.

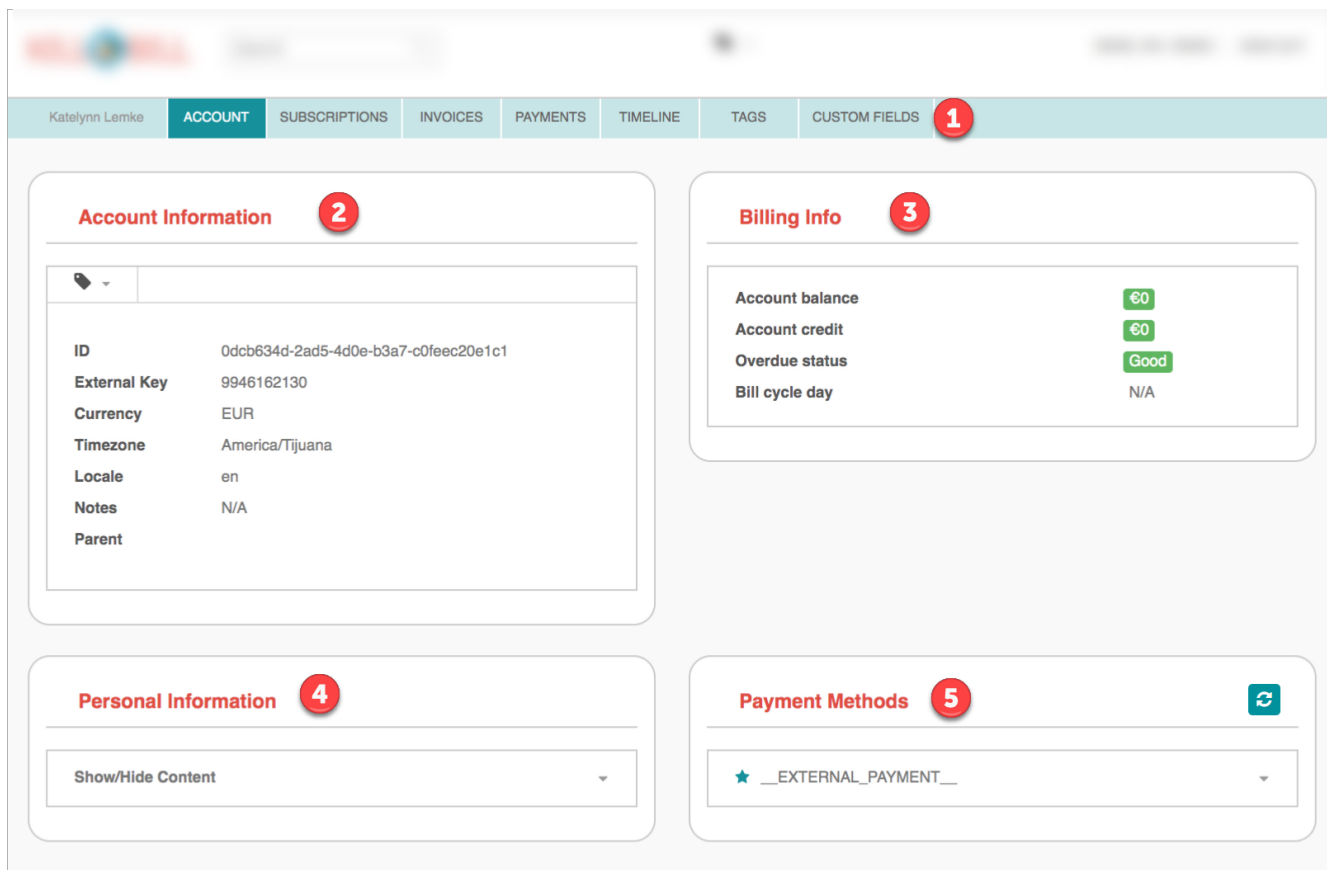
To find a customer in the system, use [Basic Search](#) or [Advanced Search](#). To open the customer account, click on the customer ID in the search results.

The next section explains how the Account page is laid out. To skip this and see the task-based steps, go to [Create an Account](#).

Account Page Layout

The Account page has the following sections:

1. Sub-menu
2. Account information
3. Billing info
4. Personal info
5. Payment methods

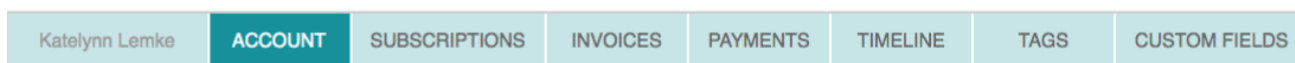


1. Account Sub-Menu

The Account sub-menu organizes and provides access to different areas of the customer's account:

- Subscriptions
- Invoices
- Payments
- Timeline
- Tags*
- Custom Fields*

*Tags and custom fields are advanced features and documented in Part 3 of the documentation.



To see these areas, click on the relevant item on the sub-menu. To return to the customer's Account page, click **Account** on the sub-menu.

2. Account Information

This section of the screen displays a summary of the customer's account information, such as their ID, currency, and time zone. To edit this information, click **Edit** next to "Account Information."

Here you can perform the following tasks for the customer account:

- [Edit an Account](#)

- [Link to Parent Account](#)
- [Add a Tag to an Account](#)

In this section, you can also assign a tag to the customer or define the parent account.

3. Personal Information

This view-only section of the screen displays a read-only list of the customer's personal contact information.

By default, Personal Information is hidden for GDPR Compliance and customer privacy. To see the information, click **Show/Hide Content**.

To edit this information, see the [Edit an Account](#) section.

4. Billing Info

Here you can perform the following tasks for the customer:

- Pay all invoices
- Add a credit
- Create a charge

You can also see a summary of billing information:

- Account balance - Amount of money due on the account, including any account credits.
- Account credit - Amount of any money owed to the customer.
- Overdue status - The status of the customer's account that indicates if they are overdue or up-to-date on their invoice payments.



Note: The account can have a negative account balance, but not be overdue. That's because overdue status depends on invoice due dates and how late payments are defined based on a company's business policy. For example, an invoice may not be overdue if a company allows a 15-day grace period (a.k.a. NET terms) to make a payment.

- Bill cycle day - The day of the month on which the system generates an invoice.
- Next invoice date - The date on which the system generates the customer's next invoice.

The **Trigger invoice generation** feature lets you generate an invoice, either as a test or in a committed state.

5. Payment Methods

This section of the Account page lets you:

- [Add Payment Method](#)
- Set a payment method as default



- Delete a payment method
- Perform an auth(orize), charge, or credit against a payment method



Note: The auth, charge, and credit operations are directly applied on the payment instrument (as opposed to being applied to the unpaid invoice). Additionally, "credit" here refers to depositing funds directly to the customer card and is unrelated to account credits.

For more information on payment methods, see the [Payment Methods](#) section.


Create an Account

1. At the top right of the screen, click **Create New Account:** [width=650]
2. Kauai opens the New Account screen: [width=650]
3. Fill in the fields. For field information, see the table in the next section.
4. Click the **Save** button.

Account Field Information

Edit an Account

You can make changes to account information except for Bill Cycle Day, Currency, External Key, and Time Zone.

1. Open the account on the Account page.
2. Next to "Account Information," click **Edit**. Kauai opens the Update Account screen: [width=650]
3. Make changes to the fields. For field information, see the previous section. [\[LINK\]](#)



Note: You cannot change the following fields: Bill Cycle Day, Currency, External Key, and Time Zone.

4. Click the **Save** button.

View the Account Timeline

The billing timeline shows all the events that occurred for a specific user account:

The top two dropdown fields let you filter the events by subscription bundle or by event type.

In the Details column, you can click on payment and invoice links to open the associated document.

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Search

CREATE NEW ACCOUNT

/ DEMO

SIGN OUT

Frieda Lancaster

ACCOUNT

SUBSCRIPTIONS

INVOICES

PAYMENTS

TIMELINE

TAGS

CUSTOM FIELDS

Account Timeline

Filter by bundle

Filter by event type

ALL


EFFECTIVE DATE	BUNDLE	EVENT TYPE	DETAILS	REASON CODE / COMMENTS
2021-05-29		PURCHASE	Amount: \$10 (USD) SUCCESS Payment # 7632 Invoice # 16407	INSERT by dinahramirez1@gmail.com: 699 - OTHER UPDATE by dinahramirez1@gmail.com: 699 - OTHER
2021-05-29	4dbb63f7-...-e31396c8c0e1	PURCHASE	Amount: \$29.99 (USD) SUCCESS Payment # 7633 Invoice # 17586	INSERT by dinahramirez1@gmail.com: 600 - Alt payment method UPDATE by dinahramirez1@gmail.com: 600 - Alt payment method

Close an Account

Use the steps in this section to indicate you will no longer be doing business with a customer. If the customer has unpaid invoices, using the steps below, you can choose to either write off or item-adjust them.



Note: Closing an account does not delete it. It only indicates the account is no longer a customer of yours. Once you close the account, its data becomes read-only, and you cannot make changes to it.

1. Open the account on the Account page.
2. Next to "Account Information," click **Close**. Kaui displays the Close Account pop-up: [width=650]
3. Check the **Name** and **Account ID** fields to ensure you are closing the correct account.
4. Select any of the following actions:
 - **Cancel All Subscriptions**—Stops any subscriptions that are current for this account.
 - **Write Off Unpaid Invoices**—Brings the balance for all unpaid invoices to zero. When you choose to write off the invoice, it is removed from Account Receivables.
 - **Item Adjust Unpaid Invoices**—Adds an invoice line item with a negative amount to bring each unpaid invoice's balance to zero.



Note: The last two options are mutually exclusive (i.e., you can only select one of them).

5. Click the **Close** button.

Kaui displays a message that lets you know the account was closed. In addition, the Account menu

displays "Closed":

John Baker	ACCOUNT	SUBSCRIPTIONS	INVOICES	PAYMENTS	TIMELINE	TAGS	CUSTOM FIELDS	CLOSED
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Add a Tag to an Account

You can attach a tag to an account as a way of communicating information or to starting/stopping an action. Some examples from the default tags that already exist in the system include:

- The `AUTO_INVOICING_OFF` tag stops invoicing the customer account until the tag is removed.
- The `TEST` tag indicates the account is used internally for testing purposes.

For more information on Tags, including a list of default tags, see the ["Tags" section](#) in the *REST API Reference Manual*.

To add a tag to a customer account:

1. Open the account on the Account page.
2. In the "Account Information" section, click the tag icon in the upper left corner:
image::AccountInfo-Section-Labeled.png[width=650]
3. Select the checkboxes of the tags you want to assign to the account. image::Account-TagDropdown.png[width=650]
4. Click the **Update** button to save your changes.

Link to Parent Account

When you link an account to a *parent* account, the account becomes a *child* account. Defining a parent-child association between accounts lets you define which entity is responsible for paying the invoice. For more information on this feature, see the [Hierarchical Accounts Tutorial](#).

1. As a preparation step, open the parent account and copy the Account ID.
2. Open the account that will become the child account.
3. Next to the **Parent** field, click the plus sign icon in the "Account Information" section:
image::Account-ParentField-Labeled.png[width=650] Kaui opens a popup:
image::LinkToParentPopup.png[width=650]
4. Click in the **Parent account id** field and paste in the Account ID that you copied in step 1.
5. To set the parent as responsible for all payments associated with this account, check the **Is payment delegated to a parent?** box. If you do not check this box, the child account is responsible for its own payments.
6. Click the **Save** button. Kaui displays the parent account ID as a link in the "Account Information" section. image::Account-ParentID-Labeled.png[width=650]



Tip: To open the parent account from the child account, click on the account ID link next to the **Parent** field.

Payment Methods

In production systems, payment method information is typically added via gateway-specific data flows. However, you can use this Payment Method section for testing purposes. For PCI compliance, *do not* enter any genuine payment information in these fields.

Add Payment Method

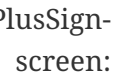

A customer account can have several payment methods to allow making payments in different ways, such as credit cards, debit cards, PayPal, and so forth. The payment method includes the details needed for Kill Bill to process a payment against an invoice. (For more information about payment methods, see)

Saving this information in Kaui makes it easier for you to accept payments from the customer, because the customer does not have to repeatedly give you their payment method details.



Tip: If you set a payment method as the default, Kill Bill will automatically process any open invoices for the account.


To add a payment method for a customer:

1. Open the account on the Account page.
2. Next to "Payment Methods," click the plus sign:  Kaui displays the Add New Payment Method screen: 
3. Fill in the fields. For field information, see the table in the next section.
4. Click the **Save** button.

Payment Method Field Information

View Payment Method Details

Although you cannot edit a payment method once it is created, you can view its details:

1. Open the account on the Account page.
2. In the Payment Methods area, click the gray down arrow () next to the payment method.

Kaui expands the details for the payment method:

Payment Methods

☆ **__EXTERNAL_PAYMENT__**  

 AUTHORIZE

 PURCHASE

 CREDIT

Name: __EXTERNAL_PAYMENT__

ID: 0f700362-2669-4e33-98e3-5de85e840c04


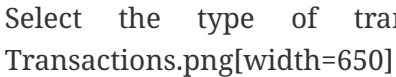

Applying Transactions to a Payment Method

This section explains how to process a transaction that's applied to a payment method. These transactions include:

- Authorize
- Capture
- Chargeback
- Credit
- Purchase (i.e., charge)
- Refund
- Void



Note: These transactions are directly applied on the payment instrument (as opposed to being applied to the unpaid invoice). Additionally, "credit" here refers to depositing funds directly to the customer card and is unrelated to account credits.

1. Open the account on the Account page.
2. In the Payment Methods area, click the gray down arrow () next to the payment method.
3. Select the type of transaction you want to perform:  Kauai displays the Process Transaction screen: 
4. Fill in the fields. For field information, see the following section.
5. Click the **Save** button. Kauai saves the transaction and displays it on the Payments page.


Process Transaction Field Information

Delete Payment Method



Warning: Kauai does not ask you to confirm your deletion; use this feature with caution.

To delete a payment method:

1. Open the account on the Account page.
2. In the Payment Methods area, click the red X () next to the payment method. Kauai *immediately* removes the payment method.

Subscriptions

This area of Kauai lists the subscriptions associated with the account.

To create a subscription, you must first have at least one plan defined in the catalog.

Add a Subscription Edit a Subscription? Delete a Subscription

Invoices

This area of Kauai lists the invoices applied to the account. An invoice can get generated automatically if the customer has a recurring subscription. You can also generate an invoice for the account by adding a charge. [\[LINK\]](#)

To view an account's invoices, click on Invoices on the submenu:

Click on the invoice number to view the invoice detail:

If an invoice has been paid, the payment information is listed directly under the invoice information:

Payments

This area of Kauai lists the payments applied to the account.

If a customer account has a default payment method, Kauai automatically makes a payment when an invoice is generated (whether the invoice was generated by the system or manually).

Another way to generate a payment is to add a charge to the account. [\[LINK\]](#)

To view an account's payments, click on Payments on the submenu:

Click on the payment number to view its detail:

Charges, Refunds, and Invoices

Create Charge

Creating a charge in Kauai creates a new invoice. To create a charge:

1. On the Account page, click **Create Charge** at the top of the Billing Info section.
image::AddCredit-Labeled.png[width=650] Kauai opens the Add New Charge pop-up:
image::AddNewChargePopup.png[width=650]
2. To set the invoice as a draft instead of immediately committing it, uncheck the **Auto-commit** box and enter the amount of the charge.



Note: Currency defaults from the customer account and should not need to be changed

3. The **Description** field and **Comments** field are optional. What you type here displays on the customer's invoice.
4. Click **Save** and Kauai generates an invoice.
5. If you unchecked the **Auto-commit** box, you can click **Commit** if necessary.

If you do not commit the invoice, it will stay in Draft mode. You can commit it by opening it from the Invoices page and clicking **Commit**.

Create Refund

Create Invoice

Authorize, Capture, Purchase, Chargeback, Credit, Void? [[Some are listed under the specific payment method on the Accounts > Payment Methods]]

[[How to view/interpret the timeline. What it shows.]]

FAQs

Q: What can I search on with Advanced Search?

A: You can search on the following object types:

- Accounts
- Bundles
- Credits
- Custom fields
- Invoices
- Invoice payments

- Payments
- Subscriptions
- Transactions
- Tags
- Tag Definitions

PART 2

Users, Roles, and Permissions

either database or third-party integration for storing usernames and passwords

The default "admin" username/password includes all of the roles and permissions available with Kill Bill.

PART 3

Tags

Custom Fields