

# Kaltura Video Building Block Release Notes

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# Introduction

These release notes pertain to the Kaltura Video Building Block 2.0 for Blackboard 9.x, released on February 15<sup>th</sup> 2012.

These release notes are intended for administrators of institutions installing the Kaltura Video Building Block 2.0 for Blackboard 9.x and for Kaltura internal use.

## Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the new features developed and the known issues for this release.

## What's New in this Release?

The Kaltura Video Building Block 2.0 for Blackboard 9.x has been enhanced and includes the following new features:

Feature	Description
Added clipping functionality	The clipping functionality has been enhanced. You can create clips from existing content using an extensive set of configuration parameters, thus allowing a variety of use cases.
Removal of editors	\Editors and related functionalities from “Course Gallery”, “My Media”, and “Course Documents” have been removed. The editor functionality has been replaced with the Clipping tool functionality.
Remove entry duplication	The previous Building Block functionality, where a video was duplicated each time it was re-used, was changed.  The new functionality is identical to assigning media from “My Media” to the course gallery.
UX improvements	New uploaded entries now appear in “My Media” and “Course Gallery” directly following the upload, thus providing a better user experience.  A new feature which enables clickable thumbnails in “Content tool” has been added.  Additional cosmetic improvements were implemented.
Migration	Customers upgrading from Kaltura Video Building Block version 1.0 to 2.0 should run a onetime migration process to migrate the existing entries properties from the old data structure to the new one, so information will be retained.
Improved granularity of Kaltura widgets	We have separated widgets for “Course Gallery”/”Content tool” and “My Media”:  Players  Uploaders  to allow more flexibility
Assigning content to Blackboard courses from KMC	A new workflow which allows Kaltura administrators to assign content to Blackboard courses directly from within the Kaltura Management Console has been added.

Feature	Description
HTTPS support	Kaltura Video Building Block now supports HTTPS delivery.  HTTPS is not auto-detected through Building Block settings and requires setting the Kaltura account to work over HTTPS. You must be certain that the widgets are compatible.

## Known Issues and Limitations

Issue	Description
HTML5 on windows-mobile	HTML5 on windows-mobile is not supported.
Content tool – Thumbnails in IE	In the Content Tool, content items thumbnails are not clickable in IE.
Kaltura On-Prem installation widgets	Default widgets are not included as part of the Dragonfly On-Prem version. The widgets either need to be created, or have the Building Block point to other UI Confs on the installation.
iPad playback	iPad uses the native player  Implications: advanced features such as closed captions, player branding and other related features will not work on the iPad.
Clipping capability from version Eagle and up	Clipping functionality is only available for Eagle and above versions. We recommend that you disable this functionality when working with Dragonfly version.
Kaltura On-Prem Cassiopeia	This version of Kaltura Video Building Block is not supported on the On-Prem Cassiopeia version and below.
Max number of courses per entry	The maximum amount of courses a single entry can be assigned to in Blackboard is 32. (This is due to the Kaltura API limitation.)
Max number of categories/courses per account	A Kaltura account can have a maximum amount of 1000 categories.  Since each course is represented as a category, Kaltura Video Building Block can work with up to 1000 courses.
Slowness when accessing Building Block Settings Page	The slow behavior when accessing the Kaltura Video Building Block was resolved.  Note: The initial access to the Kaltura Video Building Block Settings page may take a while after upgrading to this new version.  Subsequent access to the Kaltura Video Building Block Settings page should work as expected.

## Resolved Issues

Issue	Fix
Embed code always uses	The embed code uses the same Player ID as configured in

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PlayerID 1426232	the Building Block settings for the Course Gallery Player.
Player is not loading on content tool when using iPad	The iPad limitation was removed, the player is loaded and video is played on Content tool.
My Media and Course galleries are loading extremely slow	The slowness issue was resolved.
Security Vulnerability in Kaltura building block	The security issue was resolved: Access to the Kaltura Video Building Block settings pages is now restricted to admin users.
“Add Media” button in Content Tool not working (in certain environments)	The limitation was removed and the issue was corrected.
Assigning over 150 entries to course gallery limitation lifted	A limitation from the previous version which limits the maximum entries per course to 150 was removed.
Blackboard roles	TAs now get faculty permissions in galleries.
Full screen player	The full screen player is working on all browsers.
Android support	Kaltura Video Building Block is now supported on Android.

## Tested Browsers

The following browsers were tested for this release.

- Safari on Mac
- Chrome
- FF8
- IE9 on Windows 7