

Panopto Smart Chapters (Beta)

Panopto Smart Chapters (Beta)



Smart Chapters is still in beta testing. While it has been enabled for use by MIT Panopto users, functionality is still under development. Additional features, bug fixes, and other changes may be rolled out at any time.

On this page:

[Overview](#)

[Using](#)

[Adding Smart Chapters](#)

[Editing Smart Chapter Entries](#)

[Remove a Smart Chapter Entry](#)

[Removing Smart Chapters](#)

[FAQs and Troubleshooting](#)

[See Also](#)

[Have Questions or Still Need Help?](#)

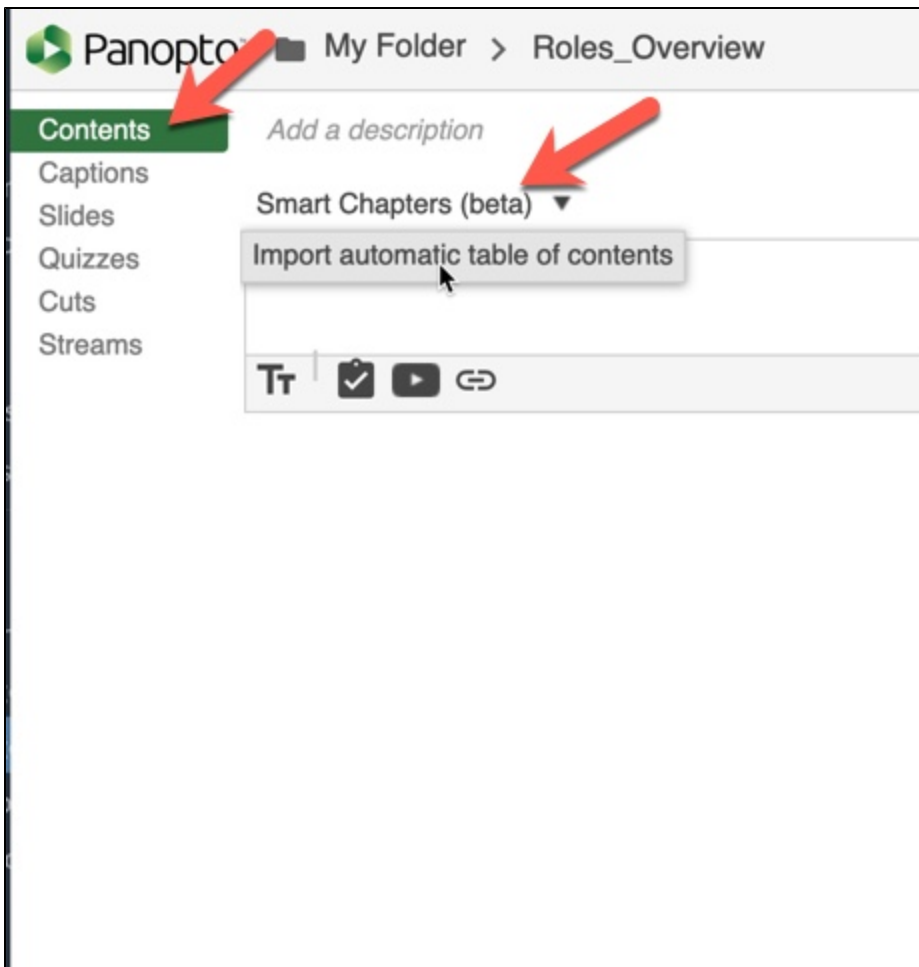
Overview

Smart Chapters auto-generates a table of contents for videos based on text contained within the video.

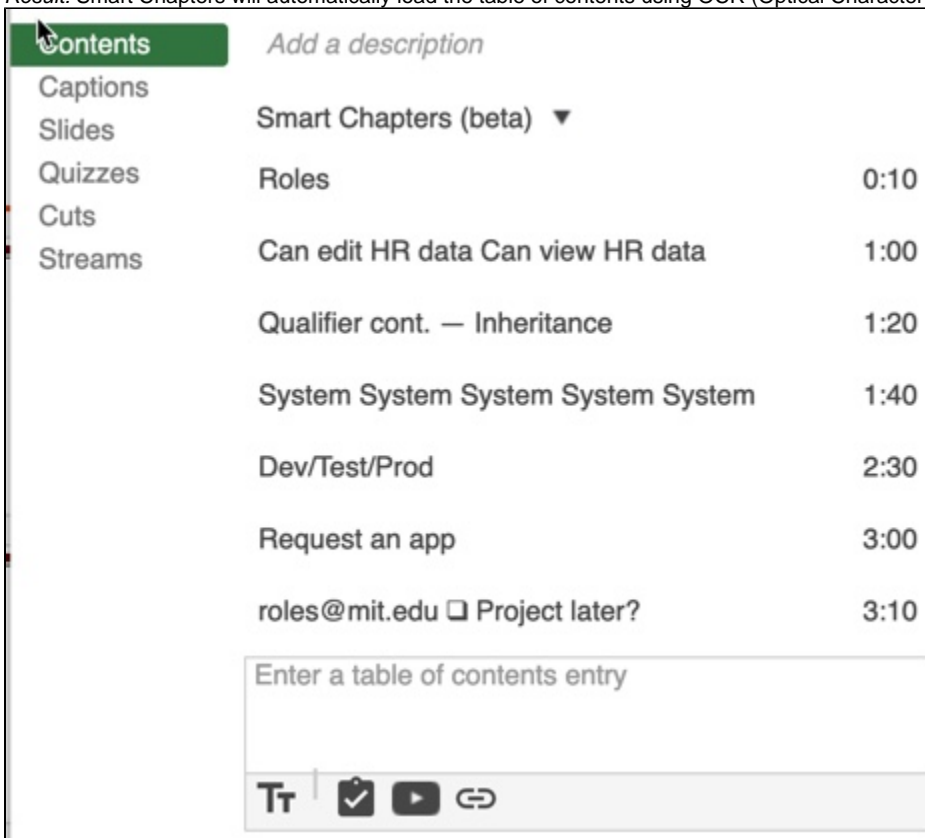
Using

Adding Smart Chapters

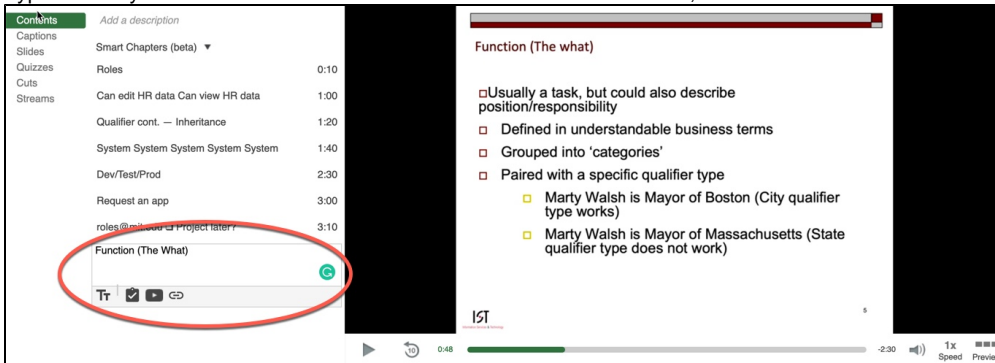
1. Login to: <https://mit.hosted.panopto.com>.
2. Navigate to the video to which you want to add Smart Chapters, and open it in the Panopto video editor.
3. In the **Contents** tab in the left-hand navigation, select the **Smart Chapters (beta)** > **Import automatic table of contents**.



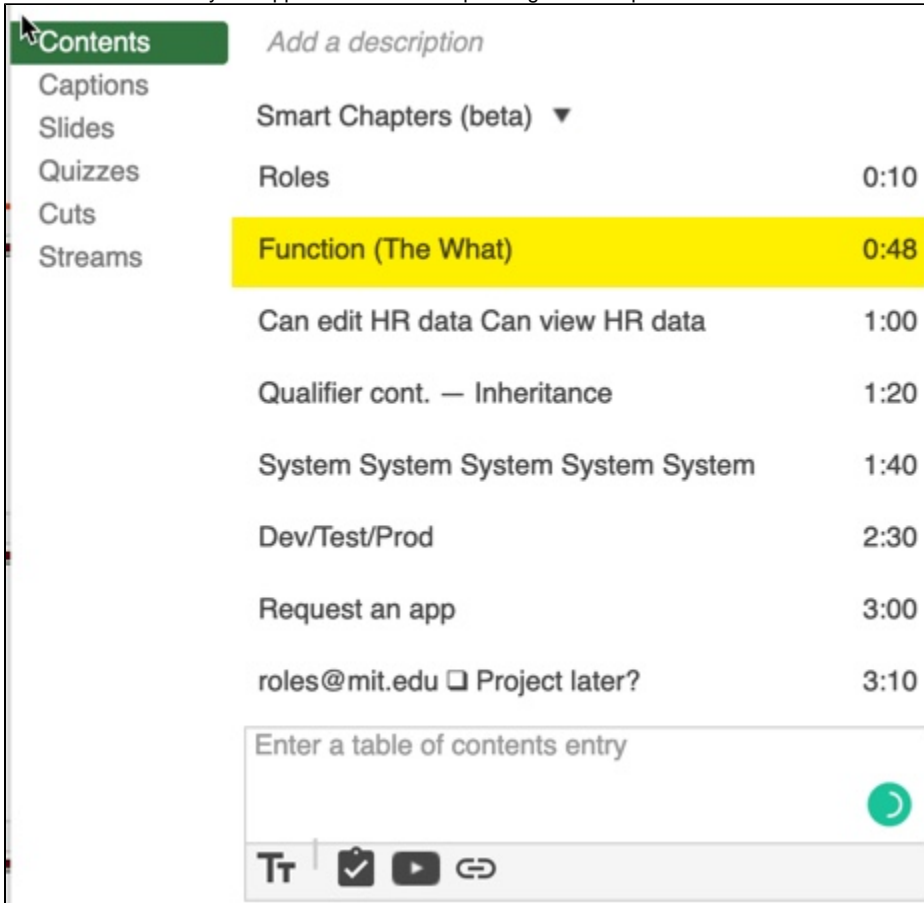
Result: Smart Chapters will automatically load the table of contents using OCR (Optical Character Recognition).



- If Smart Chapters does not include a desired table of contents entry, navigate to the point in your video where you'd like to add the entry.
- Type the entry name in the text box at the bottom of the table of contents, and hit **enter**.



Result: Your new entry will appear with its corresponding timestamp in the table of contents.



Editing Smart Chapter Entries

- Login to: <https://mit.hosted.panopto.com>.
- Navigate to the video to which you want to edit Smart Chapters, and open it in the Panopto video editor.
- Hover over the table of contents entry you want to correct, and click once on the text.

Result: The entry is now editable.

Contents

Captions

Slides

Quizzes

Cuts

Streams

Add a description

Smart Chapters (beta) ▼

Roles0:10

Function (The What)0:48

Can edit HR data Can view HR data1:00

Qualifier cont. — Inheritance1:20

System System System System System1:40

Dev/Test/Prod2:30

Request an app3:00

roles@mit.edu ☐ Project later?3:10

Enter a table of contents entry

Tt

✓

▶

🔗

4. Make your edits, and then hit enter.



You can also select the three vertical dots that appear to the entry's right, and select **Edit** from the drop-down menu that appears.

The screenshot shows the 'Contents' tab in the Panopto video editor. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: Contents (selected), Captions, Slides, Quizzes, Cuts, and Streams. The main area displays a table of contents with entries like 'Smart Chapters (beta)', 'Roles', 'Function (The What)', and others. A context menu is open over the 'Function (The What)' entry, showing 'Edit' and 'Delete' options. A red arrow points to the 'Delete' option. At the bottom, there is a text input field 'Enter a table of contents entry' and a toolbar with icons for text, checkmark, video, and link.

Remove a Smart Chapter Entry

1. Login to: <https://mit.hosted.panopto.com>.
2. Navigate to the video to which you want to remove a Smart Chapter entry, and open it in the Panopto video editor.
3. Hover over the table of contents entry you want to remove. Click the three vertical dots to the right of the entry, and on the drop-down menu that appears, select **Delete** to remove the entry.

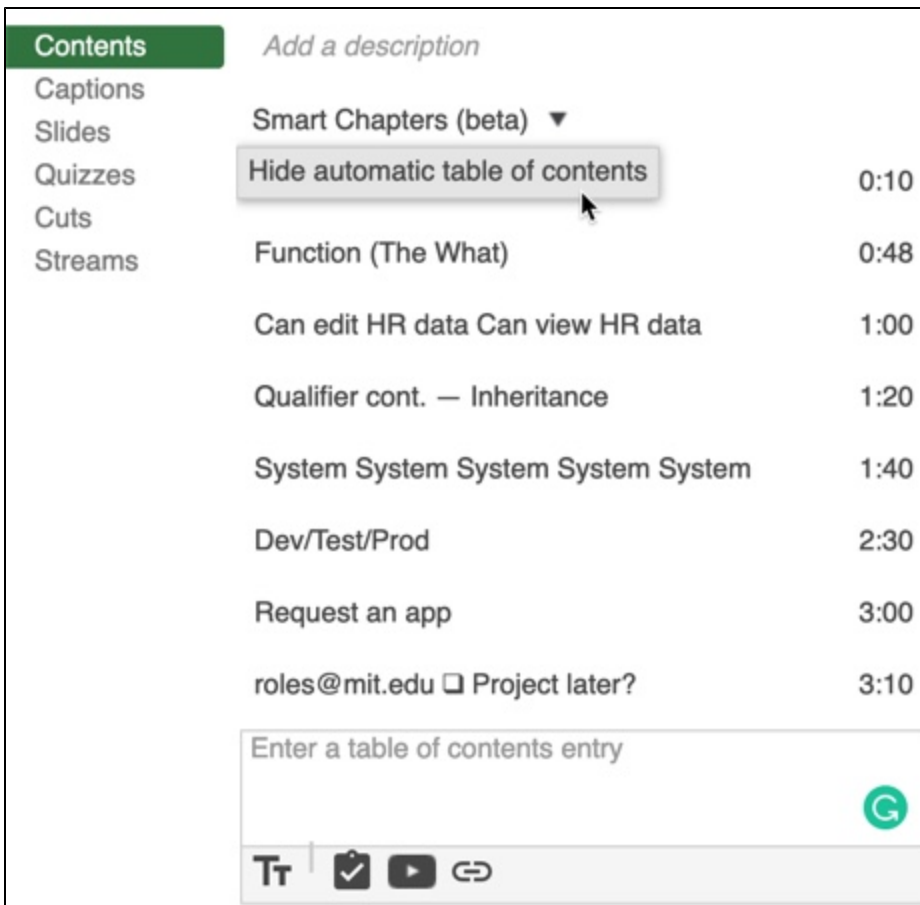
The screenshot shows the Panopto video editor interface. On the left, a navigation menu has 'Contents' selected. The main area displays a list of video chapters. A context menu is open over the 'Function (The What)' entry, showing 'Edit' and 'Delete' options. A red arrow points to the 'Delete' option. Below the list is a text input field labeled 'Enter a table of contents entry' and a toolbar with icons for text, checkmark, play, and link.

Chapter Title	Duration
Smart Chapters (beta)	
Roles	0:10
Function (The What)	0:48
Can edit HR data Can view HR da	1:00
Qualifier cont. — Inheritance	1:20
System System System System System	1:40
Dev/Test/Prod	2:30
Request an app	3:00
roles@mit.edu Project later?	3:10

Result: The entry is deleted.

Removing Smart Chapters

1. Login to: <https://mit.hosted.panopto.com>.
2. Navigate to the video to which you want to remove Smart Chapters, and open it in the Panopto video editor.
3. On the **Contents** tab in the left-hand navigation, select **Smart Chapters (beta)** > **Hide automatic table of contents**.



Result: Smart Chapters auto-generated Table of Contents entries will be hidden.

FAQs and Troubleshooting

- Why didn't Smart Chapters identify all the table of contents titles it should have?**
 Currently, Smart Chapters only takes a snapshot and analyzes it with OCR (Optical Character Recognition) every 10 seconds. If your title is on the screen for less than 10 seconds, it may be missed. The snapshot time is expected to be reduced to every 1 second in future updates.
- Why don't I see the Smart Chapters menu option?**
 Panopto OCR (Optical Character Recognition) was unable to identify at least 4 titles, the minimum required, so the menu option will not display. This means your video must have at least 4 recognizable titles and be at approximately 50 seconds or longer to show this option.
- Why didn't Smart Chapters identify any titles? I have more than 4.**
 If you have a persistent header that displays a video title, Panopto may identify that as the sole title for the entire video and not identify any individual section titles. Try introducing the video with a title card, then listing the section titles in the header.

See Also

- [How to Use Smart Chapters](#)
- [Panopto Landing Page](#)

Have Questions or Still Need Help?

Panopto provides 24/7 end user support as part of MIT's Enterprise license. Users can contact them directly by:

- Email: support@panopto.com
- Phone: 855-765-2341
- Web: creating a <https://support.panopto.com> login and submitting a case