

Cloud Streaming Services

Product Introduction

Product Documentation



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Overview

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Cloud Streaming Services (CSS) provides users with fast, stable, and professional cloud-based live streaming services. It offers Live Video Broadcasting (LVB) for large-scale real-time playback and Live Event Broadcasting (LEB) for ultra-low latency live streaming, making it highly suitable for many streaming scenarios. CSS can also be used together with the Mobile Live Video Broadcasting SDK (MLVB SDK) to create a one-stop audiovisual live streaming solution.

CSS Products

Product	Description	Use Cases
LVB	Backed by Tencent's suite of audio/video platforms, global network of cache nodes, and leading AI technologies in audio and video, LVB offers professional live streaming and distribution solutions that are stable and easy to integrate.	Showroom, live game streaming, live streaming for TV and radio, live shopping
LEB	As a lower-latency version of LVB, LEB provides superb live streaming experience with millisecond playback latency, far lower than that of live streaming using traditional protocols.	Live sports streaming, live quiz, online education, live auction
LVC	Leveraging Tencent Cloud's powerful live streaming capabilities, LVC enables features like live stream switching and multi-screen mixed streaming in the cloud. LVC supports custom screen layouts, standby streams, and audio-video synchronous switching among other features, eliminating the need for heavy traditional director console hardware. This makes directing services convenient and enhances online business scenarios.	Esports games, e-commerce live streaming, online education, event live streaming

CSS Products

LVB

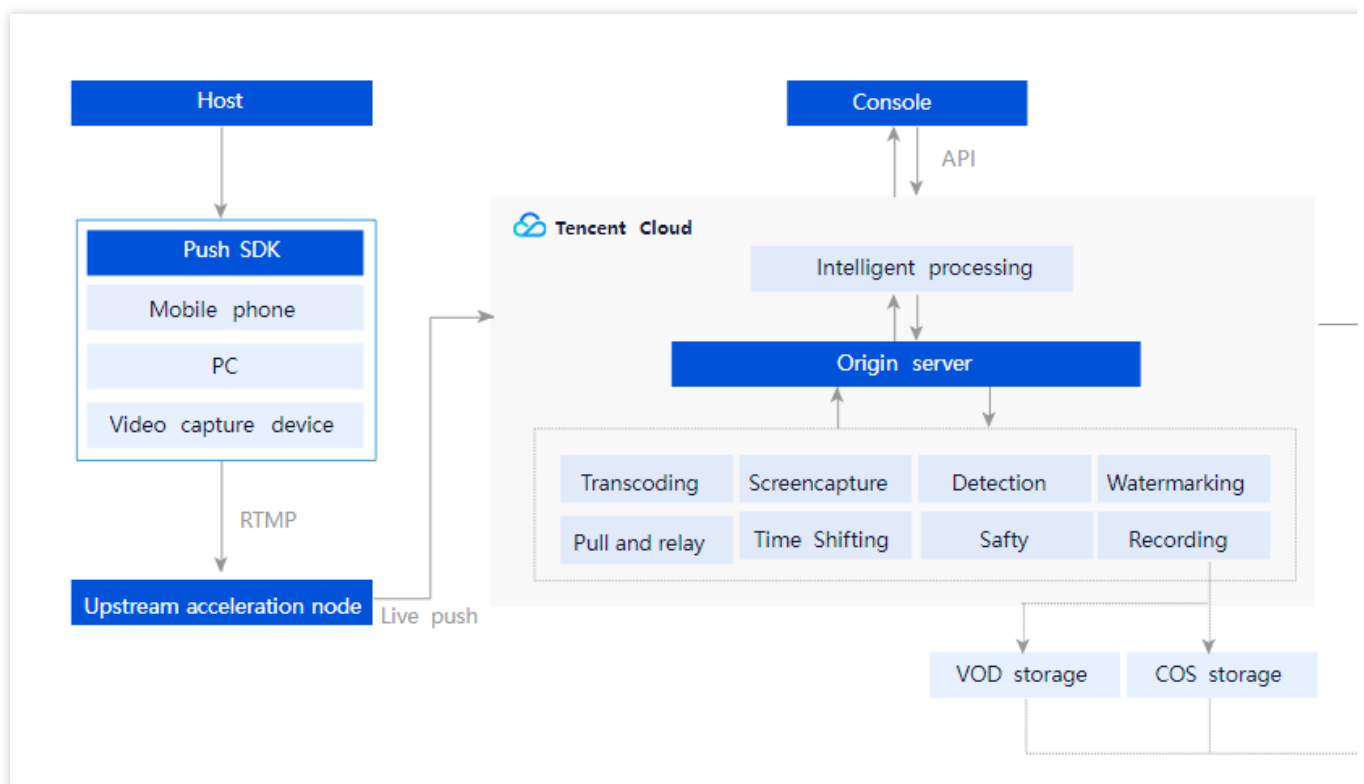
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Leveraging Tencent's suite of audio/video media platforms, global network of cache nodes, and leading AI technologies in audio and video, Live Video Broadcasting (LVB) delivers Tencent's core live streaming capabilities to users. With professional, stable, and agile features such as live push, transcoding, distribution, and playback, LVB meets virtually all requirements for ultra-low latency, ultra-high image quality, and ultra-high performance while sustaining huge volumes of concurrent requests.

Note

You can use LVB after you activate the CSS service. For more information, see [LVB - Getting Started](#).

Product Architecture



Features

Full suite of features

LVB supports RTMP push, HLS origin servers, and other live streaming sources. It provides a multi-platform live streaming SDK and supports adaptive bitrate streaming, beauty filters, audio processing, instant streaming, stutter reduction, screen recording, and seamless definition switching. Playback is supported on all platforms, and you can also customize your own player.

Global acceleration

Tencent Cloud has over 2,000 CDN cache nodes across all regions of the Chinese mainland, covering not only major internet service providers, but also over a dozen small- and medium-sized ISPs. Outside the mainland, it operates more than 800 cache nodes in over 70 countries and regions across North America, Europe, and Southeast Asia.

Professional video processing

LVB provides cloud-based transcoding and processing services that can handle vast amounts of multimedia data. It can transcode audio and video files to different formats suitable for OTT services or playback on PC and mobile devices. It also offers features such as thumbnail generating, editing, content moderation, and encryption.

Security safeguarding and hotlink protection

LVB provides all-round protection to prevent unauthorized playback of your videos, including IP blocklists, referrer blocklists, secure HTTPS acceleration, URL encryption, and other live streaming encryption technologies. It also offers a professional digital rights management (DRM) solution to safeguard your video assets.

Intelligent learning

With powerful AI-based recognition technology, LVB can learn and analyze the content of images or videos. With this technology, LVB can intelligently automate image recognition, speech recognition, content moderation, subtitling, and other video tasks.

Statistics analysis

Based on big data analysis covering different scenarios of various industries, LVB enables real-time control of push quality and identification of playback issues. It monitors metrics such as bandwidth, traffic, requests, and concurrent connections in real time and provides detailed statistical results to help you scale your business.

Pricing

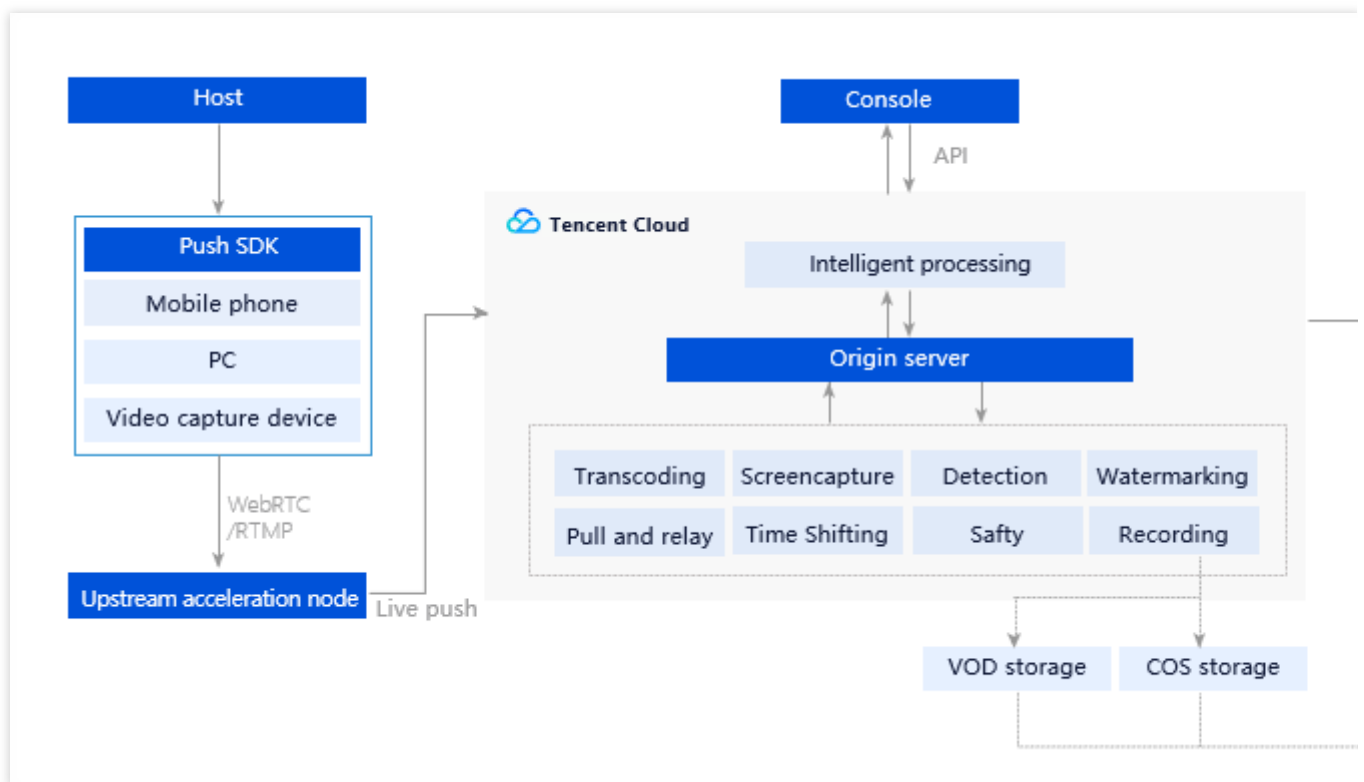
LVB services are billed in daily pay-as-you-go mode based on the traffic/bandwidth consumed for push and playback (upstream and downstream usage). For details, see [Pricing Overview](#).

LEB

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Live Event Broadcasting (LEB) is the ultra-low-latency version of CSS. It delivers superior playback experience with millisecond latency, making it well suited for scenarios with high latency requirements, such as online education, sports streaming, and online quizzes.

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Features

Playback with millisecond latency

Implementing millisecond-level latency live streaming capabilities in high-concurrency scenarios using the UDP protocol, improving the drawbacks of 3-5 second latency in traditional live streaming, while taking into account core indicators such as instant start and stutter rate, providing users with an ultra-low latency live streaming experience.

Various features and smooth migration

LEB integrates a wide range of LVB features including live push, transcoding, recording, screencapture, porn detection, and playback. It also allows smooth migration from LVB.

User-friendly, secure, and reliable

You can easily integrate LEB as it uses standard protocols. You can use it for playback on Chrome and Safari without installing any plugins. Moreover, its protocols encrypt streams by default for improved security and reliability.

Pricing

LEB billable items include basic services and value-added services. Basic services are billed by upstream and downstream traffic/bandwidth. Value-added services such as live transcoding, recording, screen capture, and porn detection are billed by resource usage. For details, see [Pricing Overview](#).

Getting Started

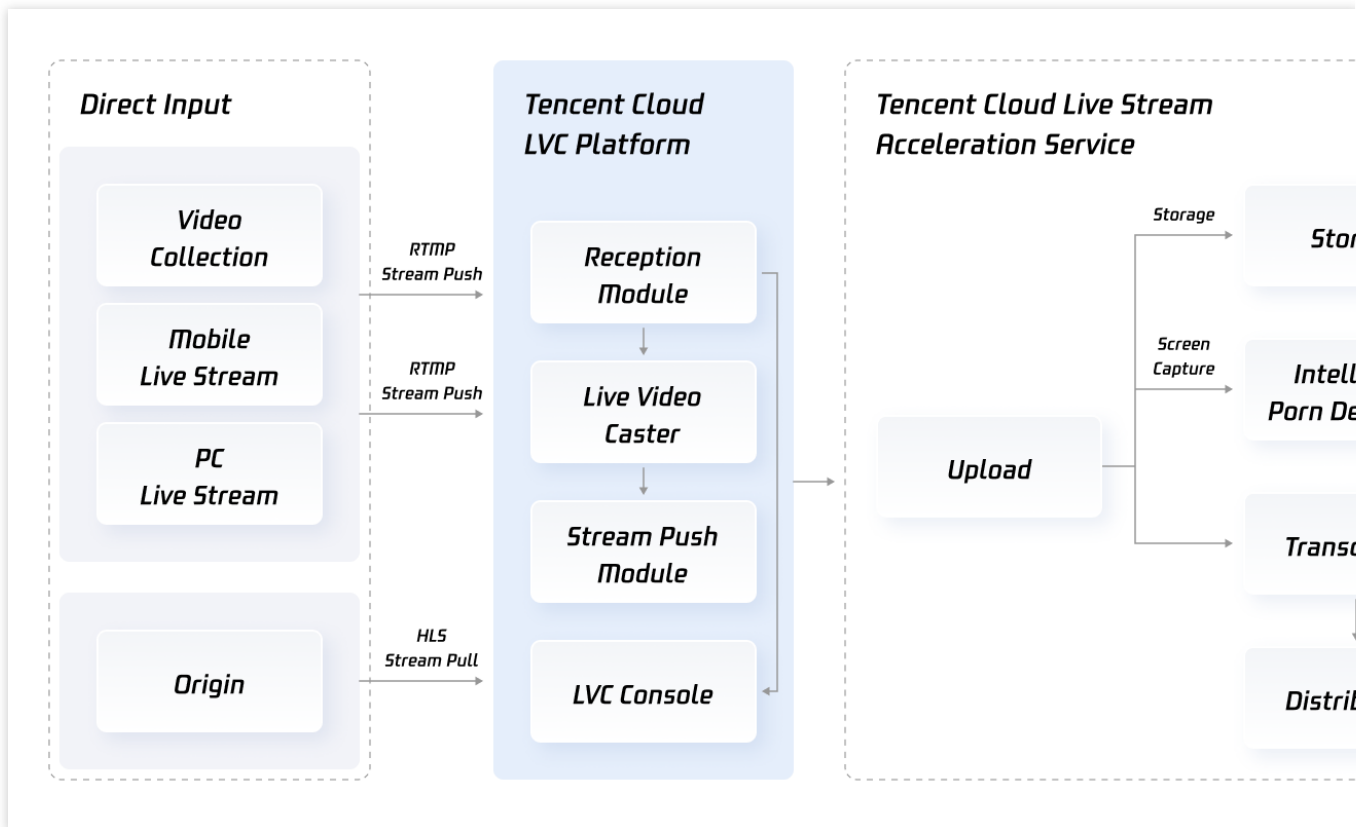
For details about how to use the demo and how to integrate LEB, see [Getting Started](#).

Live Video Caster

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Live Video Caster (LVC) is equipped with powerful live video capabilities of Tencent Cloud to conduct stream switching and multi-screen mixed-stream in the cloud. The LVC supports custom screen layouts, standby mechanisms, synchronized audio and video switching, and so on. In this way, traditional director console hardware is no longer required, and you can use directing services conveniently, to create more online business scenarios.

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Product Features

Feature	Description
Robust cloud	With powerful live streaming capabilities of Tencent Cloud, users can use the casting

capabilities	services conveniently, to create more online business scenarios.
Low costs	The LVC solution requires no hardware. The on-demand usage and pay-as-you-go billing mode significantly reduce the investment for director equipment.
Standby mechanism	Standby videos and images, and various emergency mechanisms enables automatic switch in case of stream interruption, ensuring reliable live streaming.
Multi-screen mixed-stream layout	With over 20 input sources for live streams, VOD, and images, and 4 custom layout mixes, interactive live streaming can be easily achieved.
Multi-angle live streaming	In scenarios such as e-commerce live streaming, online education, game live stream, large conferences, performances, and shows, multi-angle live stream is achieved through LVC.
Real-time score of events	The online editing on LVC controls image and text elements to appear at fixed times, achieving TV-broadcast-grade broadcast effects without the need for a TV broadcast equipment.
Cross-region co-screen live stream	Compared to physical director consoles, LVC eliminates the need for wired transmission of video signals, thus offering a low-cost solution for long-distance video composition. During cross-region live streams, integrating and coordinating feeds from multiple locations to output, LVC can provide a superior viewer experience.
Seamless switching among promotional videos, commercials, and demonstrations	Before the live stream, looped promotional videos can warm up the audience. Through the seamless switching of LVC, the pace of the live stream can be effectively controlled. Likewise, during the live event, the LVC can timely cut in with promotional videos and commercials, or switch to demonstrations

Pricing

Billable items for LVC include: Charges for output duration of the LVC and for pushing streams to a third party, with multiple billing modes provided based on usage duration and prepaid resource packs, and so on. For related billing documents, see [Live Video Caster Pricing Overview](#).

Concepts

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Push

Refers to the process in which the host pushes local video and audio sources to Tencent Video Cloud servers. It is also known as "RTMP push" in some cases.

Playback

Refers to live playback in which the source video and audio are pulled from the Tencent Video Cloud servers and played back at the specified address after live push is implemented. The video source is generated in real time. It is only meaningful if someone pushes a live stream. Once the host stops streaming, the live streaming URL will become invalid, and since the live streams are played back in real time, no progress bar will be displayed on the player during the playback.

Push domain name

The domain name used to push live streams, which is a required setting. You must register the domain name before you can use it for live streaming. After a push domain name is configured, CSS will generate the corresponding push URL. For details, see [Splicing Live Stream URLs](#).

Playback domain name

The domain name used to play back live streams, which is a required setting. You must register the domain name before you can use it for live streaming. After a playback domain name is configured, CSS will generate the corresponding playback URL. For details, see [Splicing Live Stream URLs](#).

Domain CNAME

A domain name that is suffixed with `.liveplay.myqcloud.com` and is assigned by the system to the acceleration domain name configured in the CSS console. You need to configure a CNAME record with your domain name service provider. After the record takes effect, CSS will be responsible for the domain name resolution, and all requests made to this domain name will be forwarded to the edge servers of CSS.

StreamName

The ID of a stream. `StreamName` and the domain name together are used to uniquely identify a stream.

AppName

The live streaming application name used to identify the storage path of a live streaming media file. The application name is `live` by default and is customizable.

Transcoding

Transcoding is an offline task that converts one video bitstream into another. It changes the codec, resolution, bitrate, and other parameters of the bitstream for playback on different devices in varying network environments. This feature can achieve the following:

Increase compatibility: Transcode a source video to formats that are compatible with multiple types of devices for smooth playback.

Increase bandwidth adaptability: Transcode a source video to outputs in Smooth, SD, HD, and UHD. End users can select the bitrates as needed for their network conditions.

Reduce bandwidth usage: Use advanced codecs for transcoding to substantially reduce the bitrate of a video with the original quality retained, thus lowering the playback bandwidth usage.

H.264

A codec standard for highly-compressed digital video. H.264 is developed by ITU-T Video Coding Experts Group (VCEG) and ISO/IEC Moving Picture Experts Group (MPEG). It has the following advantages in transcoding:

It allows SD digital image (at a resolution below 1280 x 720) to transfer at a speed below 1 Mbps.

It delivers better image quality than other video codecs under the same bandwidth.

H.265

H.265 is optimized based on the H.264 video codec while still having some of the same features as H.264. It has the following advantages in transcoding:

It allows general HD audio/video (720p at a resolution of 1280 x 720) to be transferred at 1-2 Mbps.

It achieves the optimal balance between the bitstream, encoding quality, latency, and algorithm complexity.

Event message notification

When an event notification is triggered during a live push, Tencent Cloud sends the request to your server according to the configured message template, and your server authenticates and responds to the request. For more information on the response protocol, please see [Event Message Notification Protocol](#). After the authentication is passed, your server will obtain a JSON packet containing the callback information to parse and record.

Referer

The `txSecret` field in the push and playback URLs. Referer is used to prevent attackers from forging your backend to generate push URLs and from stealing your playback URLs.

Live recording

During the push, video files generated by muxing original streams (without modifying information such as audio and video data and corresponding timestamps) can be stored on the VOD platform. To use this feature, you need to activate [VOD](#) first.

Watermark

To avoid your video copyright from being infringed during live push, you can add a watermark to the video stream during transcoding. The watermark can be either text or an image.

Screencapture

This feature captures video images of pushed live streams at specified intervals and then stores generated image files in COS. To enable screencapture, you must first grant CSS the permission to write to your COS bucket. For more information, see [Authorizing CSS to Store Screenshots in a COS Bucket](#).

Porn detection

Based on the screencapture feature, the system can perform content recognition on screenshots and send result callbacks according to the screencapture and porn detection template bound with the push domain name. For more information, see [Live Screencapture and Porn Detection](#).

95th percentile bandwidth

During the billing period, the peak bandwidth every 5 minutes is taken as a sample point. All sample points of the current month are sorted in descending order, and the top 5% are removed. The highest value of the remaining sample points is used as the 95th percentile of the monthly peak bandwidth.

Features

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This document provides a list of what you can do with CSS. You can find more information about each feature by reading their documents.

Push

Feature	Description
Push protocol support	Supports push over RTMP and WebRTC.
Push tool support	Supports Tencent Cloud's MLVB SDK (which comes in iOS, Android, and web editions) or third-party streaming software such as OBS, XSplit, and FMLE.
Push device support	Supports common third-party RTMP streaming devices, encoders, and set-top boxes.

Playback

Feature	Description
Playback protocol support	Supports playback over RTMP, FLV, HLS, and UDP.
Playback tool support	Supports Tencent Cloud's MLVB SDK (which comes in iOS, Android, and web editions) or third-party FLV, RTMP, or HLS players.
Playback control	Plays the original stream or a stream transcoded in real time.

Live Streaming Management

Feature	Description
Management	Manages live streams graphically in the console or using APIs.

CSS console

Section	Description

Overview	Displays data such as traffic package usage or real-time bandwidth and traffic usage.
Domain Management	Supports adding, modifying, disabling and deleting push and playback domains, as well as configuring CNAME, HTTPS certificates, and push and playback authentication.
Stream Management	Supports querying live streams in real time as well as querying historical streams.
Scenario-Specific Services	Supports viewing and modifying recording, transcoding, screencapturing, porn detection, watermarking, and callback configurations.
Data Center	Supports querying usage statistics including bandwidth, traffic, requests, concurrent connections, screenshots, push channels, and recording channels.

Security

Feature	Description
Push authentication	Generates hotlink protection push URLs (you can use your own key and specify the expiration time).
Playback authentication	Generates hotlink protection playback URLs using IP allowlist/blocklist or the referer field; supports remote playback authentication.
DRM encryption	Encrypts videos based on DRM schemes including Widevine, FairPlay, or NormalAES to prevent unauthorized recording and hotlinking.

APIs

API Category	Description
Domain management APIs	Add, delete, query, enable, and disable push and playback domains, as well as modify playback domains.
Delayed Playback management APIs	Delay playback, query delayed playbacks, and resume real-time playback.
Recording management APIs	Create, delete, and end recording tasks, create, delete, query, and modify recording templates, as well as create, delete, and query recording rules.
Screencapturing	Create, delete, and query recording rules, as well as create, delete, query, and modify

and Porn Detection APIs	recording templates.
Watermark management APIs	Add, delete, query, and modify watermarks, as well as create, delete, and query watermark rules.
Live callback APIs	Create, delete, and query callback rules, as well as create, delete, query, and modify callback templates.
Stream pulling APIs	Add, delete, query, and modify pull configurations.
Live stream management API	Query disabled, ongoing, and historical streams, query push interruptions and stream status, stop streams, block streams, and resume streams.
Live transcoding APIs	Create, delete, and query transcoding rules, as well as create, delete, query, and modify transcoding templates.
Billing data query APIs	Query billable bandwidth and traffic usage, query playback data by region and ISP, query HTTP status codes for playback requests, query domain-level playback data in real time, and query packages.
Certificate management APIs	Add, delete, bind, unbind, and query certificates, as well as query and change the domains bound with a certificate.
Authentication management APIs	Query and modify authentication keys for playback and push.
Time shifting APIs	Create, delete, query, and modify time shifting templates, create, delete, and query time shifting rules, as well as query time-shifted streams.
Live stream mix APIs	Mix streams and cancel stream mixing.

Value-added services

Feature	Description
Live transcoding	Transcodes a stream into different specifications.
Live recording	Records live streams (by calling an API) and saves the recording files to Tencent Cloud VOD or COS.

Live screencapturing	Takes screenshots of a live stream (by calling an API) and saves them to Tencent Cloud VOD or COS.
Porn detection	Recognizes pornographic content in live streams.
RTC-based communication	Supports communication among participants with ultra-low latency (powered by Tencent Cloud TRTC).
Time shifting (new)	Plays ongoing streams from earlier time points.
Standby stream	Shows a video or image that becomes active automatically when a live stream is interrupted (CSS will automatically switch back to the primary stream after it is recovered).

SDKs

SDK	Description
MLVB SDK	Offers capabilities including stream pushing, basic beautification, filters, playback, and time shifting.
Tencent Effect SDK	Offers capabilities including filters, beautification, stickers, and gesture recognition for different shooting scenarios (the SDK is a video processing solution developed jointly by Tencent Cloud, Pitu, and YouTu).

Use Cases

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Live Show Streaming

By combining the MLVB SDK and room management capabilities of IM, CSS provides features including instant streaming, color filters, and mic connect, which are ideal for live shows. Its out-of-the-box ease of use helps you easily boost the buzz around live shows.



Video Surveillance

CSS allows you to upload massive volumes of video content. It also provides live recording, transcoding, time shifting, and other features which meet the requirements of a wide range of security and video surveillance scenarios.



Online Education

You can use the Tencent Cloud console or APIs to upload or download videos for remote teaching, which are protected by player passwords and dynamic hotlink protection. In addition, the ultra-low latency LEB offers the

capability of real-time mic connect.



Live Shopping

CSS helps ecommerce platforms grow by enabling merchants to display items with more details and assisting consumers in making informed decisions, which helps to reduce marketing costs and boosts sales.



Strengths

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End-to-End Device Support

CSS supports RTMP push, HLS origin server, and other methods for live streaming source access. RTMP push SDKs are provided to enable custom development for different devices in different scenarios.

Video Use Cases

CSS supports live streaming with high numbers of concurrent access requests requiring ultra-low latency and ultra-high image quality, helping satisfy your diverse live streaming needs.

- CSS covers all live streaming uses cases and provides live streaming solutions for various industries such as gaming, sports, ecommerce, media, and education.
- For different live streaming scenarios such as high-concurrency playback and push and ultra-low latency, CSS provides different tailor-made solutions for specific use cases, which ensures a higher cost performance.

Global Distribution

With over 2,000 cache nodes deployed globally, CSS can ensure high service availability and media transfer speed even during peak hours with high concurrency.

Video Data Analysis

By collecting data such as live streaming traffic consumption, requests, and concurrency in real time, CSS controls push quality and identifies playback issues with ease. It provides detailed statistical results to help you expand your business rapidly.

Video AI Empowerment

With Tencent Cloud's video AI recognition technology, CSS can effectively identify live streaming content and give you access to advanced features such as intelligent porn detection and subtitling based on machine learning and image analysis.

Content Security

With hotlink protection, URL authentication, IP blocklists/allowlists, and HTTPS-based secure acceleration, CSS can protect your videos to help eliminate piracy. It also features a more specialized digital rights management (DRM) solution to fully protect the security of your video assets.

Video Ecosystem

When used with MLVB SDK, IM, VOD, and Tencent YouTu, CSS supports customized development and allows you to implement various features such as MLVB mic connect, CSS recording, beauty filters, and CSS screen sharing.

Use Limits

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Before using CSS, you need to know the following use limits:

Item	Description
CSS domain name	<p>Multiple playback and push domain names can be created under an account. If the acceleration region of a domain name is the Chinese mainland or global, the domain name must have an ICP filing from MIIT, and the filing information must be currently valid and available.</p> <p>You can manage up to 100 domain names under one account by default. If your business scale is large, you can submit a ticket to apply for increasing the maximum number of domain names.</p> <p>We recommend you keep the length of a domain name no more than 45 characters. If you want a longer domain name, you need to submit a ticket for assistance.</p> <p>A domain name managed by CSS can be used to push or play back live streams normally only after the domain name is resolved. For more information, see Configuring CNAME for Domain Name.</p>
Live push	<p>The CSS service does not limit the push bitrate and supports common resolutions and corresponding bitrates.</p> <p>To avoid push lag, we recommend you keep the bitrate below 4 Mbps.</p> <p>The length limit for StreamName is 255 characters.</p>
Live playback	<p>A stream can be played back only when the `StreamName` of the playback address is the same as that of the push address.</p> <p>The default bandwidth limit is 20Gbps. If there is a need to lift this limit, you can submit a ticket for application.</p> <p>If you need additional support for a large-scale surge in live streaming traffic, you need to submit a ticket or contact your Tencent Cloud rep three business days in advance for assistance. Such surges mainly include the following two types:</p> <p>The sudden daily peak bandwidth exceeds 200 Gbps, and the surge is 200% of the daily peak.</p> <p>The sudden daily peak bandwidth exceeds 500 Gbps.</p>
Template configuration	<p>After a template is successfully bound, it takes 5–10 minutes for it to take effect.</p>
Daily billing mode switch	<p>You can select bill-by-traffic or bill-by-bandwidth for daily billing. You can switch the billing mode only once per day, and the switch will take effect on the next day.</p>
Supported push protocols	<p>CSS supports the RTMP and SRT protocols. For more information, see Live Streaming Basics.</p> <p>When using the WebRTC protocol for push streaming, each push domain has a default limit of 1,000 concurrent streams.</p>

Supported playback protocols	Standard Live Video Broadcasting (LVB) supports the RTMP, FLV, and HLS playback protocols. For more information, see Live Streaming Basics . Live Event Broadcasting (LEB) supports the WebRTC playback protocol.
Relay	<p>A maximum of 200 relay tasks can be created. If your relay business requires a larger number of tasks, please contact us by submit a ticket, or contact your account manager for assistance.</p> <p>The relay feature only provides content pulling and pushing services. Please ensure that the content is authorized and complies with relevant laws and regulations regarding content distribution. If there are copyright issues or content violations, CSS will stop the related services and reserve the right to pursue legal responsibilities.</p> <p>To use the relay recording function, you can bind it with the CSS recording template, which will incur recording fees. The recording template bound to the relay task only supports templates that record the original stream. To modify the recording template during the ongoing pull task, you need to stop the current pull task for 30 seconds, then restart the pull task for the new recording template to take effect.</p>