

Mastering Virtual Presence: Zoom Etiquette and Tips for Professional Success

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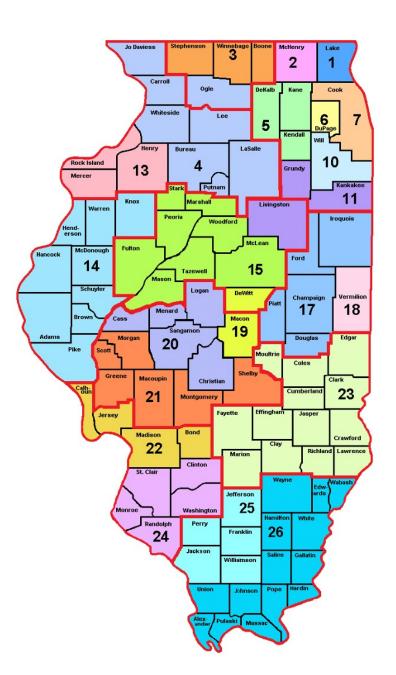
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Where is Your Local Area?





Which partner do you best represent?

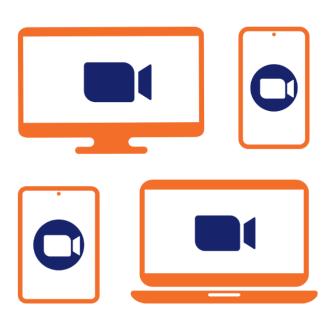






Poll

- What virtual meeting/webinar platforms do you use most frequently?
- Zoom Meeting
- WebEx
- Teams





Best Practices for Virtual Work

Communication Cadence

- Start with top leadership and establish a cadence of communications (email, video, etc.)
- Managers to communicate often with teams
- Discuss challenges and solutions openly
- Be open about expectations
- Make sure emergency contact information is up-to-date

Technology Glitches

- Communicate when system is down
- Offer help desk support; ways to navigate around challenges
- Backup plans for broadband, access to files, and how to communicate

Longer Term Isolation

- Be mindful
- Address disruptions
- Stay connected, create face-to-face connections
- Set up dedicated space
- Encourage a daily routine
- Take the extra time to talk to people



Maximize Virtual Engagement

Before:

- Set an agenda and send out ahead of meeting
- Test technology and send out instructions

• During:

- Introduce everyone
- Allow a minute(or a few) to connect personally
- Offer polling/chat functions
- Assign a facilitator and notetaker
- Use Video to connect
- Open it up for conversations; call on specific people
- Ask open-ended questions
- Avoid multi-tasking/stay focused
- Use the mute button (to avoid background noises and echoes)

After:

Follow up with notes and action items





Working in a Virtual Environment

Communicate

- Establish expectations with your manager
- Define regular work hours, check-in times, and tasks

Home Technology

- Check your internet speed at home
- Consider upgrading to higher-

Routine

- Segment Focus on work during work time
- Defined start and end times to work day/periods

Stay Connected

- Check if your company already has a remote infrastructure
- Use collaboration tools to stay

Home Office Space

 Set up a secure, dedicated telework area in your home to separation between work and home life

Don't Sit Too Long

 Make sure to take a break, stretch, and eat lunch



Why Zoom Etiquette Matters

- First Impressions: The way you act on Zoom shapes how others perceive you professionally.
- **Productivity**: Proper etiquette ensures meetings run smoothly and efficiently.
- **Respect**: Courtesy and consideration of others make for a positive virtual environment.



Before the Meeting

- Test Technology: Ensure your internet connection, audio, and video equipment work properly.
- Check Your Background: Use a clean, professional background or a virtual one that's appropriate.
- Dress Professionally: Even if working from home, dress as if you were attending an in-person meeting.
- Prepare Materials: Have all documents and files ready to share or refer to.



During the Meeting

- Mute When Not Speaking: This reduces background noise and improves audio quality.
- Use Video: Keep your camera on to create a more engaging and interactive experience.
- Eye Contact: Look into the camera while speaking, not just at the screen, to mimic in-person interaction.
- Use the Chat for Questions: If you have a question, type it in the chat if the speaker is presenting, and avoid interrupting. Avoid
- Multitasking: Stay focused on the meeting rather than checking emails or working on other tasks.



Meeting Participation

- Be Punctual: Log on a few minutes early to ensure everything is set up and ready.
- Stay Engaged: Nod or use non-verbal cues (like the thumbs up) to show you're paying attention.
- Speak Clearly: Use a clear and concise speaking style so everyone can understand you.
- Take Turns Speaking: Avoid talking over others; wait for your turn to speak.



Communicating Effectively

- Use the Mute/Unmute Button Wisely: Mute yourself when not speaking, and unmute only when it's your turn to talk.
- Avoid Interruptions: Let the speaker finish before you start talking.
- Clear and Respectful Language: Maintain professionalism and be mindful of your tone



Handling Disruptions

- **Stay Calm**: If there's a technical issue or disruption, stay patient and calm.
- Use the 'Raise Hand' Feature: If you need to speak or ask a question, raise your hand virtually to keep the flow.
- Addressing Technical Issues: If your microphone or camera isn't working, notify the host through chat or fix the issue quickly.



Ending the Meeting

- Wait for the Host to Close: Don't leave the meeting until the host officially ends it.
- Say Goodbye: It's polite to thank the group and say goodbye before exiting.
- Leave the Meeting Window Open Until You're Fully Disconnected: Ensure that you've properly left before closing Zoom.



Zoom Meeting vs. Zoom Webinar

Zoom Meeting:

- Purpose: Designed for more interactive, collaborative sessions. It's ideal for team meetings, brainstorming, or small group discussions.
- Participants: Anyone can join, and all participants can have audio, video, and screen-sharing capabilities.
- Interaction: All participants can interact freely via video, audio, and chat. Everyone can unmute and share their screen if allowed.
- Control: The host can manage participants (mute/unmute, remove, or spotlight speakers), but everyone has more autonomy.
- Best Use Case: Team meetings, workshops, or group discussions where everyone needs to participate actively.



Zoom Meeting vs. Zoom Webinar

Zoom Webinar:

- Purpose: Meant for larger audiences where the main focus is on presenting information with limited participant interaction.
- Participants: Only the host and selected panelists have video/audio access. Attendees can only watch or listen (they typically don't have their video/audio on).
- Interaction: Attendees can participate via Q&A, chat, or polls. Interaction is much more limited compared to a meeting.
- **Control**: The host has much more control over the session. The host can manage panelists, mute/unmute attendees, and even limit chat access.
- Best Use Case: Webinars, online events, lectures, or large-scale presentations where the audience is primarily observing.



Zoom Meeting vs. Zoom Webinar

Key Differences:

- Size of the audience: Meetings are for smaller, more interactive groups; webinars are designed for larger audiences.
- Control: Meetings allow more participant interaction, while webinars give the host more control to manage the flow of the session.
- Participant Roles: In a meeting, everyone can potentially participate in video/audio, whereas in a webinar, only panelists or hosts can do so.
- In short, if you need a more interactive and collaborative space, **Zoom Meetings** is the way to go. If you're delivering a presentation to a large audience and want to limit direct interaction, **Zoom Webinars** are a better fit.



Zoom vs. Webex

- Zoom Meeting:
- Interface & Usability: Zoom is known for its user-friendly interface, making it simple for users to join meetings with minimal setup. It has an intuitive layout with easily accessible options for video, audio, and screen-sharing.
- Features:
 - Breakout Rooms for splitting participants into smaller groups.
 - Virtual Backgrounds and Touch Up My Appearance for video customization.
 - Integrated Chat and Polls for engagement during meetings.
 - Supports up to 1,000 participants in large meetings (depending on your plan).
- Integration: Zoom integrates well with a wide range of third-party tools (e.g., Google Calendar, Microsoft Office, Slack).
- **Use Case:** Primarily used for team meetings, collaboration, and smaller to mediumsized group discussions. It's popular in educational and corporate settings due to its ease of use and features that promote interactivity.
- Reliability & Performance: Known for its high-quality video and audio, even on lower-bandwidth connections.



Zoom vs. Webex

Webex:

• Interface & Usability: Webex's interface is a bit more traditional and may feel slightly more complex compared to Zoom. However, it is still quite functional. Webex has a more corporate-oriented feel, especially for enterprise use.

Features:

- **Webex Teams**: An integrated tool for team messaging, file sharing, and collaboration, which works well for ongoing communication.
- Virtual Whiteboard for collaboration and brainstorming.
- Real-Time Translation and Live Captions in multiple languages.
- Webex Events: Similar to Zoom Webinars, for hosting larger-scale virtual events with more structured attendee management.
- It supports up to 1,000 participants in meetings (with larger options available for events).
- Integration: Webex integrates well with Cisco products and other enterprise tools (like Microsoft Office 365 and Google Workspace), making it a top choice for companies using Cisco systems.
- **Use Case:** Webex is often chosen for **corporate environments** that require enterprise-level security, compliance, and integration with other Cisco products. It's well-suited for both team collaboration and large conferences.
- Reliability & Performance: Webex offers solid performance, but some users find Zoom's experience smoother, especially in terms of video and connectivity.



Zoom vs. Webex

Key Differences:

Target Audience:

- **Zoom** is more focused on accessibility and ease of use, making it popular among small businesses, educational institutions, and casual users.
- Webex tends to cater more to large enterprises with a focus on security, compliance, and integration with other Cisco products.

• Features for Collaboration:

- **Zoom** has better collaboration features for smaller teams, such as **Breakout Rooms**, which is ideal for workshops or brainstorming sessions.
- Webex is stronger for large-scale corporate meetings and enterprise-level solutions, offering tools like Webex Teams and integrations with Cisco hardware.

Customization:

• **Zoom** has a lot of fun customization options for meetings (backgrounds, reactions, etc.) while **Webex** tends to focus more on formal business tools like real-time translations, detailed analytics, and meeting insights.



Zoom Audio Tips

General

Video

Audio

↑ Share screen

Team Chat

Zoom Apps

Recording

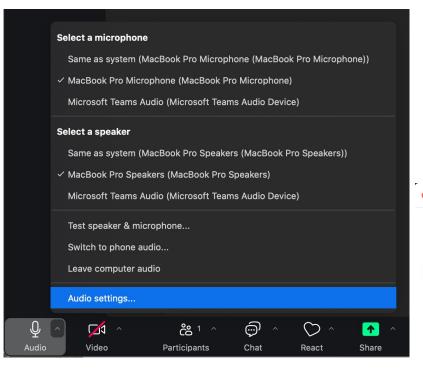
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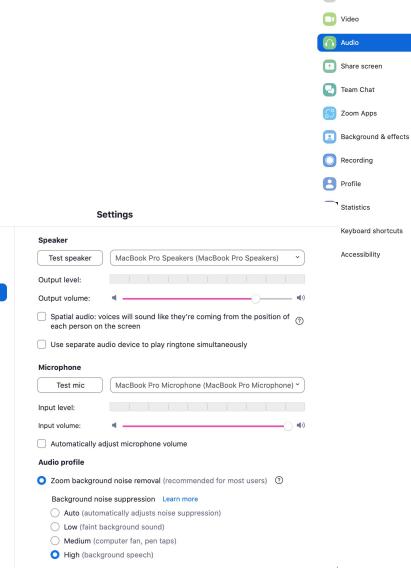
Statistics

Accessibility

(IIII) Keyboard shortcuts

Background & effects





General

Auto (automatically adjusts noise suppression) Low (faint background sound) Medium (computer fan, pen taps) High (background speech) Personalized audio isolation (recommended for crowded environments) Original sound for musicians (recommended for studio environments) Live performance audio (recommended for multiple instruments or voices in different locations) Ringtones Ringtones Ringtone volume:

Contacts:

Advanced

Edit

Automatically join computer audio when joining

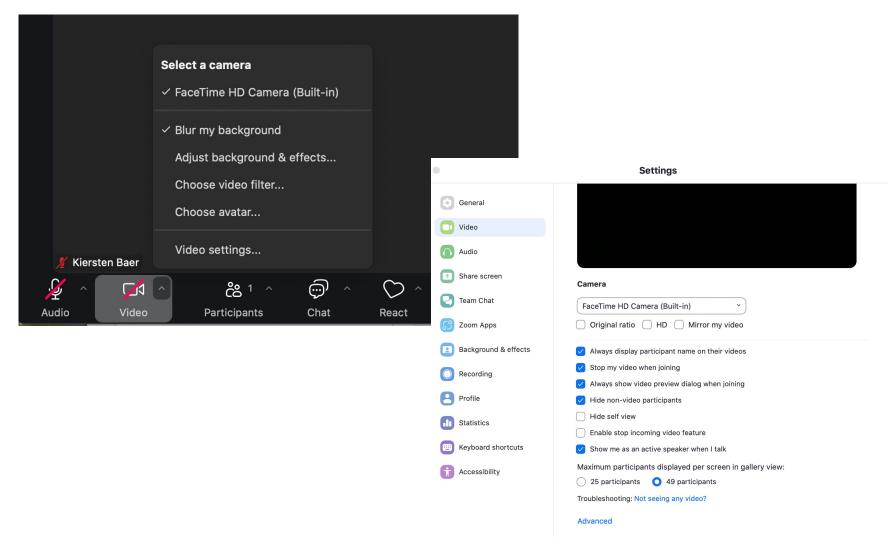
Press and hold space key to temporarily unmute

Mute my mic when joining

Sync buttons on headset



Zoom Video Tips

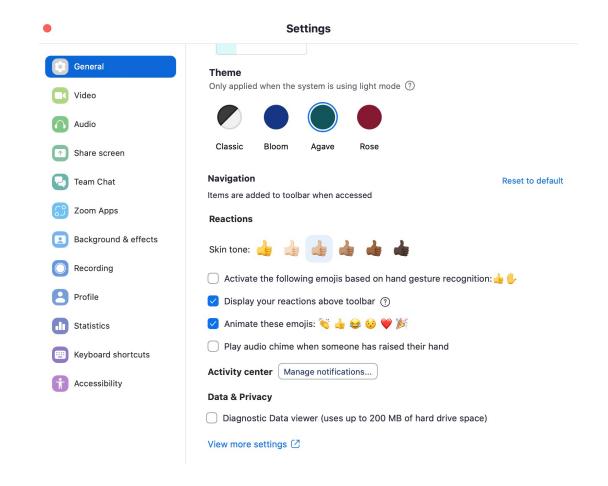






Zoom General Tips

Settings General Use dual monitors (?) Enter full screen when starting or joining a meeting Video ✓ Always show meeting controls ② Audio Copy invite link when starting a meeting Share screen Ask me to confirm when I leave a meeting Show meeting timers Team Chat Add Zoom Workplace to MacOS menu bar Zoom Apps Stop my video and audio when my display is off or screen saver begins Background & effects Show "Pair with Room" feature on home screen navigation bar Recording Remind me about upcoming events: 5 minutes before To active the feature, ensure system notifications are enabled Profile Show user profile icon next to in-meeting chat messages Statistics **Appearance** Keyboard shortcuts System setting O Dark mode Light mode Accessibility





Additional Tips

- Stay Professional: Even though you're in a home setting, remember this is a professional space.
- Be Mindful of Lighting: Ensure your face is well-lit and visible.
- Be Aware of Background Noise: Minimize distractions and background sounds (pets, children, etc.).



