

# Video Conference Platform Comparison

an unofficial guide put together by Mellow based on our experience of working from home  
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## Zoom

Most common, most features, pretty easy to use. Security no longer a concern

[zoom.us](http://zoom.us)



## Microsoft Teams

A trusted brand with many features but oddly frustrating to use

[microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software](https://microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software)



## Google Meet

Works great. Simple and straight-forward, less features but consistent additions

[meet.google.com](http://meet.google.com)

## Webex Meetings



## WebEx Meetings

Great features/control, but can be difficult to use for less technical people

[webex.com/content/webex/c/en\\_US/index/downloads.html](https://webex.com/content/webex/c/en_US/index/downloads.html)

## facebook



## Facebook Rooms

Lacks professional features, good for large social calls

[messenger.com/rooms](https://messenger.com/rooms)

## WhatsApp



## WhatsApp

Only good for small groups with basic functionality. Video encrypted

[whatsapp.com](https://whatsapp.com)

### General

	Zoom	Microsoft Teams	Google Meet	WebEx Meetings	Facebook Rooms	WhatsApp
Access						
Who Needs Account	Host	Host	Everyone (GSuite: Host only)	Host	Host	Everyone
Max Users	50 (Paid: 100+)	300	100	50 (Paid: 100+)	50	8
Max Time	1-1: Unlimited 3+: 40 min (Paid ++)	Unlimited	24 hours (until Mar 31 2020)	50 min (Paid: 24 hours)	Unlimited	Unlimited
Schedule Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

### Communication

Max Users on Screen	: 4, : 49	: 4, : 9, : 1	: 4, : 49	: 4, : 25	: 8, : 50	: 8
Chat	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Break Out Sessions	✓	Computer only		✓		
Screen Share	✓	✓	✓	✓	Computer only	
Whiteboard	✓	✓	✓	✓		
File Share	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Mute Users	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Reactions	✓	✓	w/ extension	raise hand	✓	
Virtual Background	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

### Accessibility

Record Meeting	✓	✓	GSuite only	✓		
Closed Captions	Transcribe or 3rd party	✓	✓	Transcribe		
Phone Dial-In	✓	✓	GSuite host	Paid		

### Security

Waiting Room	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Lock Meeting	✓			✓	✓	
Password	✓			✓		
Link Invitation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Invite Only
Remove Users	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Who Can Record	Host (can allow)	Office internal users	GSuite internal users	Host		
End-to-End Encryption	✓	Transit	Transit	Can be enabled	Transit	✓