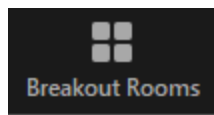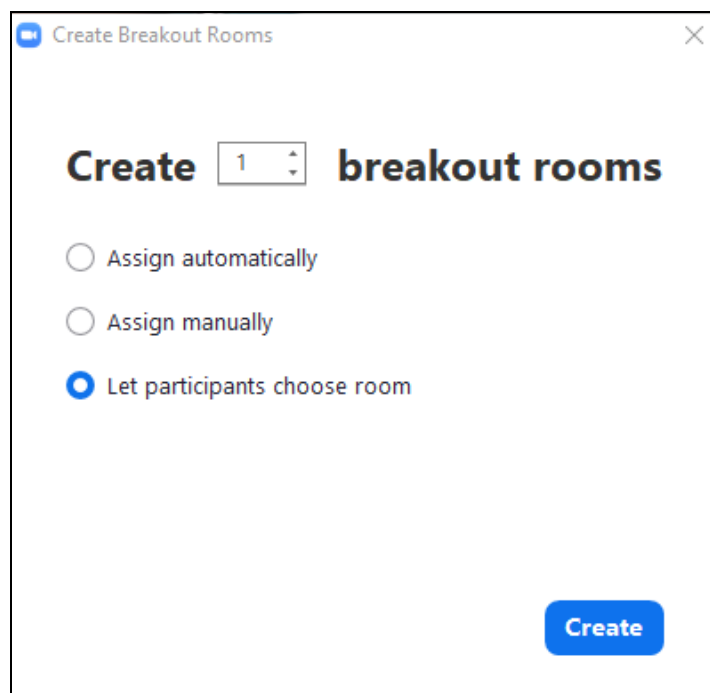# Self-Select Breakout Rooms in Zoom

The host can allow participants to self-select and join breakout rooms of their choosing. With this feature, participants will be able to view and select from a list of breakout rooms the host has created. Participants will be able to enter and leave breakout rooms freely.

NOTE: To use the self-select breakout rooms feature, BOTH the instructor and the student must have an updated version Zoom downloaded to their desktop client or mobile app (version 5.3.0 or higher). In addition, participants not joined with the desktop or mobile app will not be able to self-select a breakout room. The host will need to facilitate moving these participants manually.
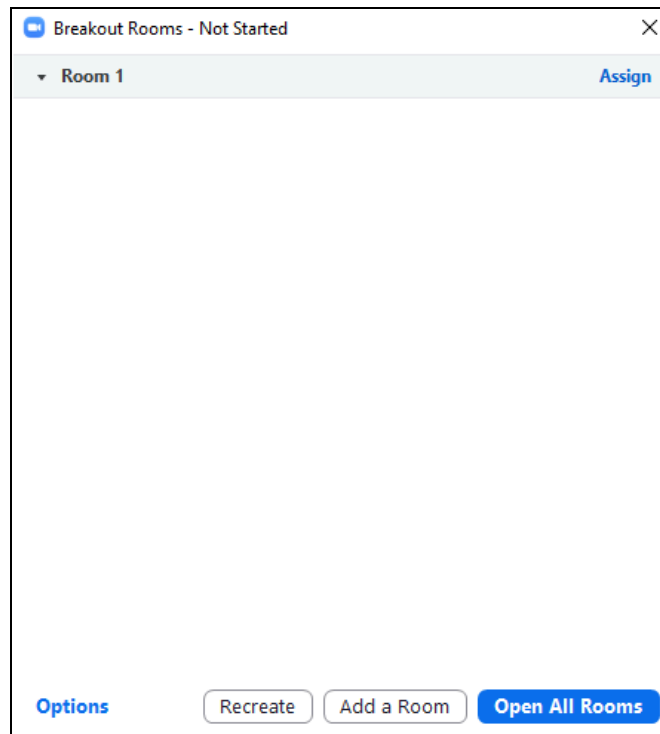
1. To start self-selecting breakout rooms as the host, click the **Breakout Rooms** button in the meeting controls. If you don't see this icon, you can click "More" at the bottom of the meeting screen and then click "Breakout Rooms."

2. Indicate the number of breakout rooms, select **Let participants choose room,** and click **Create**.

3. From here, you can optionally add rooms and then click **Open All Rooms**.

4. Participants will now be able to click the **Breakout Rooms** button in the meeting controls, which will display the list of open breakout rooms created by the host that they can join.

NOTE: The Zoom application on your computer will not update automatically. To check for updates, open the Zoom app, click on your initials in the upper right corner, and select **Check for Updates** from the dropdown menu.

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