

Free Video conferencing Platforms: Comparative Table

#	Application	Free Version Available?	Max. Participants	Max. Duration	Features	Limitations
1	Zoom	Yes	100	40	- Meetings can be recorded in audio and video format. But have to be uploaded to your email or Moodle accounts - Chat Transcript is also available - Just the Host has to make the account - Whiteboard, screen sharing, group discussions, poll taking, a feature of hand raising and chatting facilities to improve student engagement - After the 40 min session expires, you can immediately sign-in with the same ID number to continue - End-to-end encryption available - A tool called Zapps that connects other apps directly in Zoom - Host can set a custom background theme for their meetings similar to Teams' "Together Mode"	- No access to the reports section including the attendance reports - Breakout Room feature is only available in the free trial period or advanced version of Zoom. - Cloud Recording not available - No live stream to Facebook or YouTube - Limited user management and admin controls
2	Microsoft Teams	FCC has paid subscription	300	No time limit	- Integrated with Moodle and other MS Apps - Meetings can be recorded, but have to be uploaded to Moodle - Chat Transcript is also available - Breakout Rooms can be recorded - Cloud Screen Share is possible - Just the Host has to make the account - Attendance Report can be generated - Whiteboard, screen sharing, group discussions, poll taking, feature of hand raising along with a variety of reactions and chatting facilities to improve student engagement - MS Teams is an LMS on its own with Video Conferencing feature - Has live captioning option - For background effect can use "blurred and other options"	Shared Notes and White Boards cannot be captured in the recordings

3	Skype	Yes	50	-	Conferences can be recorded and reviewed	
4	Cisco Webex	Yes	100	24 hours	Meeting recordings in easy-to-share MP4 files	
5	Google Hangouts Meet	Yes, if your organization has purchased the G Suite License	100	No time limit	- If recording is enabled by a G Suite administrator, you can record video meetings for other people to watch later. You can record if you are the meeting organizer or in the same organization as that person - Google Meet uses Google Classroom as it's own LMS - Google Meet is integrated with other Google Apps - Allows raising hands - Has live captioning option - For background effect can use "blurred and other options"	- G Suite License is required - Not integrated with Moodle - Does not have the option of taking attendance - No breakout rooms
6	RingCentral	Yes	100	40 minutes	Yes. The host can record online meetings on a Windows or Mac computer for later review or sharing. The host can also grant permission to any participant to record the meeting	

For tips about how teachers and students use video conferencing effectively, please see [Effective Use of Video Conferencing](#) or [Instructional Video Tips sheet](#) .

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