# Zoom Meeting Setup and Basic Operation

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#### **Forward**

Responding to the potential need for a distance-learning option in the event of school closures due to COVID-19, we have prepared a basic set of instructions for utilizing the Zoom Meetings web-based software. This will allow you to maintain contact with your classes in the event of an extended closure.

We highly recommend reading over these instructions to familiarize yourself with the program, and to spend some time familiarizing yourself with it's inner workings in the event that it is needed to be used. Contained in this document are the basic steps for registering an account to host meetings, how to host both instant and scheduled meetings, how to record meetings for later viewing, as well as how students will be using the software to join your meetings.

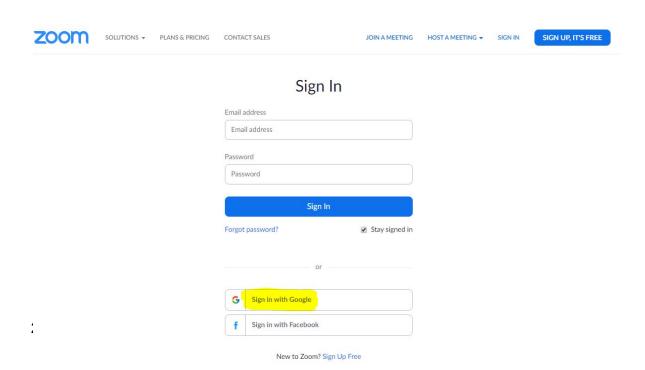
## Staff Setup and Configuration

#### **Account Registration**

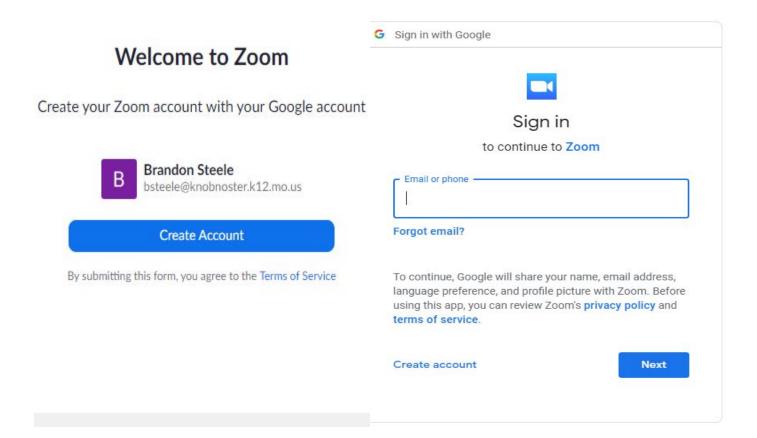
In order to host meetings using Zoom, you will need to register an account. Only the host has to complete these steps, students will join via meeting codes. Navigate to

#### https://zoom.us/signin

You should be presented with a screen similar to the one shown below. For our purposes, I have used the "Sign In with Google" option, using the district-provided e-mail account.



If you are already signed in to your browser, you will be provided with a list of Google accounts to choose from for which to create the account - If not, you will be prompted to enter it manually.

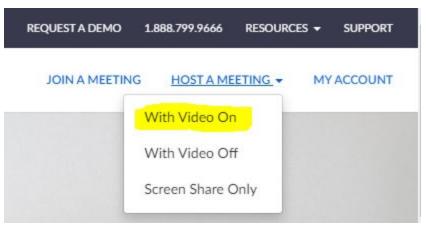


## **Hosting Meetings**

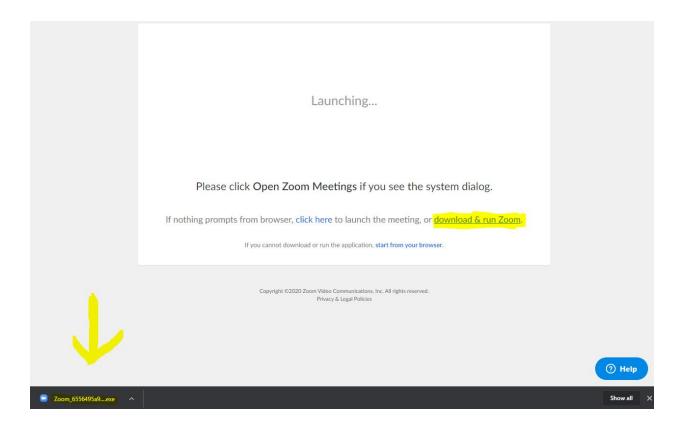
Once you have created your free Zoom account, you will have the option to host meetings. There are two methods of accomplishing this - hosting a meeting immediately, or scheduling it in advance. We will walk you through the basic process for both.

#### Host a Meeting now

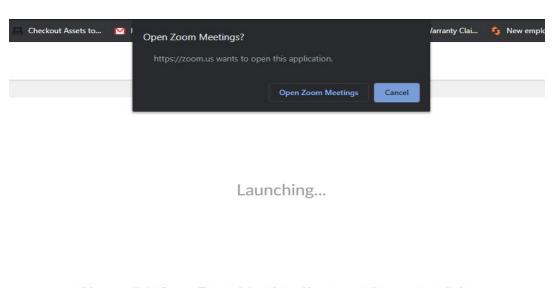
To host a meeting that will immediately begin, simply click the "Host a meeting link" on the Zoom homepage after signing in (<a href="https://zoom.us">https://zoom.us</a>). Choose the option that is appropriate for your use case.



The first time you perform a Zoom meeting, your browser will ask you to download and run the Zoom application. Click the link provided if the application does not automatically download. Once the executable is downloaded, run it to install Zoom Meeting. Zoom should install and auto-start itself.



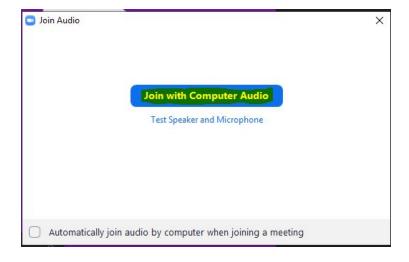
If you have already installed Zoom on your device before, your browser will instead attempt to open Zoom for you. Please allow it to do so by clicking the "Open Zoom Meetings" button in the dialog box provided.



Please click Open Zoom Meetings if you see the system dialog.

If nothing prompts from browser, click here to launch the meeting, or download & run Zoom.

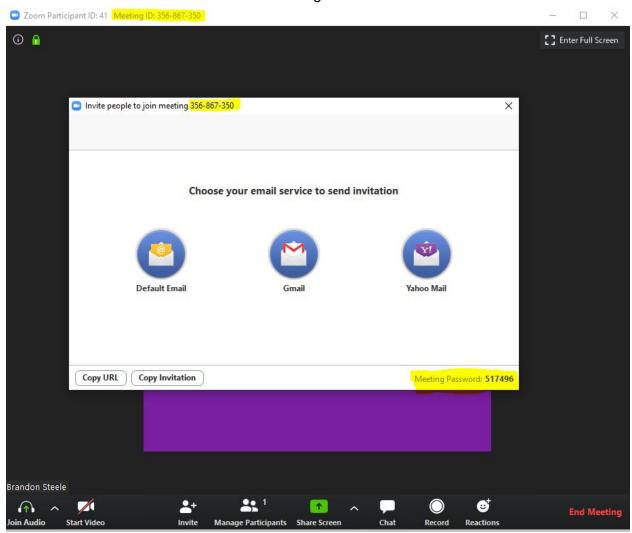
Once the Zoom Meetings application has launched on your PC, you should be presented with a screen prompting you to choose your audio source. We will be choosing "Join with Computer Audio". Your district issued laptop should have both a microphone and webcam built in at the top of it's display. If you have covered your webcam / microphone with privacy tape or any other medium, please remove it before trying to utilize Zoom for best results.



If during the meeting you are having issue with receiving audio, make sure that you are joined to the audio channel for the meeting. If you accidently skipped the "Join with Computer Audio" button, you can later join the audio channel in the bottom left of the Zoom Application using the button shown below.

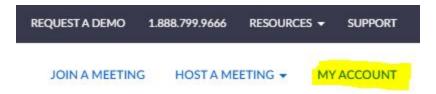


Once you are inside the meeting, you will need to provide the ID and meeting Password for your students to join. We recommend using Google Classroom or Gmail to communicate this information to your class. You can find your meeting ID and Password information by clicking the "Invite" button at the bottom of Zoom Meeting.

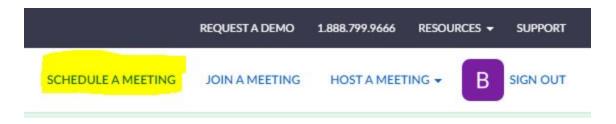


#### Host a Scheduled Meeting

In order to schedule a meeting in advance, sign in to the Zoom website, and click on the "My Account" button in the top right of the screen.



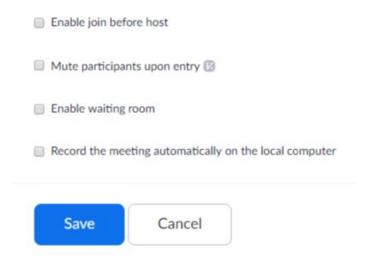
Once there, click the "Schedule a Meeting" button at the top of the screen.



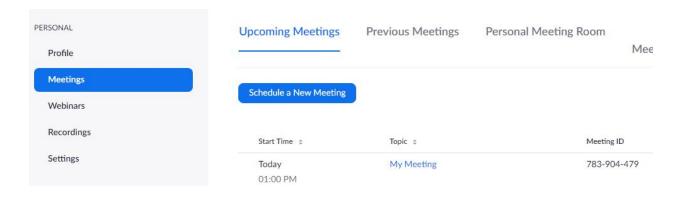
Fill in the appropriate information for your event. We recommend the following settings:

- **Duration**: Default 1hr (Please note, Free accounts are limited to 40 minute sessions for meetings over 3 participants. You can then start a new meeting if needed.
- Time Zone: GMT-6:00
- Meeting ID: Personal Meeting ID
- **Meeting Password:** Enabled, if appropriate for your student age-group
- Video: Your PreferenceAudio: Computer Audio
- Meeting Options: Your Preference

Once you have reviewed your meeting settings and confirmed they are as desired, press the blue 'Save' button at the bottom of the screen (Shown on next page).



Your meeting should now be created and scheduled. You can access your scheduled meetings from your profile page (<a href="https://zoom.us/meetings">https://zoom.us/meetings</a>). From here, you can start your meetings or delete ones you no longer need.

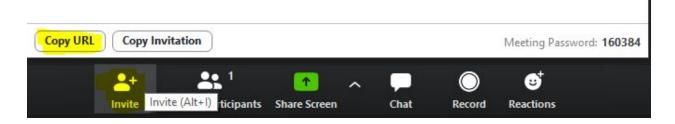


Once you are ready to start your meeting, press the "Start" button next to the meeting you wish to host. The launching process should be the same as in the "Hosting a Meeting now" section, page 4

#### Inviting attendees to a Meeting

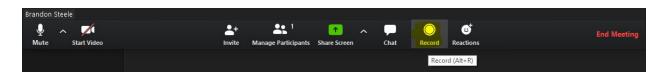
There are a few methods of getting attendees to join your meeting.

- Share your Meeting ID (And Password, if applicable). These are available inside the Zoom Meeting app. Press the "Invite" button shown below. The meeting ID is located at the top of the popout window, the meeting password is located in the bottom right
- Sharing your personal Meeting Link (Available in the Profile section of the Zoom Website)
- Inviting attendees directly to your meeting from inside the Zoom application (Copy URL)

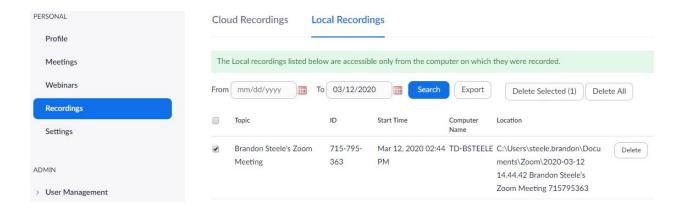


### Recording a Meeting

You have the option to record your meetings locally to your computer. This will enable you to upload the file to Google Classroom for later viewing. After you have launched your Zoom meeting and you are inside the Zoom Meetings desktop application, locate the "Record" option on the bottom of the application and press it.



The default save location is located at C:\Users\\*USERNAME\*\Documents\Zoom. You can see a list of your saved recordings at the Zoom website, inside the recording tab.



The recording will provide 3 seperate files inside it's folder.

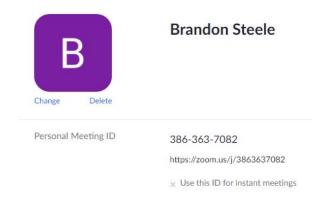
- Audio\_Only: Only provides the voice-over recording of the meeting
- Zoom\_#: Audio and Video capture of the Meeting
- Do NOT use this option: Playback: Not natively supported by all district devices.

If you desire, you can upload these files to your Google Classroom for students to download and watch at home on their own time (or watch directly from their web-browser if their connection is fast enough) We recommend they use the built-in "Photos" app of Windows 10 to view videos. Windows Media Player and VLC are also suitable alternatives.

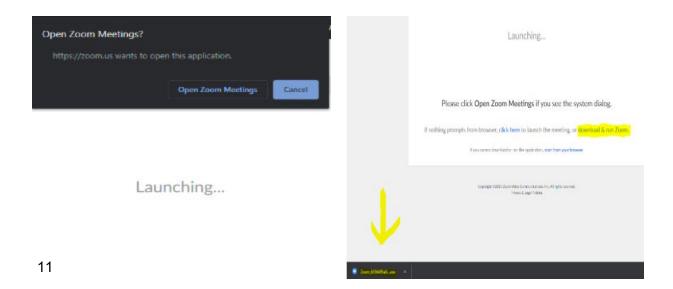
# Student Device Setup

#### Join a Meeting

**Students do NOT need to create a Zoom account to participate in meetings**, they will join rooms created by Teachers using meeting IDs or personal link addresses (obtainable from Teacher's Zoom account in profile information, example below). Which method to use depends on how the Teacher has configured their meeting.



To join a meeting, navigate a web browser to <a href="https://zoom.us">https://zoom.us</a> and click the "Join Meeting" link at the top of the screen. It will prompt you to enter in a meeting ID, or a teacher's personal link. Which one you use is dependent on how your teacher has configured their meeting. The first time that you attempt to join a meeting, your browser will prompt you to download the Zoom Meeting application to your PC.

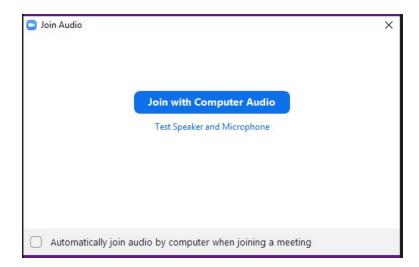


Once the Zoom Meetings application has been downloaded, run the executable in the bottom left of your browser screen. Once the application setup it complete, it should automatically join the requested meeting. If you have launched Zoom in the past, your browser will ask you to confirm opening the Zoom Meetings app (shown above).

Once the Zoom Meetings application has launched, if the meeting you are joining has a password configured, it will ask you for it here.



After entering the password (if applicable), Zoom will ask you which audio source you wish to use for the meeting. Choose "Join with Computer Audio"



School issued laptops should all have Webcams with Microphones built in for voice communications. If you have covered your device's webcam with privacy film or another medium, please remove it for optimal audio / video performance.

Zoom may also ask you if you want to join with or without Video enabled. You should choose whichever option your teacher has indicated.

