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Video Conference Features

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We are aware that Zoom is rolling out changes to its interface that may affect some of our directions. We are working on updating these pages, but in the meantime you can visit Zoom's Release Announcement. Please reach out to Wharton Computing if you have any questions.

Video conferences come equipped with features that can be used during lectures to assist with content delivery. These built-ins are available when creating and joining a meeting through Canvas. Some of the same tools may also be available when joining a meeting using an app or web browser, but not all will be.

Before You Start

You will need the following before you can complete this task:

- A published Canvas site
- A video conference created within Canvas
- The latest version of the video conference program

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Accessing the Features

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You can access all of Zoom's functionality when in a meeting via the meeting toolbar:

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Key Features

Breakout Rooms

All users need to have the latest versions of the Zoom app for best results with Breakout Rooms.

See our Video Conference Breakout Rooms article for more information.

Whiteboard

The Whiteboard feature can come in handy when participants need to view what you are writing in real time. It can take the place of writing on a whiteboard or using a document camera in the classroom. Learn how to share a Whiteboard on Zoom.

Annotation

Learn how to use annotation tools on a shared screen or whiteboard in Zoom.

Polling

Zoom does have an integrated polling function. Keep in mind that a single Zoom meeting can have a maximum of 50 polls with 10 questions each.

Upload & Share Video

Learn how to optimize a shared video in Zoom.

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