

Roles in a Video Conference

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Each user connected to a video conference is assigned a role that determines their level of control over the meeting.

For more information, see [Zoom's documentation](#).

Zoom offers several roles:

- **Participants** - Most meeting attendees (including students) will be participants. This is a person who was invited to the meeting, can see other meeting participants, share content (if allowed by the moderator), and see call details. Most students in a class will be participants.
- **Host** - This is the person who scheduled the meeting and has full access to meeting controls. Each Zoom meeting can have only one host, which is typically a faculty member (in the case of remote instruction).
- **Co-hosts** - A person in the co-host role has some (but not all) access to meeting controls and can help manage participants. **Co-hosts cannot start a meeting**

Note: See specific Host and Co-host controls [here](#).

- **Alternative Hosts** - Have the same control access as co-hosts with the additional ability to start the meeting. For Zoom meetings **scheduled via Canvas** the course's listed TA is automatically added as an Alternative Host. To reclaim host controls from your alternative host during a meeting...

1. Go to **Participants**
2. Click the "three dots" button at the bottom of the panel
3. Click **Reclaim host**

