



# Teleconferencing in 2020

Video Chat in 2020

# Types of Teleconferencing

- BlueJeans
- Cisco WebEx Meetings
- FaceTime
- Google Hangouts
- GoToMeeting
- Microsoft Teams
- Skype
- Zoom Cloud Meetings

## AlternativeTo Likes

Service	Likes	Fee
BlueJeans	2	Commercial
Cisco WebEx Meetings	13	Freemium
FaceTime	74	Free
Google Hangouts	1006	Free
GoToMeeting	26	Freemium
Microsoft Teams	20	Freemium
Skype	2502	Freemium
Zoom Cloud Meetings	50	Freemium

# Number of Connections/Participants \$/month/host (\$/m/h)

Service	Participants
BlueJeans	50 \$9.99/m/h, 75 \$13.99/m/h 100 \$?.??.?/m/h
Cisco WebEx Meetings	100 free, 50 \$13.50/m/h, 100 \$17.95/m/h, 200 \$26.95/m/h
FaceTime	32 free
Google Hangouts	15 free (25 free Work, Gov, and Edu)
GoToMeeting	26 free, 150 \$12/m, 250 \$16/m, 3000 \$???.??.?/m, 3,000 GoToWebinar \$399/m
Microsoft Teams	80 \$5/Mo/User (10,000 Teams Live Events)
Skype	25 (250 Business \$5/Mo/User)
Zoom Cloud Meetings	100 free 40 minutes, 100 \$14.95/m/h, 300 \$19.99/m/h min 10 host, 500 \$19.99/m/h min 50 host

## Downsides

Service	Downside
BlueJeans	Not Free
Cisco WebEx Meetings	
FaceTime	Apple Only
Google Hangouts	
GoToMeeting	
Microsoft Teams	
Skype	
Zoom Cloud Meetings	Free for 40 minutes

## Works with..

Service	Web	Linux	Mac	Chrome OS	Windows
BlueJeans	✓	✓	✓		✓
Cisco WebEx Meetings	✓				✓
FaceTime			✓		
Google Hangouts	✓			✓	✓
GoToMeeting	✓		✓		✓
Microsoft Teams		✓	✓		✓
Skype	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zoom Cloud Meetings	✓	✓	✓		✓

## Works with Linux

Service	Web	Linux	Snaps	Flatpack	ApplImage
BlueJeans	✓	✓		✓	
Cisco WebEx Meetings	✓				
FaceTime					
Google Hangouts	✓				
GoToMeeting	✓				
Microsoft Teams		✓	✓	✓	
Skype	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Zoom Cloud Meetings	✓	✓	✓	✓	

## Works with Linux

Service	iPhone	Android	iPad	Android Tablet
BlueJeans	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cisco WebEx Meetings	✓	✓	✓	✓
FaceTime	✓		✓	
Google Hangouts	✓	✓	✓	✓
GoToMeeting	✓	✓	✓	✓
Microsoft Teams	✓	✓	✓	✓
Skype	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zoom Cloud Meetings	✓	✓	✓	✓



## Works with Telephone Call

Service	Telephone Call
BlueJeans	√
Cisco WebEx Meetings	√
FaceTime	
Google Hangouts	√
GoToMeeting	√
Microsoft Teams	√
Skype	√
Zoom Cloud Meetings	√

## Cost \$/month/host (\$/m/h)

Service	Standard	Standard+	Premium	Premium+
BlueJeans	\$9.99/m/h	\$13.99/m/h	Get a Quote	-
Cisco WebEx Meetings	Free	\$13.50/m/h	17.95/m/h	\$26.95/m/h
FaceTime	Free	-	-	-
Google Hangouts	Free	-	-	-
GoToMeeting	Free	\$12.00/Mo	\$16.00/Mo	Get a Quote
Microsoft Teams	Free	-	-	\$5.00/Mo/User
Skype	Free	\$2.99/Mo	-	\$5.00/Mo/User
Zoom Cloud Meetings	Free	\$14.99/m/h	\$19.99/m/h	\$19.99/m/h

## Helpful Hints

- Use headphones or a headset to prevent echo and feedback
- Don't run the app twice in the same room without muting and turning down the speaker on one. Headsets are ok.
- Mute or use spacebar-push-to-talk if you have background noise
- Don't use VPN if it causes audio issues
- Don't start a meeting right on the hour (5 minutes before or after is ok)
- Disable video if bandwidth is an issue
- Early morning meetings have more bandwidth available

# Alternativeto Links

- <https://alternativeto.net/software/bluejeans/>
- <https://alternativeto.net/software/webex/>
- <https://alternativeto.net/software/facetime/>
- <https://alternativeto.net/software/google-hangouts/>
- <https://alternativeto.net/software/gotomeeting/>
- <https://alternativeto.net/software/microsoft-teams/>
- <https://alternativeto.net/software/skype/>
- <https://alternativeto.net/software/zoom-cloud-meetings/>

# Security

- [https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/boston/news/press-releases/fbi-warns-of-teleconferencing-and-online-classroom-hijacking-during-covid-19-pandemic/layout\\_view](https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/boston/news/press-releases/fbi-warns-of-teleconferencing-and-online-classroom-hijacking-during-covid-19-pandemic/layout_view)