



Teleconferencing in 2020

Video Chat in 2020

Types of Teleconferencing

- BlueJeans
- Cisco WebEx Meetings
- FaceTime
- Google Hangouts
- Skype
- Zoom Cloud Meetings

AlternativeTo Likes

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

Number of Connections/Participants

Service	Participants
BlueJeans	25 (100 large meeting capacity)
Cisco WebEx Meetings	200
FaceTime	32
Google Hangouts	15 (25 Work, Gov, and Edu)
Skype	25 (250 Business)
Zoom Cloud Meetings	100

Downsides

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

Works with Linux

Service	Web	Linux	Snaps	Flatpack	AppImage
BlueJeans	✓	✓		✓	
Cisco WebEx Meetings	✓				
FaceTime					
Google Hangouts	✓				
Skype	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Zoom Cloud Meetings	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Works with Telephone Call

Service	Telephone Call
BlueJeans	✓
Cisco WebEx Meetings	✓
FaceTime	
Google Hangouts	✓
Skype	✓
Zoom Cloud Meetings	✓

Cost

Service	Standard	Standard+	Premium
BlueJeans	\$9.99/Mo	\$13.99/Mo	Get a Quote
Cisco WebEx Meetings	\$13.50/Mo	17.95/Mo	\$26.95/Mo
FaceTime	Free	Free	Free
Google Hangouts	Free	Free	Free
Skype	\$2.99/Mo	-	-
Zoom Cloud Meetings	\$14.99/Mo	\$19.99/Mo	\$19.99/Mo

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
- 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 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/skype/>
- <https://alternativeto.net/software/zoom-cloud-meetings/>