Video Conference Solutions for Club Meetings

Zoom.com

Basic Plan

Personal Meeting

Free

Host up to 100 participants

Unlimited 1 to 1 meetings

40 mins limit on group meetings

Unlimited number of meetings

Online support

Video Conferencing Features

Web Conferencing Features

Group Collaboration Features

Security

Pro Plan

Great for Small Teams

\$14.99/mo/host

All Basic features +

Includes 100 participants

Need more participants?

Meeting duration limit is 24 hrs

User management

Admin feature controls

Reporting

Custom Personal Meeting ID

Assign scheduler

1GB of MP4 or M4A cloud recording

REST API

Skype for Business (Lync) interoperability

Optional Add-on Plans

<u>Zoom Meetings</u> offers a video conferencing and messaging solution for desktop and mobile devices, that aims to be very quick and easy to set up, and offer a wide range of scaleable features.

Not only does it provide HD video and audio, but it can support up to 1,000 participants at the same time, and up to 49 videos on a single screen, though such large gatherings are probably best suited to big-screen monitors.

Meetings can be saved locally or to the cloud, along with transcripts that have searchable text to work with. Additionally, collaboration is built in with the ability for participants to share their screens and work together to provide their own notes as required.

On top of this a team chat feature allows for file sharing, a searchable history, and a ten year archive.

Meetings can also be escalated into one-on-one calls.

Security is built-in, using 256-bit TLS encryption for both meetings and shared files, and automated scheduling can be done from Gmail, Outlook, and iCal.

Even better is that a feature-rich free tier is available, and able to accommodate up to 100 people for up to 40 minutes, but to include additional tools for team administration and management pricing starts at \$14.99 a month, rising to \$19.99 a month per host for more dedicated business and enterprise packages.

RingCentral Office Standard

From \$24.99 monthly per user

- Unlimited calls within the US/CA**
- Team messaging and collaboration
- Unlimited audio meetings
- Unlimited video conferencing (up to 4 people per meeting)
- Toll-free or local number
- 1,000 toll-free minutes/month
- Voicemail-to-text
- Unlimited internet fax

RingCentral FREE

All healthcare providers, schools (K-12), and non-profit organizations who are new customers get free access to RingCentral Office. This includes 100 participants per video meeting. Our existing Office Essential and Standard customers can also benefit from the increased meeting participant limit.

G Suite Basic (Google product)

\$6/month

INCLUDED APPLICATIONS

- **Gmail** Business email
- Calendar Shared calendars
- <u>Drive</u> 30GB cloud storage
- Hangouts Chat Secure team messaging
- Hangouts Meet Video and voice conferencing (for up to 100 participants per call)
- Docs Word processing
- Sheets Spreadsheets
- Slides Presentation builder
- Forms Professional surveys builder
- Sites Website builder
- Keep Shared notes
- Currents Engage employees
- Apps Script Automate, integrate, and extend with G Suite

SECURITY AND MANAGEMENT

- 24/7 support By phone, email and online
- Admin Security and administration controls
- Enterprise-grade access control with security key enforcement
- Advanced Protection Program
- Endpoint Management Remotely manage your mobile fleet

G Suite for Nonprofits provides access to G Suite Basic, using your domain, at no charge.

<u>Google Hangouts Meet</u> is part of the G Suite office productivity platform, and aims to provide a first-class conferencing service.

Developed specifically for business needs, it can cater for a large number of users at once, and also uses smart participation and a fast interface to reduce the need to wait.

As an improved version of the standard Google Hangouts, it aims to make it easier to work with external clients. It does this first by providing a web app experience, which means there is no software to download.

Secondly, it also provides a dedicated dial-in number, which not only means that employees on the go can join in, but this also ensure that line quality is maintained and that there are no drop-outs.

As well as having dedicated apps available for mobile users in the Apple AppStore and Google Play store for Android, Google Hangouts Meet can also work with existing conferencing hardware. All that's required is that it follows SIP and H.323 standards for Skype for Business users. This also applies to Cisco, Lifesize, and Polycomm in particular, and by using Pexip Infinity can join in Hangouts meets.

Another key advantage is that by being within the G Suite platform it's easy to use data from other applications, not least Google Calendar, to not just plan meetings but also set up event information as required when users do sign in.

The other big plus is that Hangouts itself doesn't come with the big monthly costs that other providers might charge.

Ultimately, Hangout Meets is a serious business-grade conferencing platform that doesn't require big up-front costs for hardware, making it especially accessible for businesses of any size.

GoToMeeting Professional (host meetings with up to 150 participants) \$12/month (billed annually at \$144)
GoToMeeting Business (host meetings with up to 250 participants) \$16/month (billed annually at \$192)
Meeting App
Screen Sharing
Video Conferencing
Mobile Conferencing
Conference Calling
Meeting Recording & Transcription
Free Meeting Software

<u>GoToMeeting</u> is the standalone webconferencing service provided by LogMeln. As expected it provides audio and video conferencing, as well as screensharing.

One of the features that sets GoToMeetings apart is its mobile friendliness - you can set up and start a conference from your smartphone, something some big brand software would struggle to do. There are also settings to maximize call and image quality, as well as one-tap invites to join meetings as well as chats. Mobile apps are provided separately for <u>Android</u> and <u>iOS</u>, and both have high positive review volumes, which again makes a change from some other providers who struggle to balance quality and usability with mobile use.

In terms of pricing, almost all standard features are available with the most basic payment tier, which costs \$14 per month, or \$12 per month with an annual payment. Even the limit of 150 participants is generous, and for most businesses this is all that will be required.

A Business plan tier is available for \$19 per month (or \$16 when paid annually) which increases the number of participants to 250 and includes a few admin features plus drawing tools and mouse sharing. An Enterprise plan is available to accommodate up to 3,000 participants.

However, while there are many good things to be said for GoToMeetings, if you're looking for a business VoIP solution then <u>GoToConnect</u> offers both <u>cloud-based phone system</u> which integrates GoToMeetings as part of the package, and it may be more cost-effective to sign up for that instead.

Cisco Webex Meetings

Premium video conferencing features without the price tag Free features

Free features

- Up to 100 participants in each meeting (Up from 50)
- Meet as long as you want (Up from 40 min limit)
- Call-in for audio
 (in addition to existing VoIP capabilities)
- Unlimited number of meetings
- Video conferencing features
- Webex Teams collaboration features
- Mobile features
- Security features
- Online support

Starter Features

\$13.50/month per host

- All Free features +
- Up to 50 participants in each meeting
- Meet as long as you want
- Call-in for audio
- 5 GB of cloud storage
- Recording transcriptions
- MP4 meeting recordings
- Application and file sharing
- Customizable Personal Room link
- Webex Meetings <u>integrations</u> with other applications
- Join from a video system or application
- User management
- Administrative feature controls
- Business hours customer support

With a name like Cisco behind it, expectations for WebEx Meetings are understandably high – and it doesn't disappoint. While there are various plans available for Webex Meetings, for most circumstances the free version should be just fine. This enables you to hold HD video meetings with up to 100 participants, and to take advantage of options such as screen sharing and private chat rooms.

When you sign up for an account, you are assigned a personal URL that can be used to manage all of your meetings, schedule video conferences, and access the recording you have made.

When it comes to holding a video meeting, you have the choice between using the Webex Meetings app or just sticking with the website, though it could be argued that the desktop apps give a smoother experience. There are also mobile apps available.

The free package includes 1GB of cloud storage, unlimited meetings of unlimited length and the ability to make MP4 recordings of them. Security is catered for by TLS 1.2 and AES 256-bit encryption, and backed by Cisco's networking know-how means performance is impressive.