

# Video Conferencing

## TOP 9 VIDEO CONFERENCING SERVICES

### 1. Go To Meeting

Go To Meeting is a user friendly web conferencing service with video capable plans starting at \$12.00 per month per organizer and allow up to 150 participants. The basic plan includes features like: HD Video, Screen Sharing, Web Audio, Dial In Conference Line, Unlimited Meetings, and No Time Limits. Go To Meeting can work equally well for both business and education.

<https://www.gotomeeting.com/>

### 2. TeamViewer

TeamViewer has an all-in-one approach for both effective communication and collaboration in a convenient package. The software offers easy access to online conference solutions for audio and video and interactive screen sharing plus remote access for troubleshooting and maintenance. Starting at \$49.00 per month for up to 200 devices per session, TeamViewer's solution also includes file sharing, text-based chats and remote printing. <https://www.teamviewer.com/en-us/>

### 3. Zoom

Zoom has both free and paid plans and is a very feature rich application. The free plan offers unlimited meetings with 40 minutes of video conferencing for up to 100 participants with multiple views that offers tools like: simultaneous screen and application sharing, virtual backgrounds, MP4 recording, secure check in and much more. Participants can even call in to join a conference. Paid plans start at \$14.99 per month per host and offer additional features like: 24 hour meeting durations, 1 GB of cloud recording and advanced user management tools. <https://zoom.us/>

### 4. ezTalks Meetings

ezTalks Meetings is a web video conferencing service that provides HD web video along with powerful online whiteboard collaboration tools. ezTalks Meetings offers a free version for up to 100 participants with unlimited meetings lasting 45 minutes each. Regularly held meetings can be "repeat" scheduled in one step and all meetings are protected by an advanced encryption standard. They offer paid plans starting at \$10.00 per month allowing for longer meetings. All meetings can be recorded to MP4. <https://www.eztalks.com/>

### 5. Cisco Webex

Cisco Webex regularly ranks as one of the best web conference software solutions due to their attention to security. It's also one of the first conference tools so it's been around a while with a product that's pretty effective. Like most other web conferencing systems, there is a free version of Webex which limits the number of conference participants to three. Users can join meetings by using a mobile app. Webex is an ideal choice for large enterprises and small businesses. Paid plans start at \$13.50 per month per host for up to 50 participants with a large amount of features. <https://www.webex.com/>

### 6. Skype

Skype is owned by Microsoft and features a free, web conferencing solution that allows for screen sharing. Skype meetings can be set up in three simple clicks from a Skype account to others with a Skype account. Skype for business is also possible but requires an Office 365 subscription. Skype allows users to host video and audio conferences with up to 25 participants. Skype can also support desktop OS, Android, and iOS phone apps to allow on-the-go conferencing. <https://www.skype.com/en/>

### 7. Apache OpenMeetings

Apache OpenMeetings is a free web conferencing solution featuring video conferencing, whiteboard capabilities, instant messaging, and collaborative document editing. You can also share screens and record audio. This solution has everything that most other solutions have and because this is an open source app, it's possible for teams to get a developer to customize the platform to suit the needs of the user. <https://openmeetings.apache.org/>

### 8. Join.Me

Join.Me offers a free trial and is easy to use with its one-click functionality. Plans begin at \$10.00 per month for limited participants and no video. Features on all plans include screen sharing, online whiteboard and chat for additional collaboration. The \$20.00 per month plan allows for unlimited meetings and time for 10 different web streams and up to 250 participants. You also get a toll-free call in number for the US and over 40 other countries and 50GB of cloud storage for recording. Join.Me can also be integrated with Google Calendar and Outlook. <https://www.join.me/>

### 9. Google Hangouts and Google Meet

Both Google Hangouts and Meet require a Google account to use. Like other Google apps like Google Docs, Hangout can be free to use. Hangout allows you to receive and send instant messages, receive and send SMS messages, and video chats. It also gives users the ability to use a screen sharing feature and Hangouts also hosts VoIP calls. To use hangouts, users have to add each other in order to chat or meet online. This makes Hangout ideal for smaller teams looking for a free solution. Google Meet is an advanced version of Hangouts and allows for up to 100 people for the basic and education suites and up to 250 participants at the enterprise level. Both Hangouts and Meet offer free versions as well as paid plans for Meet with more advanced tools.

<https://hangouts.google.com/> and <https://meet.google.com/>