

# Webex Basics

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## Before the meeting

### Scheduling meetings in a web browser

1. Go to the [UB Webex site: https://ub.webex.com](https://ub.webex.com)
2. Sign in
3. Click **Schedule a Meeting**

### Scheduling meetings in Outlook

Click Add **Webex Meeting** while creating an invitation in Outlook calendar

- Add Webex – creates unique meeting number
- Add Personal Room – uses your (or the doc's) Personal Meeting Room, same URL all the time
- Add Personal Conference – uses a pre-defined phone conference number and attendee access code

### Setting up delegated scheduling

What you need to start:

- Webex Desktop Meetings App
- Permission to schedule on Doc's Outlook calendar
- Permission to schedule Webex meetings for the Doc

Online documentation

[Allow Someone to Schedule Webex Meetings on Your Behalf in Microsoft Outlook](https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/nkyeiue)  
<https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/nkyeiue>

### Set up Personal Conferencing Accounts (audio-only conferencing numbers)

1. Go to the [UB Webex site: https://ub.webex.com](https://ub.webex.com)
2. Sign in
3. Click **Classic View**
4. Go to **My Webex > Preferences**
5. Go to **Audio** and click **Set up**
6. Scroll to **Audio PIN** and enter a 4 digit PIN number and click **Save**
7. Under **Personal Conferencing > Accounts** > select **Generate account > Generate > Close**

The screenshot shows the 'Audio PIN' field with the value '6768'. Below it, a note states: 'A PIN must be 4 digits. It must not contain sequential digits (e.g., 1234) or repeated digits (e.g., 1111)'. The page is titled 'Personal Conferencing' and lists three personal conference numbers: '+1-240-454-0887 US Toll', '+1-647-484-1598 Canada Toll', and '+1-240-454-0887 US Toll'. A link 'Show all global call-in numbers' is provided. Under the 'Accounts' section, it says 'You can set up to three Personal Conferencing accounts in your preferences.' and includes a 'Generate account' link. The 'Account 1 (Default)' section shows '12530387 Host access code' and '12523261 Attendee access code', with 'Edit' and 'Delete' links.

Online documentation

[Schedule a Personal Conference or Audio Only Cisco Webex Meeting](https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/n84ij8t)

<https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/n84ij8t>

## Choosing Which Webex Platform to Use

| Meetings                        | Trainings                     | Events                         | Teams  |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Everyday collaborative meetings | Synchronous learning sessions | Large scale events<br>Webinars | Messaging and file sharing with individuals and groups |
| Study groups                    | Workshops                     | All staff meetings             | Asynchronous discussion                                |
| Presenting information          | More host control             | Continuing Education           | Group work   |
| Office hours                    | Attention indicators          |                                |  |
| Internal and external meetings  |                               |                                |  |

| Meetings  | Trainings  | Events                                   | Teams  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Interactive audio and video                                     | Interactive audio and video  | One to many audio and video              | Persistent messaging with individuals and groups                     |
| Up to 200 participants<br>Including 25 hardware video endpoints | Moderated Q&A<br>Breakout rooms<br>Polling, pre- and post-tests<br>Up to 1000 participants | Moderated Q&A<br>Up to 1000 participants | File sharing<br>Calls with up to 100 participants (no phone call-in) |

## During the meeting

### Connecting audio and video

1. Join or start the meeting
2. Dialog box will ask you to **Select audio connection**
  - Choose **Call using computer**, meaning use your web cam audio and video
  - Note: There is no call-back feature, users need to dial in if they are calling in on the phone
3. Under **Select video connection**
  - Choose the camera you are using, Webex often detects the camera and chooses for you.
4. Click the green **Connect Audio and Video button**

## Online documentation

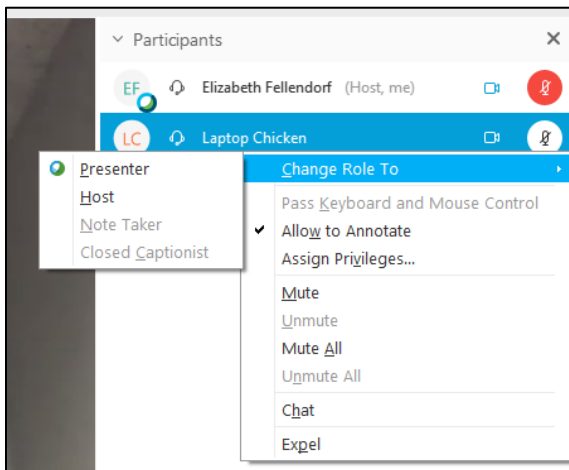
[Connect to Audio and Video in Cisco Webex Meetings](https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/cjr7xq)  
<https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/cjr7xq>

## Controlling participants' audio and privileges (if you are the host)

This can be done in two places, the participant panel, which you open to see who is in the meeting, and in the participant menu at the top of the screen if you are connected via the Webex app.

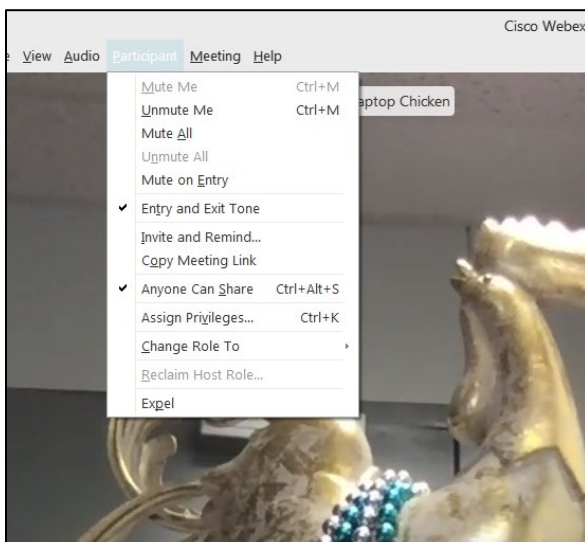


1. Click the Participant icon to open the participant panel.
2. Right-click any name to mute or unmute
3. Choose **Change Role To > Presenter** if someone needs to share content
4. Choose **Assign Privileges...** to
5. Adjust who the participants can chat with
6. Assign what items in a meeting they can see and interact with



## In the Participant menu

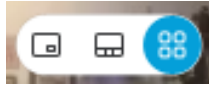
Controls a little more functionality than the participant panel



## Controlling the video layout

### *Layout options*

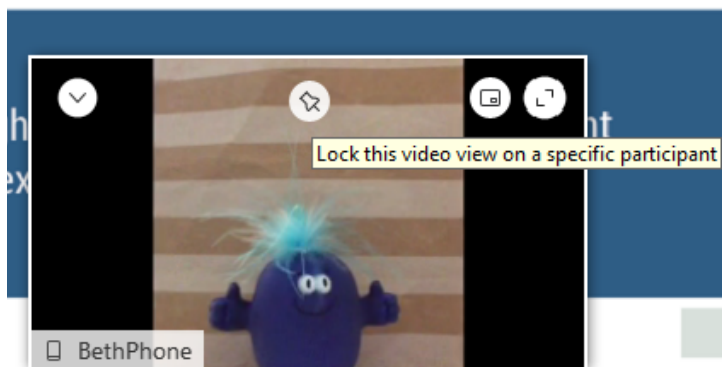
Hover your mouse over the meeting window and you should see the video layout options in the upper right corner of the screen.




- Active Speaker and thumbnail view (default)
  - Person heard most recently in large window; thumbnails of the other participants
- Grid view
  - Everyone's video is seen in a grid layout, up to 25
- Active Speaker Video View
  - Person making noise most recently shows largest
- Floating panel view
  - All videos float in a small panel that can be moved around
- Side-by-side view (Available when content is shared)
  - Video panel sits to the right side

### *Lock video focus on a single presenter/panelist*

1. Hover over the video > click the push-pin icon
  - Host - can lock video on one person for everyone in the meeting
  - Participants - can also choose, for themselves, to lock video on any other participant



## Sharing Content

You can share content during your meeting by selecting Share content icon  (line with an up-arrow). The share content dialog box shows thumbnail previews of the screens and applications that you have open. You may need to scroll down to see all options.

- **Your Screen**  
You can share everything on your computer screen with your attendees.
- **File (Including Video)**  
You can share one or multiple files with attendees.
- **Application**  
You can share applications on your computer with attendees.
- **Whiteboard**  
You can open a new whiteboard to make notes or draw pictures by using the annotation tools.
- **Web Browser**  
You can share your web browser with your attendees.
- **Multimedia**  
You can share web pages and multimedia content that your attendees can navigate independently. your screen.

Online documentation

[Share and Present in Cisco Webex Meetings:](https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/n7i0yxd)

<https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/n7i0yxd>

## Getting help

### Immediate

For support 24/7 – If you or one of your attendees is having trouble starting or joining a meeting, contact Cisco Support directly at **1-866 229-3239**. They will need to know the meeting number of the meeting you are having trouble with.

### Non-urgent

For questions or to report problems with the Webex service on campus please request a service from the UBIT Help Center online page by completing the [Webex Meetings and Teams Support online form](#).

[UBIT Webex Training Page:](http://www.buffalo.edu/ubit/service-guides/conference/webex/training.html)

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## Best Practices

### *Best practice for larger meetings*

Have yourself or someone else be on the meeting to moderate and handle the controls so the doc can concentrate on the discussion or presentation. Whoever is host can pass the host controls to you. (right-click a name > **Change role to ...** > **Host**)

### *Best practice when scheduling Webex Events*

When scheduling a meeting, under *Audio Conference Settings* choose **Webex Audio** and check **Provide audio to attendees using Audio Broadcast** and **Mute upon entry for all participants**

Audio Conference Settings:

Select conference type: Webex Audio

Display global call-in numbers

Estimated number of callers: 500 (up to 500 callers)

Provide audio to attendees using Audio Broadcast

Note: By default, email messages to participants include teleconference numbers. Edit the email messages if you do not want this information to appear.

Mute upon entry for all participants

Entry & exit tone: No Tone

Audio Broadcast connects attendees to audio automatically, through the computer, without them having to choose anything. Mute upon entry ensures that attendee mics are muted, even if they forget to do so themselves.

Online documentation

[Broadcast Audio in Cisco Webex Events:](https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/ilxl5eb)

<https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/ilxl5eb>

Other helpful Cisco documents

[Communicating with Participants in Webex Events:](https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/nd8133t#task_jnp_3ll_dy)

[https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/nd8133t#task\\_jnp\\_3ll\\_dy](https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/nd8133t#task_jnp_3ll_dy)

[Play video embedded in PPT:](https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/WBX59628)

<https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/WBX59628>

Works with limited file types

Save file as UCF for playback ahead of a meeting

[How Do I Save a Presentation, Document or Whiteboard in UCF Format within a Meeting?](https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/WBX390)

<https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/WBX390>

[Upload Presentations to Automatically Play before the host joins:](https://collaborationhelp.cisco.com/article/en-us/WBX11157)

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