

Microsoft Teams: Comparing desktop app/iPad app/web browser

Using the Windows desktop app rather than going through the web browser or iPad/Android app will allow more features. See table below.

	Windows desktop	Mac desktop	Web	Android and iOS	Linux desktop	VDI
Number of video participants in meetings	Up to 49 with Large gallery setting	Up to 49 with Large gallery setting	1 (active speaker)	Up to 49 with Large gallery setting	4	1 (active speaker)
Together mode	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-
Background blur	✓	✓	-	iOS only	-	-
Custom background	✓	✓	-	-	-	-
Spotlight	Meeting in a separate window: Start, stop, and view Meeting in main Teams window: View only	Meeting in a separate window: Start, stop, and view Meeting in main Teams window: View only	Edge and Chrome: View only	View only	View only	-

	Windows desktop	Mac desktop	Web	Android and iOS	Linux desktop	VDI
Share desktop	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Share window	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-
Share PowerPoint	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Share video	-	-	-	✓	-	-
Share photo	-	-	-	✓	-	-
Take control	✓	✓	PowerPoint only	PowerPoint only	PowerPoint only	PowerPoint only
Share system audio	✓	-	-	-	-	-

	Windows desktop	Mac desktop	Web	Android and iOS	Linux desktop	VDI
Raise hand	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
Add or remove participant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pin others	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mute others	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nudge others	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Create and join breakout rooms	✓	✓	Join only	Join only	Join only	Join only
Meeting options available during meeting	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
Create a meeting or access schedule	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Meeting notes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Start and stop recording	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Live captions	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-
Whiteboard	Start and sketch	Start and sketch	Sketch only	Sketch only	Start and sketch	Start and sketch
View meeting chat	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Channel meeting chat (standard channels only; not available in private channels)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Attendance report	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓

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Produce a live event	✓	✓	-	-	-	-
Producer role available to external users (existing guests or from federated Teams org)	✓	✓	-	-	-	-
Edit a live event	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓
Cancel a live event	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
Presenter role	✓	✓	-	-	-	-
Presenter role available to external users (existing guests or from federated Teams org)	✓	✓	-	-	-	-
Attendee* role	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to producer options when editing event	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-
Access to event resources when editing event	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-
Share screen or content during event	✓	✓	-	-	-	-
Share system audio	✓	-	-	-	-	-
Live captions for events coming through Teams	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
Attendance report (producer)	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓
Q&A attendee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Q&A moderator	✓	✓	-	-	-	-