



Getting Started with Zoom

Ready to start hosting your own Zoom gatherings? While you can join any Zoom meeting without having an account, you will need to sign up for an account to start hosting. The good news is accounts are free! Free accounts have limited features, including a 40 minute time limit on gatherings of 3 or more people. Check out <https://zoom.us/pricing> for more information on Zoom's plans and pricing.



Here's how to get started with a free account:

- 1 Go to **zoom.us** and locate the sign up icon in the top, right hand corner of the screen.

SIGN UP, IT'S FREE

- 2 Enter your email address to begin signing up. Then click **Sign Up**. Note: you do not have to use a "work" email address.

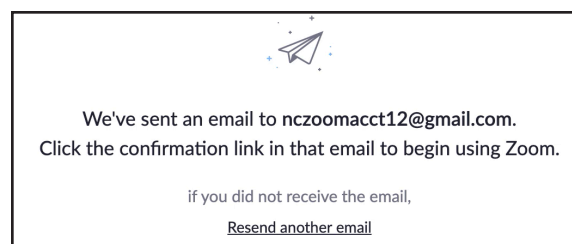
Your work email address

Zoom is protected by reCAPTCHA and the [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#) apply.

Sign Up

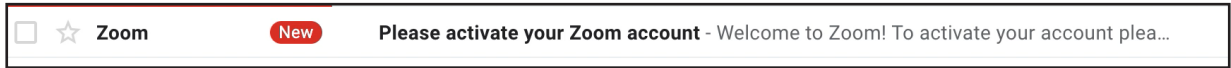
Already have an account? [Sign in.](#)

- 3 Once you enter your email click **Sign Up**, you'll be prompted to check your email for a verification link from Zoom. You may see a message that looks like the image below.

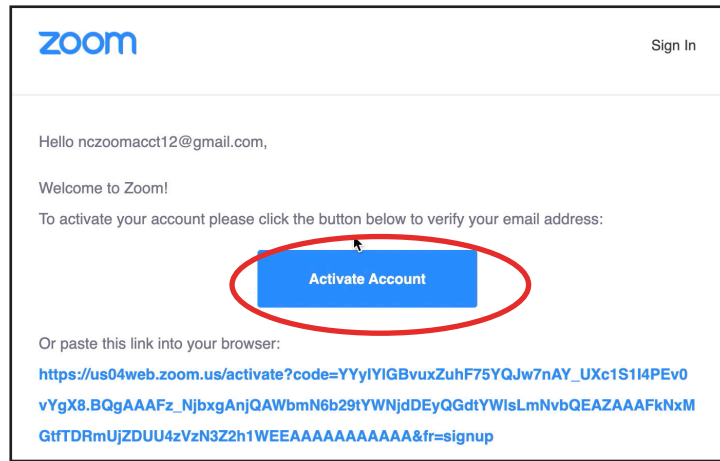




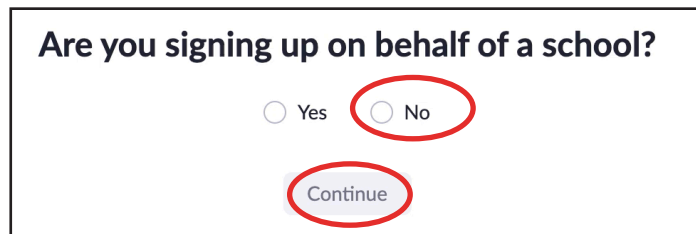
- 4 Go to your email inbox and look for an email from Zoom.



- 5 When you open the email, click on blue **Activate Account** link.



- 6 Answer the prompts that follow.





Welcome to Zoom!

7 Complete the requested fields. Write down your username (the email you used to sign up) and your password in the space below. When choosing a password, make sure it includes the following:

- 8 characters
- At least 1 letter
- At least 1 number
- Both uppercase and lowercase letters

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Welcome to Zoom". Below the title, a message reads: "Hi, ncz***@***com. Your account has been successfully created. Please list your name and create a password to continue." There are four input fields: "First Name", "Last Name", "Password", and "Confirm Password". Below the fields is a line of text: "By signing up, I agree to the [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#)." At the bottom left is an orange "Continue" button, and at the bottom right is a blue speech bubble icon.

Username (email): _____

Password: _____



- 8 Next, you'll be prompted to enter the email addresses of your "colleagues" or contacts so that they can open their own Zoom accounts. This is not a required step of the sign up process. Simply click **Skip this Step**.

Don't Zoom Alone.

Invite your colleagues to create their own free Zoom account today! [Why invite?](#)

name@domain.com

name@domain.com

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[Add another email](#)

Invite Skip this step

- 9 On the next screen, you'll receive your **Personal Meeting URL**. This is the link that participants will receive to join your Zoom gatherings. You do not have to start a test meeting. Instead, you can go to your account.

Start your test meeting.

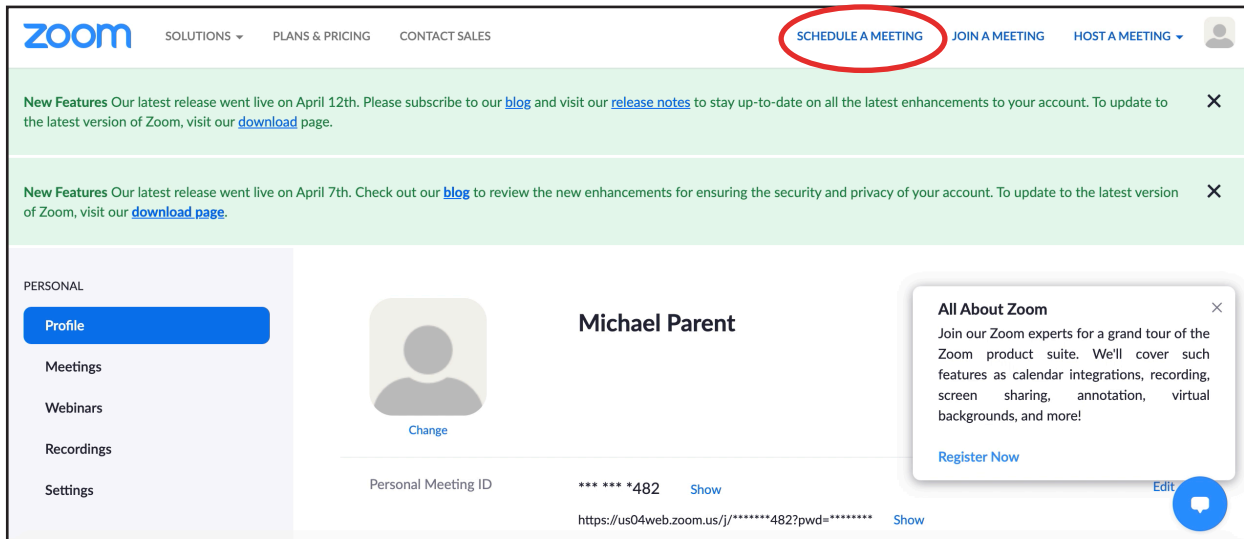
Excellent! Now it's time to start meeting.

Your personal meeting url:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4896569482?pwd=aGtsOENtZSsvUmw5aWFQcGJ5OTJIUT09>

Start Meeting Now Go to My Account



- 10 From the dashboard, you'll be able to schedule meetings, update your profile information, review plans & pricing for upgrading your Zoom account and much more!



Schedule a Meeting

- 1 From the dashboard, select **Schedule a Meeting** at the top of the screen.
- 2 Let participants know what the meeting is about by entering a meeting topic and description.

My Meetings > Schedule a Meeting

Schedule a Meeting

Topic

Description (Optional)



- 3** Next, enter the important details of when your meeting will take place. You'll be prompted to enter the date, time, duration, and time zone. If this is a recurring meeting, be sure to check that box.

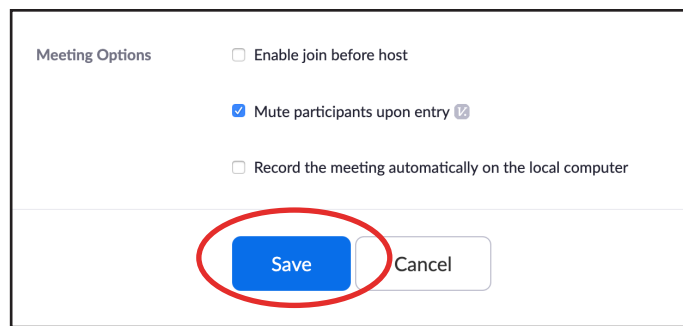
The screenshot shows the Zoom meeting scheduling interface. The 'When' section is set to 08/18/2020 at 6:00 PM. The 'Duration' is set to 1 hour and 0 minutes. A message box indicates a 40-minute limit for Zoom Basic plan meetings with 3 or more participants, with an 'Upgrade Now' link and a checkbox to 'Do not show this message again'. The 'Time Zone' is set to '(GMT-4:00) Eastern Time (US and Canada)'. The 'Recurring meeting' checkbox is circled in red.

- 4** Next, you'll be prompted to decide the following:
- Use your **Personal Meeting ID** or an automatically generated ID
 - Enable **Passcode**
 - Enable **Waiting Room**
 - Video **On** or **Off** upon beginning the meeting for both host and participants

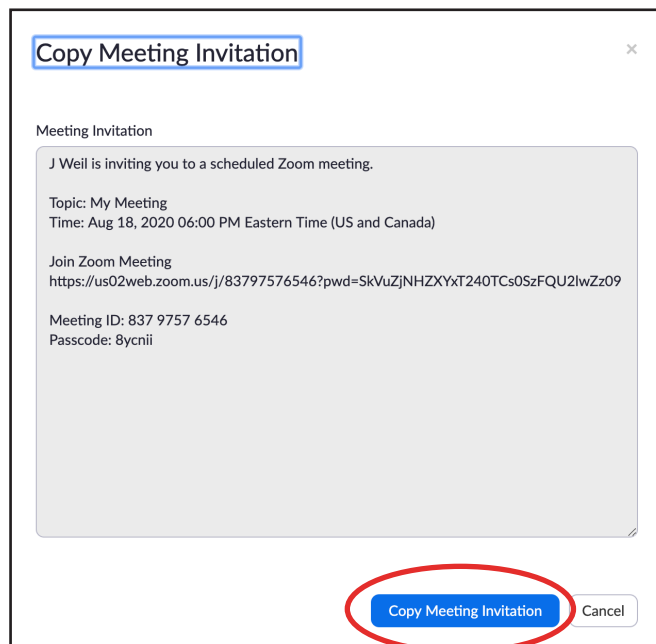
The screenshot shows the Zoom meeting security and video settings. Under 'Meeting ID', 'Generate Automatically' is selected. Under 'Security', 'Passcode' is checked with the value 'L8CTGE', and 'Waiting Room' is checked. Under 'Video', 'Host' and 'Participant' are both set to 'off'.



- 5 The final step in scheduling a meeting is to set your meeting options. Decide if you want to allow participants to be able to join the meeting before you, if you want to mute all participants upon entry (best practice), and if you want to record the meeting to your computer. Recording to your computer will take up a lot of memory on your computer. When you've made your selections, click **Save**.



- 6 Once you hit **Save**, you'll be prompted to copy your meeting invitation details. Select **Copy Meeting Invitation**. Then paste the meeting invitation in an email or calendar invite and send to participants.



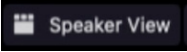


Speaker and Gallery View

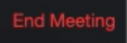
You can easily toggle between Speaker and Gallery views during your meeting.

Gallery view is when you can see all participants in a small window. If there are many participants, there may be multiple windows. You'll see a small arrow on the right side of your screen. Click on it to see additional windows of participants.

Speaker view shows only the view of the person speaking.

Switch between these views by finding the thumbnail icon  in the top, right hand corner of the screen.



As host, when ending the meeting you'll first select **End Meeting**  in the bottom, right corner. If the meeting has ended, select **End Meeting for All**. If you're using a free Zoom account, your meeting is likely limited to 40 minutes.

