# Microsoft Teams

Feature-rich multi-platform collaboration suite Your upgrade from remote video conferencing begins here

### Microsoft Teams for Modern Collaboration

Microsoft has been in the collaboration and telecom business for over ten years. While continuing to offer the new on-premises Skype for Business Server 2019, Microsoft Teams was released in late 2016 as a completely new collaboration product — built from scratch and completely integrated with Office 365 – for Microsoft Cloud customers.

Microsoft Teams goes well beyond the features of its predecessors in both features and cloud-based technology. While continuing to provide features such as instant messaging, automated presence, screen sharing, file sharing and more, Microsoft Teams is also an application platform. Popular business applications are in the Microsoft Teams Store and new customized applications may be built. These applications, along with the integration across Office 365 services, enable users to get more work done within a single interface, no longer opening multiple applications for routine work.

Devices such as new Teams desk phones to conference room equipment, contact center solutions, Surface Hub 2, and more are available from partners, giving organizations many options to meet their collaboration needs. Microsoft Teams goes well beyond the focused and often bolted on products from other vendors.

## **Teams versus Video Conferencing**

#### PROTECTING USERS AND DATA

Microsoft Teams provides contractual agreements to safeguard your users and your data. Video Conferencing generally lacks any security features and doesn't support them, contractually.

#### **ENABLING REMOTE COLLABORATIONS**

Microsoft Teams contains scheduling, meeting, agendas, chat, presentations, file transfers, projects spaces and Office 365 collaboration tools as standard. Video Conferencing only offers basic conferencing tools, with little or no collaboration framework.

CREATING AN INCLUSIVE WORKSPACE
Microsoft Teams is built for an entire
workforce, no matter their abilities, languages
or skills. Video Conferencing only provides a
video interface for real-time communications.

# Why Choose Microsoft Teams Over Video Conferencing?

How Microsoft Teams optimizes, and routes voice and video traffic is a generational leap in global collaboration services. The sleek new design offers a clean interface to access thousands of new features and capabilities included with Microsoft Teams, going well beyond competitors. The compliance features in Office 365 have been built into Microsoft Teams, enabling an unmatched experience compared to competing products. Security features such as Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and built-in encryption of all collaboration features are built into Microsoft Teams, not bolted on or unavailable like with other products. Microsoft Teams is also built and hosted on the Microsoft global network with a financially backed Service Level Agreement (SLA) - not on a third-party network. Teams works with Office 365 – seamless file and data sharing through Outlook, SharePoint and OneDrive is a breeze!

## **Built on the Largest Private Global Network**

Unlike other Voice over IP (VoIP) products, Microsoft Teams uses the power of the Microsoft global network, one of the largest in the world, to connect users no matter their location. Microsoft has partnered with thousands of Internet Providers for a direct network connection. This design provides the least amount of network hops to get onto the Microsoft network that provides the best connection speeds and minimizes the dependency on Internet connections that other products have. Users have a collaborative experience that just works. Can a competing product match these capabilities?



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