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MICROSOFT TEAMS ROOMS ON WINDOWS AND ANDROID

Know Your Options to Ensure the Best Experience for Your Meeting Rooms

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Invest Smartly in Your Cloud Conferencing Technology

As organizations get ready to re-open their offices, they are extending their collaboration technology investments. Growing investments in cloud video conferencing must be matched with best-in-class video devices.

Today, Microsoft Teams has become the communications and collaboration technology of choice for end user organizations of all types. With Microsoft Teams Rooms (Teams Rooms), organizations can bring the rich functionality of Teams to any meeting space, allowing Teams users to connect inside and outside of your organization.

Microsoft and its partner ecosystem have developed tightly integrated hardware and software solutions that are certified to address the performance needs in meeting rooms of different configurations. Working with its partners, Microsoft continues to expand its portfolio of certified devices to ensure that Teams Rooms can scale to meet the needs of any organization.

For successful deployments that identify the right devices for your meeting spaces, you must CAREFULLY EVALUATE THE FUNCTIONAL AND USE CASE DIFFERENCES among the two options.

TWO TYPES OF CERTIFIED ROOM SYSTEMS AVAILABLE FOR MICROSOFT TEAMS



Microsoft Teams Rooms on Windows



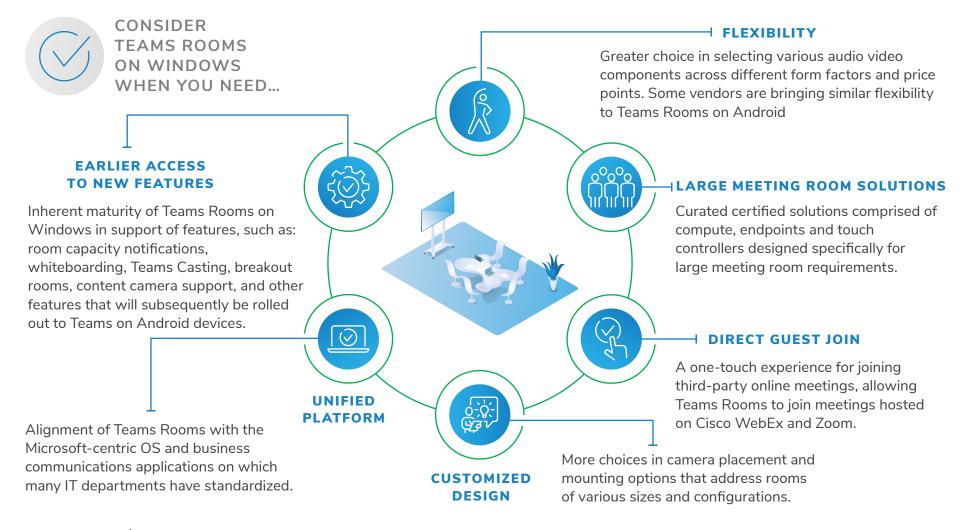


Microsoft Teams Rooms on Android



Microsoft Teams Rooms on Windows

Teams Rooms on Windows utilizes a dedicated Windows PC that remains in the meeting room. Unlike BYOD, a dedicated Windows PC, paired with Teams Rooms-certified audio video components, assures that the deployment meets Microsoft's stringent performance thresholds.



Microsoft Teams Rooms on Android

A more recent addition to the Microsoft Teams Rooms ecosystem of offerings is Teams Rooms software running on Android OS collaboration devices.

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SMALL SPACE COLLABORATION

CONSIDER

TEAMS ROOMS

WHEN YOU NEED....

ON ANDRIOD

Small meeting rooms, huddle rooms, jump spaces and other meeting areas that require fewer components, connections and cables.

COST-EFFICIENCIES

Android-based solutions that can be implemented on all-in-one devices eliminate the need for additional components such as a dedicated Windows PC.

MIXED OS ENVIRONMENTS

Organizations with rooms of various sizes and local support resources should be empowered to manage all of their Teams Rooms though a single web-based portal, regardless of the underlying OS.

Greater ease of buying, installing, and managing multiple rooms and sites with all the required

software, hardware and connections to the cloud service built into a single collaboration device.

ALL-IN-ONE SIMPLICITY AND MANAGEABILITY

GROWING PERFORMANCE PARITY WITH TEAMS ROOMS ON WINDOWS

Closing functionality gap with Teams Rooms on Windows due to aggressive joint Microsoft and partner development roadmaps.

H PERSONAL MODE COLLABORATION

A mode for individual users (e.g., home office workers) that use the compact size of some Android devices for an office or remote work environment, allowing them to sign in using their personal accounts and use Teams features such as background customization (blur or change the background) and Pin Video.

REMOTE SITE ENABLEMENT

Locations without on-site technical staff that require straightforward, plug-and-play installation.

Key Takeaways

Microsoft has invested heavily in meeting room technology, partnerships with leading audio video device vendors, and support services. Both Teams Rooms on Windows and Android solutions have a place in modern meeting rooms.

The growing choice of devices is great news for technology buyers, but it also demands a careful assessment of the available options to select solutions that are the right fit for your organization. Understanding the Teams Rooms deployment options will help to ensure the best performance and experiences in each meeting room.

BENEFITS OF A SINGLE VENDOR

Many customers may initially expect to standardize on Windows-based solutions and discover that a mixed Teams Rooms operating system environment can be effectively implemented across different meeting spaces. It is perhaps more important to standardize on a single vendor for the room audio, video and controller devices to support a consistently robust user and administrator experience at scale across your organization.

A HOLISTIC VIEW TO SUPPORT CHANGING NEEDS

As we move into the next era of hybrid work, many vendors are taking a holistic view to address the changing communications needs of users. Logitech stands out in an increasingly crowded marketplace with a comprehensive portfolio that offers IT decision makers the flexibility to choose from a range of deployment options and devices that work best for their environments.

CURATED PORTFOLIO OF CERTIFIED SOLUTIONS

Logitech's curated portfolio of solutions certified for Microsoft Teams Rooms includes a range of USB conference room cameras for Teams Rooms on Windows and Android-based appliances that are engineered using best-in-class optics, motorized lenses with automated PTZ, and high-performance audio for natural and productive meetings. Logitech Rally Bar Mini for small/huddle spaces, Rally Bar for mid-sized rooms, and Rally Plus with RoomMate for large rooms are designed for Teams Rooms on Android. Rally Bar, Rally Bar Mini, and Rally Plus can be used with Teams Rooms on Windows with a computer of your choice (including small-footprint PCs from Dell, HP, Intel and Lenovo). Both solutions are supported by a full catalog of extension mics, speakers, cable management, controllers, mounts and other products to address the needs of meeting spaces of all sizes.

Click here to

learn how you can standardize your Microsoft Teams Rooms environment with high performance Microsoft certified solutions from Logitech.

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