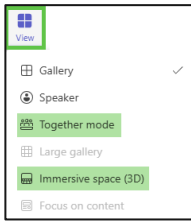


Tips for More Engaging Virtual Sessions in Microsoft Teams

Let's face it: virtual meetings can be a snooze-fest if you're not careful. Luckily, **Microsoft Teams** now offers a variety of features to keep participants engaged and interacting. Here are some to try out:



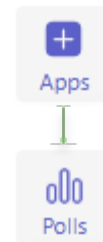
Together Mode and Immersive Space 3D

Together Mode and Immersive Space 3D use AI to place participants in a shared virtual environment, creating a more interactive, in-person feel that enhances engagement and makes it easier to read non-verbal cues.

Q&A Enhancements

To boost interactivity during your training sessions, **download the Polls app** in Microsoft Teams and unlock built-in tools—no third-party plugins required! These enhancements make it easy to spark engagement and gather feedback in real time:

- **Multiple Choice** – Check understanding with quick knowledge checks.
- **Polls** – Let participants vote and voice opinions on the fly.
- **Ratings** – Collect instant feedback with simple yes/no, like/dislike, or star ratings.
- **Ranking** – Have learners prioritize or rank options live to drive discussion.
- **Word Clouds** – Capture open responses and visualize group input in real time.



Microsoft Whiteboard



Make your training sessions more interactive by screen sharing Microsoft Whiteboard, included in your Microsoft 365 subscription. Collaborate in real time with drawings, diagrams, and annotations, turning passive presentations into hands-on learning experiences.

Meeting Reactions

Allow learners to instantly react with emojis like thumbs up, clapping, or a raised hand to show agreement, excitement, confusion, or curiosity without interrupting the flow. It's a wonderful way to keep energy up, encourage participation, and get real-time feedback.



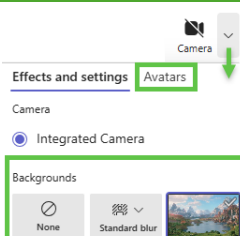
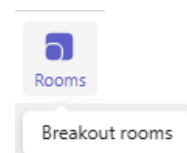
Chat



Use Microsoft Teams' built-in Chat to spark real-time interaction—ask questions, share insights, and encourage participation without disrupting the session flow.

Breakout Rooms

Use Breakout Rooms in Microsoft Teams to boost engagement with small-group discussions, activities, and collaboration—just like breaking out into smaller groups in a live classroom.



Virtual Backgrounds and Avatars:

Encouraging learners to use custom backgrounds and avatars in Microsoft Teams adds personality, sparks conversation, and helps participants feel more present and engaged. It's an effortless way to make virtual learning feel more fun, connected, and human.

Give these tips a whirl to transform your virtual training from mundane to memorable!

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