

The Pilot

You are about to try out one cool IT tool that is used by many companies to hold their online meetings. The tool is called SmartCloud SameTime Meetings (ST Meetings), it is IBM product.

CoderDojo warriors – champions and coders, and mentors – are often located in different cities, or even countries. This is not really an obstacle, once you have figured out how you can leverage existing technologies to meet the challenge of being in remote locations.

Right now, by taking part in this pilot, you are helping CoderDojo community to meet this challenge.

On this pilot the mentors dialling in are volunteers from IBM, located in various parts of the world (China, India, Europe, US...ask your mentor where s/he is from!).

How ST Meetings works

This tool has many functionalities, however we will focus only on those that are relevant: you need to be able to ask question to mentor and get his/her guidance, using this tool.

To achieve this, join online meeting using the meeting link, and ask your question to the mentor with relevant skills set – by means of separate chat with this mentor.

If there is no mentors with skills in technology that you use, then post your question in the meeting room chat and hopefully someone will pick this question from there (it could be anyone in the meeting room).

If you need to show your screen to mentor, ask Champion to give you control over meeting room sharing screen functionality. Once Champion does that, your screen will be visible to everyone in the meeting room.

To use chat you need to unblock pop-ups. To share screen you need to allow IBM Screen Share Applet. There is also Java that is sometimes missing on some computers. If you not sure how to install those - use instructions located on the second page. Also, below are hints on asking question in the meeting room, assuming you have already unblocked your pop – ups, installed webplayer and have your Java working Ok.

Asking questions in ST Meeting

Click on meeting link and login as a guest. Unblock pop-ups, and only then - hit F5 to refresh page (*otherwise pop up blocker wont go away*).

Ask your question to mentor with relevant skills by starting separate chat, or drop your question into room chat (*you can also send screenshot from the chat window*)

Share your screen only if you really need to - only one can share at a time. Ask Champion to make you presenter (*then Share Screen button will appear*)

The collage consists of several screenshots from the SmartCloud SameTime Meetings interface, with numbered annotations (1-12) explaining key steps:

- 1:** "Join a Meeting" dialog box. The "Join as a Guest" button is highlighted.
- 2:** A browser window showing a list of blocked pop-ups. A red box highlights the "Always allow pop-ups from stmeetings.na.collabserv.com" option, with the text "click there!" next to it.
- 3:** The same browser window, showing the "Done" button at the bottom right.
- 4:** The "Done" button in the browser window.
- 5:** The "Meetings" interface showing the "Participants" list. The "Chat" button is highlighted.
- 6:** The "Participants" list showing the "Room Owner" (ZORYANA TISCHENKO) and their skills (HTML CSS Java).
- 7:** The "Availability" dropdown menu, showing "Chat" and "Business" options.
- 8:** The "Chat" window, showing the "Room Owner" and the "CHAT AWAY!!!!" message.
- 9:** The "Chat" window, showing the "Room Owner" and the "CHAT AWAY!!!!" message.
- 10:** The "Meetings" interface showing the "Start Sharing" button.
- 11:** The "Sharing" dialog box, showing the "Choose what to share" options.
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