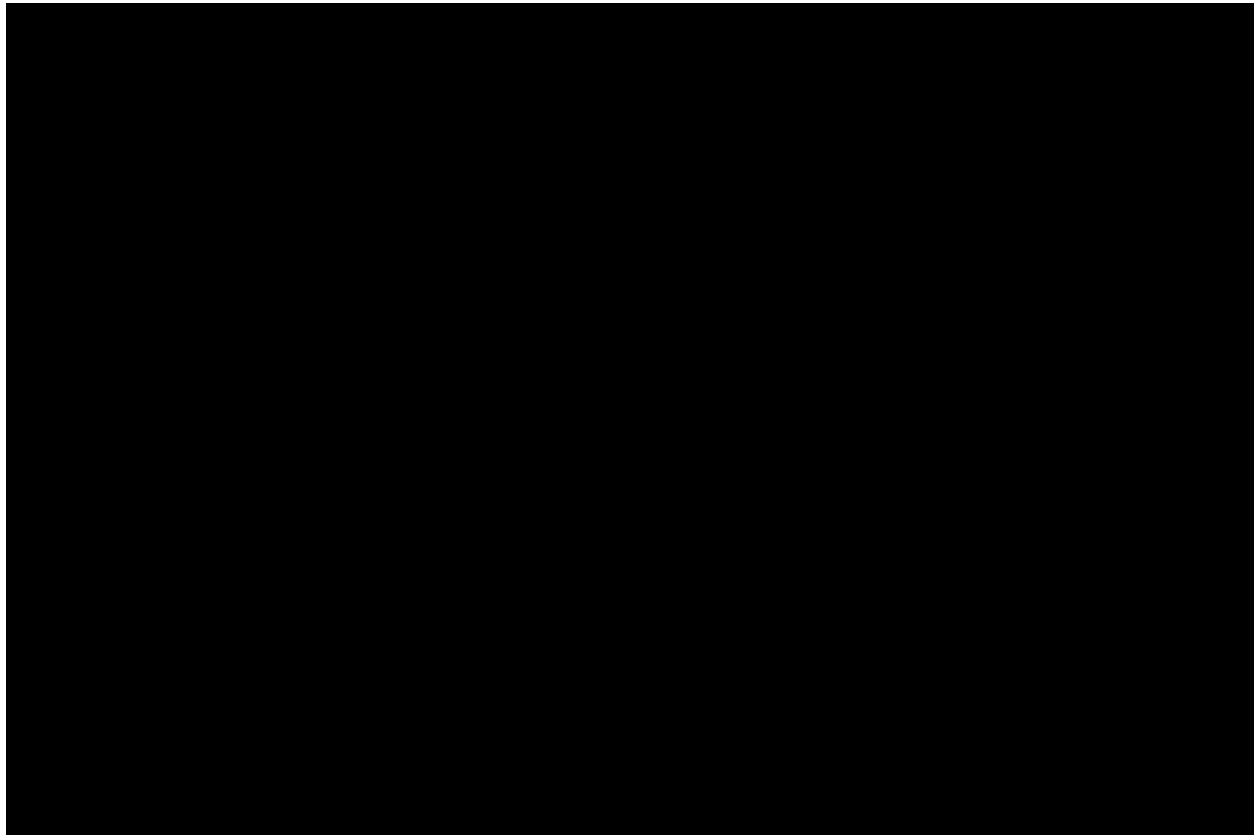# How To FaceTime With Android And Windows Users (An Easy-To-Follow Guide)

Want to FaceTime with your friends having an Android or Windows device? Learn how to create a FaceTime link with this easy-to-follow step-by-step guide.

FaceTime like Zoom and Skype is a video chatting app. It offers many brilliant features like SharePlay and Voice isolation. It was introduced by Steve Jobs as One More Thing along with the release of the iPhone 4. He envisioned this app to work with all the international services.

However, the app development was put on the back burner after its release. Come to the year 2020, and the pandemic sends shockwaves across the world. Apple was compelled to rethink its policies. The recent work from home boom forced Apple to expand its services across various platforms. Thus, Facetime now works with both Windows and Android devices.

Fasten your seatbelts as we go deep into the world of video conferencing and answer all your queries.

Can I Join FaceTime With My Android Or Windows PC?

Android and Windows users can be a part of FaceTime group calls but only as a guest. You can join the link created by the host who is an Apple device user. However, you cannot join Facetime in case:

- There is no room on the Facetime video call. Only 32 devices can connect on Facetime.
- Your internet connection is slow
- Your device does not meet basic requirements for video conferencing

What do I need to join FaceTime through Android Or Windows Devices?

The basic requirements for Android and Windows devices to join are

- An Invitation link from Apple users
- Latest Chrome browser
- Latest version of Android or Windows devices
- A minimum of 2 Gb RAM
- CPU speed should be more than 1GHz

ProTip:

Video Conferencing is a resource-hungry process. So, the best web browser to use FaceTime is Google Chrome as it uses the highest amount of RAM.

What Are The Limitations Of Using FaceTime On Android And Windows computers?

The limitations of using a Windows or Android device to facetime are:

- Non-Apple users cannot organize a video conferencing call
- SharePlay cannot be used in the browser.
- Facetime Chat cannot be used in the browser
- There is no support for spatial audio
- Browser-based video conferencing has a poor user experience

Apple loves to keep its customers to itself. It has created a [Walled garden](#) in which all of its services are optimized to work with each other only. For instance, all the App Store applications pay a 30% fee on in-app transactions.
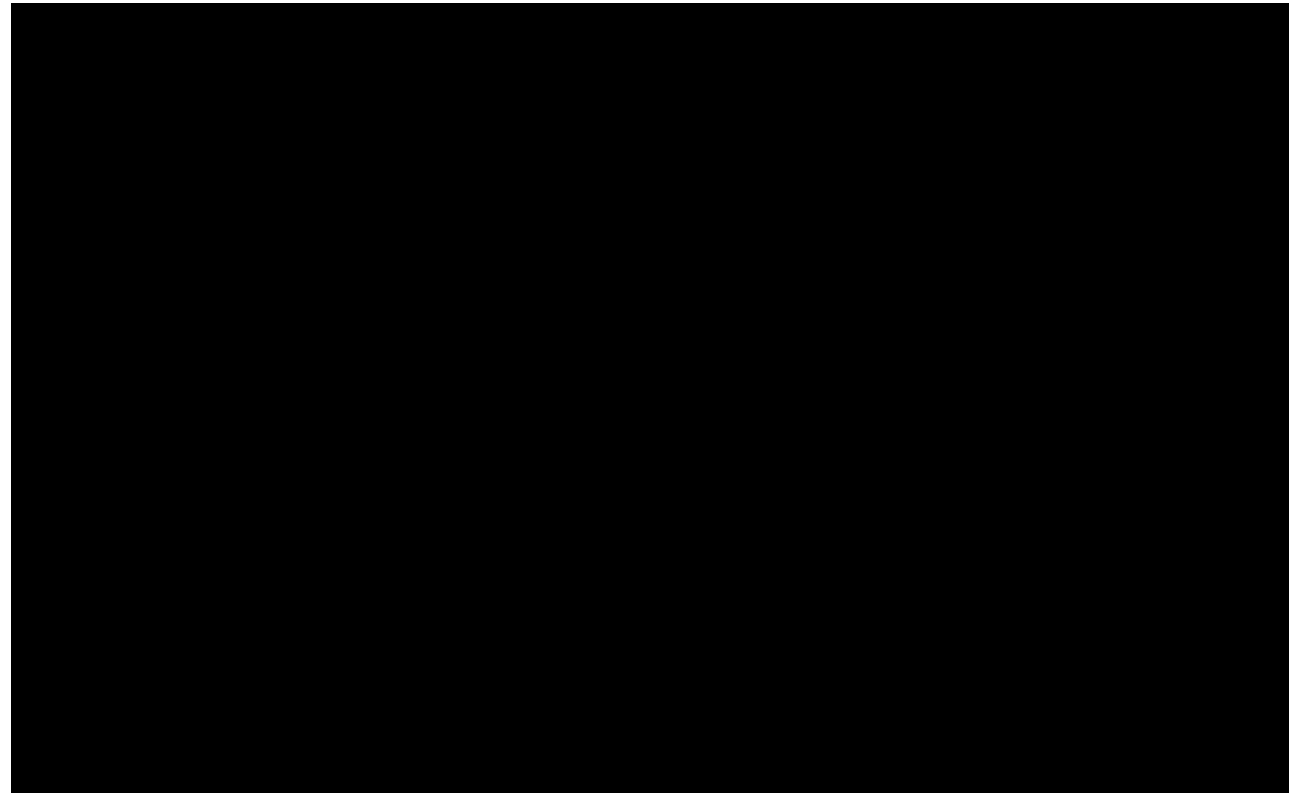
Limitations on Facetime are also a continuation of the trend. The crux of the matter is that Apple has not released a Facetime Application for Android and Windows users. Can a multibillion-dollar company like Apple not do that? Or does it not want to?

In its defense, Apple says that this authority over its devices enables its customers to enjoy unmatched UI experience and services across all its devices.

How to create a Facetime link using your Apple device?

To create a Facetime link using your Apple device:
- **Open FaceTime** on your iPhone, iPad or Mac
- Tap **Create link** option on the upper left side
- Click on **Add name** and **type the name of the meeting**, and then **press OK**.
- **Join the link** to act as a host of the meeting
- **Click Share Link** and select an App such as Whatsapp from the list
- In case the app does not appear click **Copy Link** to copy the link to the clipboard. Paste the link in the preferred application.
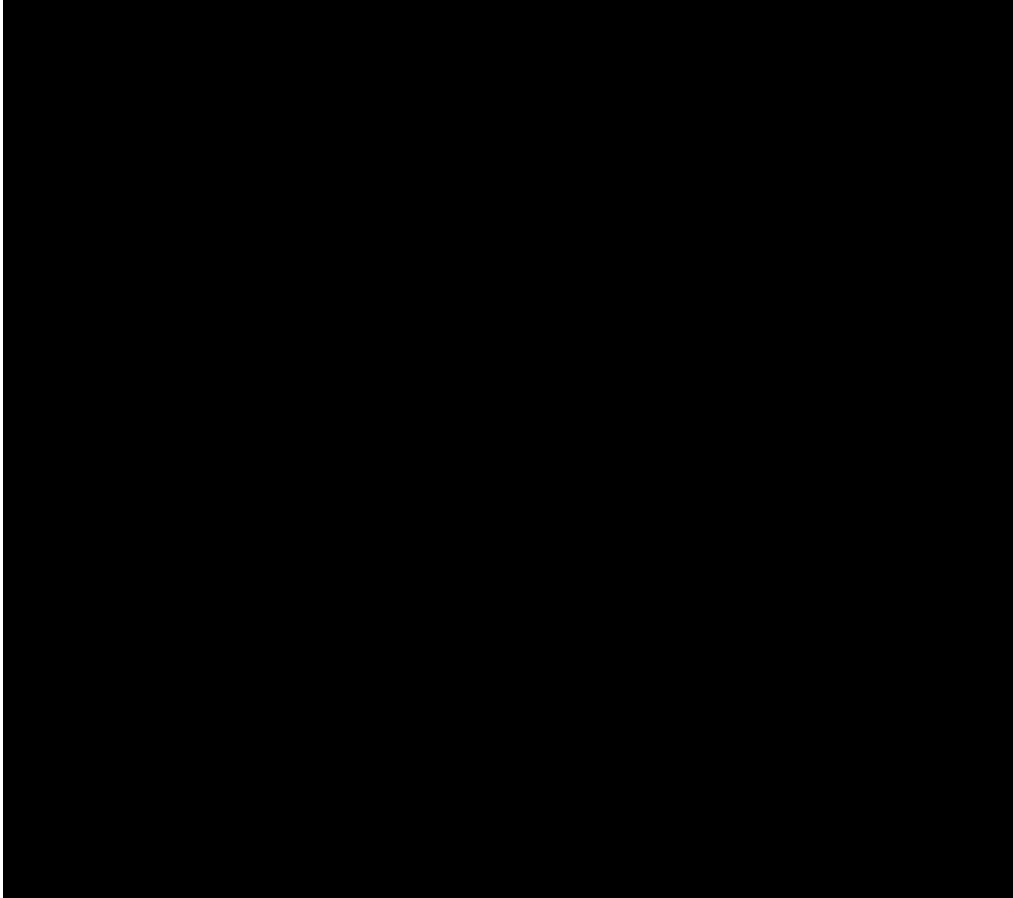
Precaution

Android and Windows users can view the mobile number and email address, which you used to operate your FaceTime. So before starting a FaceTime call, make sure to create a separate email address to use as your caller ID.

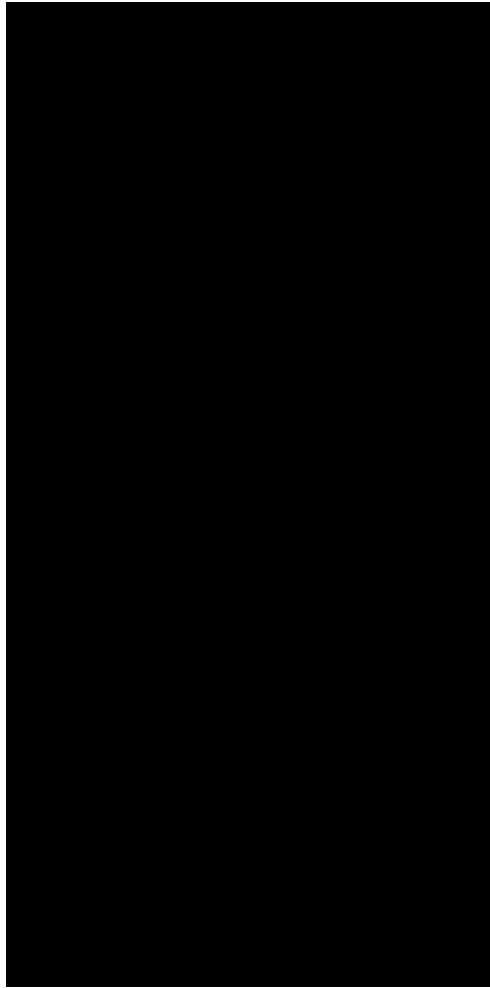# How To Join FaceTime On Android Or Windows?

You can join a FaceTime link with the factory-installed browser on your Android device or through Microsoft Edge installed on your Windows device. So, If you are eager to test FaceTime on your Chrome or Edge browser, then the following sequence will help you to create a FaceTime meeting link on your Apple device:
- **Click the invitation link** to open the site facetime.apple.com in Google Chrome

- **Enter your name** and select continue on your Android or Windows. Many options will pop up on your display
- **Select join** from the toolbar
- You will be taken to a waiting room with a request sent to the Apple user who created the link. Ask the host to **let you in**
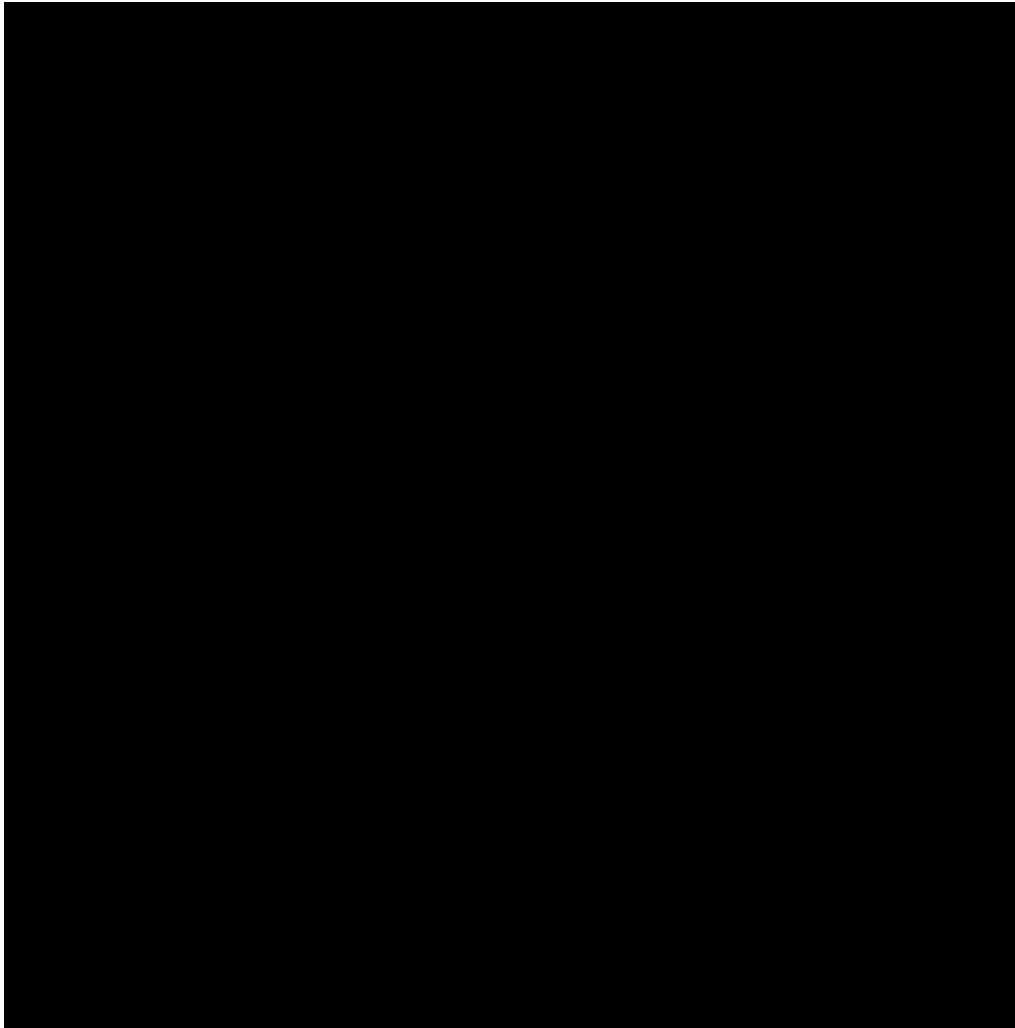

- Click **Allow** to give Google Chrome **microphone and camera permissions**
- You can now begin video conferencing
- In case you want to end the video call, click **Leave the call** to hang up the call

How To Delete A FaceTime Link?

Your FaceTime link can only be removed manually by the following way:
- Swipe left on the scheduled FaceTime link or click on **i** and a delete option will be displayed
- Click **Delete** and confirm it by clicking **Delete Link**
- This will inactivate the link which you have shared with anyone

What Can I Do On A FaceTime Call On the Web?

In a FaceTime call, you can do many things similar to what the host can do through the FaceTime app:

- **Flip camera:** You can switch your display to front or back camera by clicking on the flip camera option
- **Use full screen:** You can use your full display to FaceTime with the Full-screen button
- **Switch camera on or off:** You can switch your camera on or off by simply clicking the Camera button
- **Mute/Unmute microphone:** You can mute or unmute your microphone by using the Microphone button
- **View participants in Group FaceTime call:** You can view participants in a Group call in a grid. To turn the grid on, select the participant list> Settings menu button> Grid layout button. Select it again to turn off the grid
- **Toolbar options:** On entering, you will see several toolbar options by which you can use full screen, mute, or unmute your microphone, and show or hide your video. Make

sure to unmute your microphone and open your video, so you can be heard and seen by the other participants

Is FaceTime Safe To Use On My Android Or Windows Device?

Apple has designed Facetime with maximum security features such as end-to-end encryption. According to the company, all the data is encoded in a lock-like manner whose key lies only with the other device. Even they themselves cannot access the data.

But do you really believe these companies? In Jan 2019, CNBC reported that a bug allows you to hear audio even if the other person hasn't picked up the call. A pretty embarrassing moment for a company that promises to keep your security above everything else.

The way I see it, Apple provides maximum security as much as they can for Facetime.

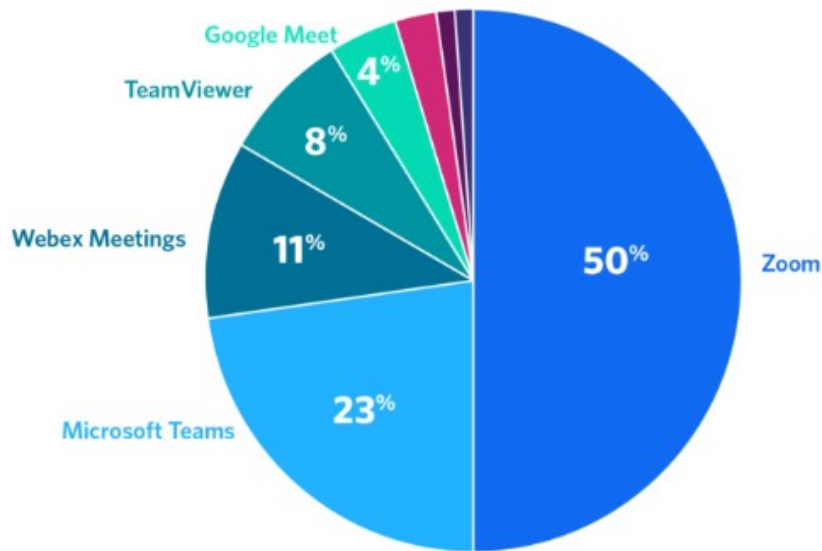## Is FaceTime Better Than Other Video Chatting Apps?

Every cloud video conferencing platform has its pros and cons, so it is not possible for any of them to be a clear winner among all. The demand for each and every platform skyrocketed across the world during the COVID-19 pandemic. Here's a table comparing various video chatting applications:

	Cost	Maximum participants	Account
FaceTime	Free	32	Requires an Apple ID for Apple users
Zoom	Offers four pricing and plans: ● Basic ● Pro ● Business ● Enterprise	Ranges from 100 to 500 depending upon the pricing and plan	Zoom account has to be created to use it
Skype	Skype to Skype call is free except for some cases	250	A Skype account has to be created to use it
Google Hangouts	Free	25	Requires a Google account

How popular is FaceTime?

Facetime takes only a small part of the video conferencing industry. The popularity of FaceTime has skyrocketed during the COVID-19 pandemic but it is not close to the market competition. The graph below compares various video conferencing apps:

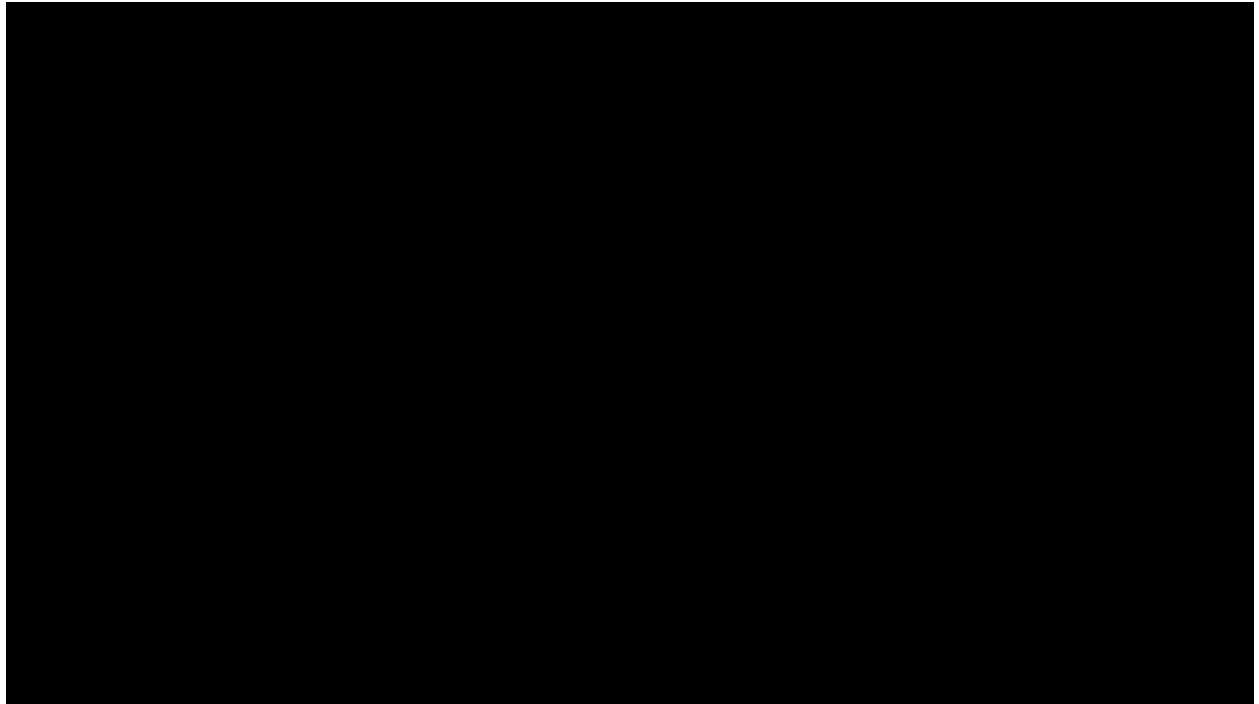**Market Share of Top Video Conferencing Software in 2021**

- Google Meet 4%
- TeamViewer 8%
- Webex Meetings 11%
- Zoom 50%
- Microsoft Teams 23%

Source: TrustRadius platform data collected in June 2021

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How to Use Facetime on Mac?

Facetime was not always available on Mac devices. Make sure you have the latest macOS installed and follow these steps to start calling:

- Press Command + Space and type FaceTime
- Click Turn On to enable your Facetime service
- Open the Facetime app and sign in using your Apple ID
- Create a new group call to enjoy talking with your friends and family

How Can I Add FaceTime Bookmarks To Google Chrome On My PC?

If you are frequently using a FaceTime link again and again, then you can bookmark it rather than going through your old chats or emails and wasting your time. A link once created works for quite a while, so it is wise to bookmark that link. This is the sequence to bookmark your facetime link:

- Open Google Chrome and paste the FaceTime link you want to bookmark
- Click the star-shaped icon in the top right corner and click add a bookmark. (In the case of Microsoft Edge, click add to favorites)
- Options will appear to customize your bookmark. After completing it, click done

Ending Thoughts

Apple is finally breaking ground increasing the compatibility with non-Apple devices. While you still can't enjoy the perks Apple devices have on Facetime, this is certainly a good start.

You can now join video conferences and make your voice heard even if you are a non-Apple user. Facetime on Apple devices has also been transformed. It now offers new features like portrait video calls and clear crisp audio.

I have positive vibes that Facetime features will be expanded in the near future and we'll enter a much more equitable world- better late than never!

FAQs

Is There Any Android App Equivalent To FaceTime?

There is no FaceTime equivalent app for Android phones. Facetime is accessible on non-Apple devices using browsers such as Chrome and Microsoft Edge. Facetime has limited compatibility between Apple and other devices.

Are There Any Alternative Apps For FaceTime On Android?

If you don't find Facetime suitable for you, use the following alternatives:
- Skype
- Google Hangouts

- IMO
- Viber
- Zoom
- WeChat

What are some new features of Facetime?

There are three new features on Facetime, SharePlay, Audio features, and Video features. Using SharePlay you can share music, movies, TV shows, etc. with other participants of the call. Screen share is an added advantage. Spatial and Dolby Audio are now supported by Facetime. New Video features include Portrait video and grid view.

How costly is Facetime?

Facetime is free-of-cost. There is no carrier involved and the data is transmitted over WiFi or Mobile Data. Make sure you have an active internet connection and Apple Id.

Why is FaceTime not available in my country?

VoIP services like Facetime are subject to strict regulation in countries like Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Pakistan. Devices older than iOS 11.3 do not support Facetime in these countries.
Update your device to access Facetime.