

Panopto vs. Zoom: Which should I use?

<i>Feature / Tool</i>	Zoom	Panopto
Join by phone	Yes	No
Interactive discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. Zoom is designed for interactive discussions • Up to 300 participants • Unlimited meeting duration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panopto is not designed for interactive discussions • Viewers can type questions in the Discussion section • Webcasting has a slight time delay and does not include the same interactive features as Zoom
Easy sharing of recordings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoom recordings stored in the cloud are available to meeting participants in their Previous Meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panopto recordings can be shared in Canvas or Panopto.
Playback features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variable speed playback • Search within recordings • Automated captioning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variable speed playback • Search within recordings • Review previous 10 seconds • Add notes • Bookmark a place in the recording

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automate captioning <p>Learn more about Panopto playback</p>
Display control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenter's computer screen Presenter's talking head View both talking head and computer screen simultaneously 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenter's computer screen Presenter's talking head View both talking head and computer screen simultaneously
User view	<p>Active speaker view (default)</p> <p>Gallery view: all meeting participants visible simultaneously</p>	<p>Users can view two screens. By default, the main screen (PC) / secondary source (Mac) is larger, but users can choose which source is larger, or display a full screen of one source.</p>
Chat	<p>Each user can post a question or comment during the meeting to everyone in the meeting or to an individual participant. This chat conversation can be saved to the local computer when the meeting ends.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Users can post questions and make comments via the viewer window during live broadcast. Viewers can also take public and private notes during broadcast. Questions, comments and notes are stored after the broadcast.
Breakout rooms	<p>Yes, meeting host can create.</p>	<p>No.</p>
Mobile friendly	<p>Yes. Download the Zoom mobile app.</p>	<p>Yes. Panopto is working to improve the mobile experience.</p>

Recording lifespan	Deleted after 1 year when recording to the Zoom cloud. Meeting host can also record to local computer. Recording can be downloaded from cloud or local computer.	Deleted from the Panopto cloud after 5 years.
Students can schedule and start study sessions	Yes	No