# Speaker Training

# & tips for presenting online



### Bandwidth



Most important: Upload Speed for

- Audio
- Video
- Screen sharing



Minimum Download speed: 4+ Mbps Minimum Upload speed: 2+ Mbps

Plug in: Use Ethernet cable connection



FAST

### Microphone



#### Select a Microphone

✓ Same as System

Built-in Microphone (Internal Microphone)

#### Select a Speaker

Same as System

Built-in Output (Headphones)

Test Speaker & Microphone... Leave Computer Audio



Use the microphone button to:

- Mute/unmute yourself
- Select a microphone source
- Select a speaker source

Use a headset to avoid any potential echo or ambient noise issues

### Camera Control



#### Select a Camera

✓ FaceTime HD Camera

Choose Virtual Background...

Video Settings...



- Enable your device's webcam
- Select a virtual background
- Pro tip: Select Touch Up My
  Appearance in Video Settings

**Tip:** use video to recreate the personal, face-to-face connection typically enjoyed at conferences

### Camera Position





Camera at eye level to 'look' at your audience (not down or up)

- Laptop stand (e.g. Roost on Amazon)
- Books
- Boxes

Sit a bit further away from your screen than normally, ideally so your arms can be seen and you can use gestures.

Look at the camera to look at your audience.

### Camera Direction





Don't have the camera face a bright light source

Ensure your face is well lit

# Background





### Virtual Background





### Video > Choose a Virtual Background

Alternatively apply a virtual background (avoid distracting motion backgrounds)

Your organizer may provide you with a specific background image to use

### Best virtual backgrounds

https://www.techrepublic.com/article/the-best-virtual-backgro unds-to-use-on-zoom-for-your-next-business-meeting/

### Playing Videos while Sharing





To share a video with audio, click the **Share computer sound** box in the lower-left corner of the screen sharing selection window

Share computer sound Optimize Screen Share for Video Clip



### Common Technical Problems





Trouble with your webcam, microphone, or audio not working?

- Check to make sure the microphone/video/speaker buttons are toggled
- Close other applications that may be using your microphone, camera, or speakers
- Review Zoom's <u>Troubleshooting</u> tips for additional solutions



## Avoid Deadly Sins of Online Presentations



### What Not to Do!

- Don't overuse animations/effects or overcrowd the PowerPoint slide presentation. You want your audience to focus on the content of your presentation and on you as the deliverer.
- Limit your points to 3 to 5 per slide so that there is sufficient white space.
- Use your slides to illustrate your speech, not to replace your handouts.
- Use bulleted points effectively. Limit your bullets to only the main points.
- Do not read from the slides. Use your notes or the slides to jar your memory. Practice your presentation to be comfort with the presentation's delivery.
- Keep a uniformed slide style. Repeat the same font. background and bullets.
- Keep titles and text consistent.
- Use Bold, Italics and Colors only for emphasis.
- Always include a conclusion slide to restate your main points.





- Either speak freely or act out your script - your voice creates engagement
- *Try it: Record yourself giving your* presentation and then listen to it that's what your audience is going to experience





### Being Too Slow on Slides

- Max 1 min per slide to avoid losing attention span
- Pick up the pace
- Spread content over more slides
- Graphics instead of text



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### **Using Small Fonts**

- Impossible to read for participants on mobile devices
- Recommended font sizes 18+
- Try it: PDF your presentation and pull up the PDF on your phone can you read the text?





### Not Knowing the Tech

- Practice with the technology in advance <u>https://zoom.us/test</u>
- Know the features





### Keeping Your Door Open

No, Tinker, out!



### **Displaying Notifications**

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Close all other running applications on your computer

Turn off all notifications (on your computer, look for Notification Center or a Do not disturb option)

How to set Do Not Disturb on Mac





### **Exceeding Your Time**

Stick to your allotted time

Webinars and Meetings must end on time