

Ohio Tech Ambassadors

TECH TALK: VIDEO CALLING – HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

Video Calling Made Simple: Stay Connected
from Anywhere

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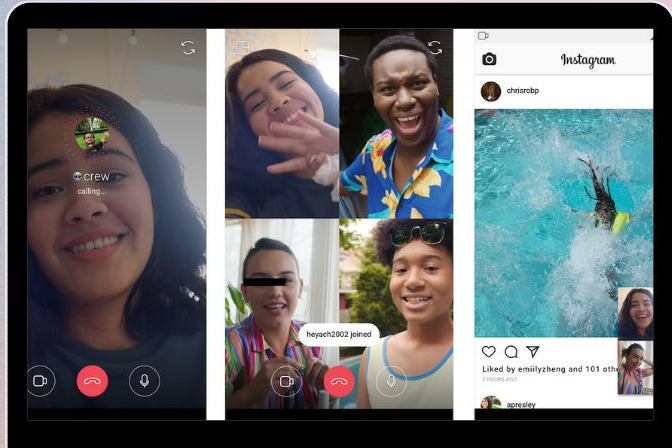


SESSION GOALS

By the end of this session, participants will:

- Understand what video calling is and how it works
- Learn how to choose the right tool (Zoom, FaceTime, Portal, etc.)
- Get tips on setting up, calling, and using built-in features
- Explore accessibility and safety tips
- Leave with confidence to video chat on any device

WHAT IS VIDEO CALLING?



- Real-time face-to-face conversation over the internet
- Works on:
 - Smartphones
 - Computers/laptops
 - Smart displays (like Facebook Portal, Echo Show)
- Requires:
 - A camera and microphone (built-in or external)
 - Wi-Fi or mobile data connection
- 📌 Perfect for work, family chats, healthcare, learning, and more.

POPULAR VIDEO CALLING PLATFORMS

Platform	Best For	Works On
Zoom	Meetings, webinars, group calls	Desktop, mobile, tablet
FaceTime	One-on-one/family chats (Apple users)	iPhone, iPad, Mac only
Facebook Portal	Easy hands-free video calling	Smart screen w/ camera
Google Meet	School, business, Gmail users	Web, mobile, Google apps
WhatsApp Video	Quick calls with contacts	Mobile (iOS + Android)

ZOOM BASICS – HOW IT WORKS

- Free to use for most calls (up to 40 minutes)
- Join a call via:
 - Email link
 - Meeting ID & passcode
- Features:
 - Mute/unmute
 - Video on/off
 - Chat box
 - Share screen
- 📌 Great for work, classes, book clubs, and family reunions.

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FACETIME – SIMPLE & BUILT-IN (APPLE ONLY)



- Automatically available on iPhone, iPad, Mac
 - Works via:
 - Contacts list
 - Group calls (up to 32 people)
 - New features:
 - FaceTime Links (even for Android friends via browser)
 - SharePlay (watch shows or music together)
- 📌 Best for people already in the Apple ecosystem.





FACEBOOK PORTAL – HANDS- FREE CALLING



- Smart display with built-in camera and Alexa
 - Call through:
 - Facebook Messenger
 - WhatsApp
 - Features:
 - Auto-framing camera follows you
 - “Hey Portal” voice control
 - Watch videos, play music, show photos
- 📌 Ideal for older adults or hands-free family communication.

OTHER PLATFORMS TO KNOW

- Google Meet: Free with Gmail/Google Calendar
 - WhatsApp / Messenger Video: Simple, encrypted, casual chats
 - Skype: Still around, works on all platforms
 - Amazon Echo Show: Video call with Alexa or “Drop In” for connected homes
- 📌 You may already have a video platform in your pocket or smart speaker.



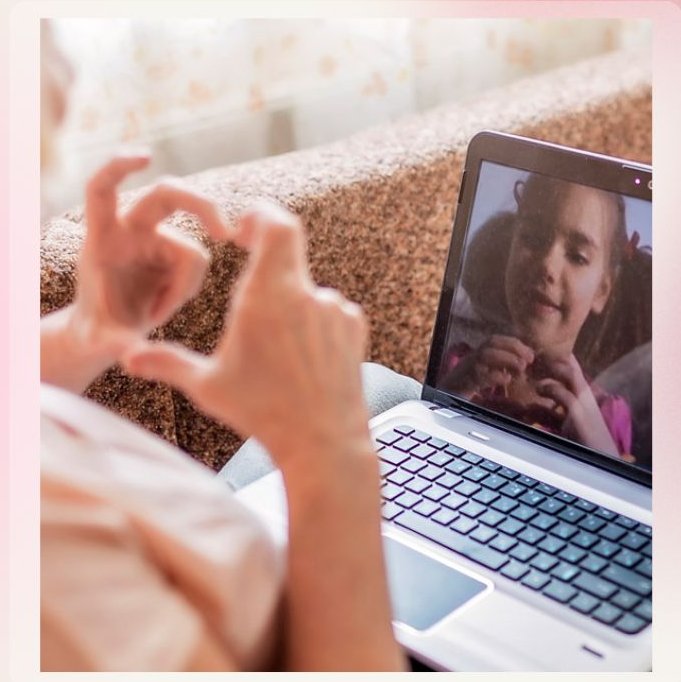
ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES

Tool	Accessibility Options
Zoom	Closed captions, keyboard shortcuts, screen reader support
FaceTime	VoiceOver, real-time captions, tap-to-respond (iOS)
Portal	Large display, voice activation, auto camera tracking
Google Meet	Live captions, high-contrast, screen reader support

 VIDEO CALLING TECH HELPS PEOPLE WITH VISION, HEARING, MOBILITY, AND COGNITIVE NEEDS STAY CONNECTED.

SAFETY & ETIQUETTE TIPS

- ✓ Keep personal meeting links private (Zoom, Meet)
- ✓ Use strong passwords and meeting passcodes
- ✓ Mute when not speaking in group calls
- ✓ Be aware of your background and lighting
- ✓ Use headphones for better audio in busy environments
- 🚫 Respect others' privacy and practice good digital manners.



Real-Life Use Cases



- 👵 Grandparents calling grandkids on Facebook Portal
 - 🧑🏻‍⚕️ 📞 Telehealth with a doctor on Zoom or Meet
 - 🧑🏻‍🎓 Remote learning with Google Meet
 - 👨👩👧 Family game nights over FaceTime or Zoom
 - 👤 Team check-ins with screen sharing
- 📌 Video calling is more than talking — it's connecting.

FINAL TAKEAWAYS

- Video calls make it easy to stay connected, informed, and included
- Zoom = Best for larger groups, meetings, classes
- FaceTime = Best for Apple-to-Apple calls
- Portal = Best for ease and accessibility
- Try a few and see what fits your lifestyle and comfort level
- 📌 You're just one tap away from seeing the people who matter most.





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Q&A

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