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IMPROVE YOUR ZOOM EXPERIENCE

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Agenda

- Lighting
- Signing in
- Internet connection
- Hardware options
- Video settings
- Audio settings

Lighting – too much backlight

Lighting – Reduced backlight

Lighting setup

- Light in front of you, not behind

- Watch your own picture on the Zoom screen to see what others will see

Signing in

- If you already have a Zoom account, edit your profile to show your correct name (see Appendix for details)

- If you haven't signed up to Zoom, please do it now so that you can show your name when you join a meeting.

- Alternatively, use 'Rename' in the Participants sidebar (details later in this presentation)

- Why is this necessary – so the meeting host and other participants can recognise you when you join a meeting

- So far, we have had no security breaches, but we want to keep it that way!
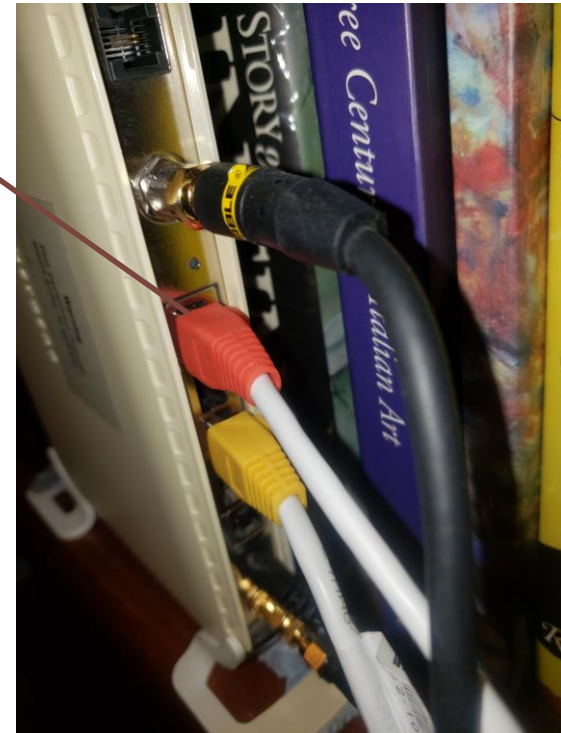
Internet

- If possible DO use LAN cable, not WiFi.

- DON'T run anything else on the same network while using Zoom. If your kids are watching Netflix, it won't be a great experience for either of you.

- Zoom chews up data! DON'T use prepaid accounts if you don't want any nasty billing surprises.

Use a LAN cable

Is there a LAN socket on your modem?

Is there a LAN socket on your computer? Desktops will have one, bigger laptops should have one.

LAN cable

- Very thin laptops may require a USB-LAN adapter
- Officeworks or JB HiFi or Jaycar will have them.

Camera options

- Built-in   Ok
- External webcam (USB)   Better
- Mobile phone *   Better, but fiddly

* Use the free DroidCam app

Audio options

- Built-in mic   Useable (just!)
- Built-in mic on external webcam   Somewhat better
- USB mic **   Much better
- USB audio interface *   Better, but fiddly

* Separate mics, pickups etc plugged in
like a studio or live mixer

** Bill's USB mic is a Thronmax MDRILL from Jaycar Electronics. Rode
and AKG make good USB mics. Note that you may not be able to get
a USB mic to work on an iPad, iPhone or Android tablet or phone.

Using the toolbar

Visual responses (raise hand, heart etc)

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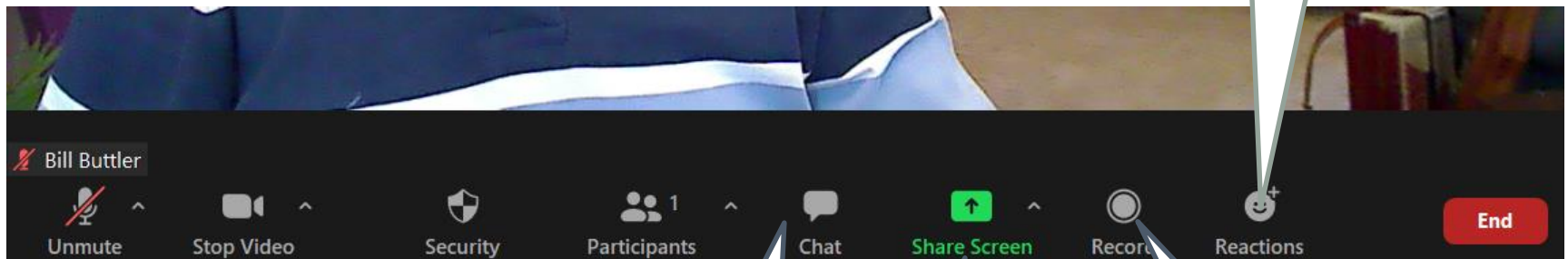
Open the Participants sidebar

Open the Chat sidebar

Share your screen with others

Record a meeting (requires permission from the Host)

Audio and Video settings

Audio settings

Video settings

Optimise your audio

- Only available with Windows and Apple desktops
- Not available on Android devices
- Not available on iPad or iPhone? (not sure)

- Background:
  - Zoom is optimised for meetings, not music sessions
  - Zoom tries to isolate voices, and tries to suppress any background noise (including instrumental accompaniment)
  - So, we need to turn off the suppression to optimise for music

Steps to optimise audio

- In your Audio Settings:
  - Turn off automatic volume control
  - Reduce background noise suppression to 'Low'
  - You only have to do this once!

- In your main Zoom session window:
  - Turn on Original Sound
  - You have to do this at the start of every session!

APPENDIX

Detailed instructions for some of the items covered in the presentation

CHANGE YOUR PROFILE NAME

Create a Zoom account and edit your profile

Create a Zoom account

- If you don't have one already, sign up to create a Zoom account

- You just need to use an email address and provide a password.

- Sign in the first time you use Zoom – you can tick an option so you don't have to do it every time.

- Edit your profile so that it shows your name.

Open Settings

Find your profile

Settings

- General
- Video
- Audio
- Share Screen

Click here

- Chat
- Background & Filters
- Recording
- **Profile**
- Statistics
- Feedback
- Keyboard Shortcuts
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CHANGE YOUR AUDIO SETTINGS

Instructions for Windows desktops and laptops

Audio settings – First level

Audio settings – Advanced

Make sure this is ticked!

Audio settings – Original Sound

Every time you start a Zoom meeting, check that Original Sound is On. The control should be blue and show 'Turn off Original Sound'.

(you may need to move your mouse to make this appear)