

# ZOOM Breakout Rooms: Let participants choose room in a Zoom meeting

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## Overview

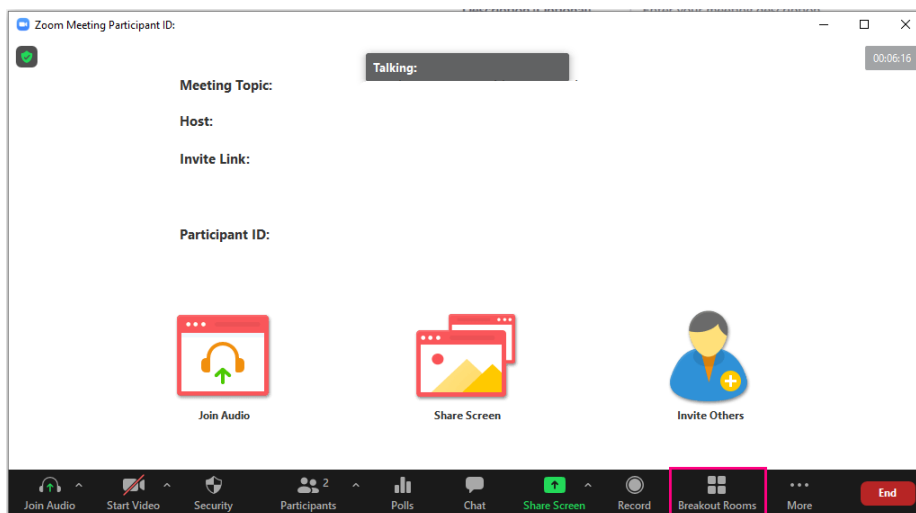
- Zoom desktop or mobile app (version 5.3.0 or higher) support **Self-select Breakout Room** (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/115005769646>).
- The option is off by default. It will only be available to participants if the host has **enabled the option** (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206476313-Managing-Breakout-Rooms>).

## Special Notes

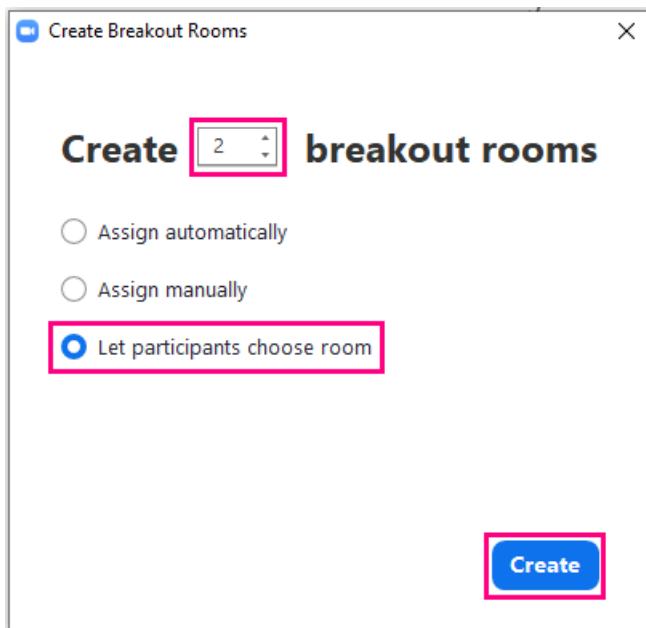
- *Host, co-host and participants must upgrade their Zoom desktop or mobile app to support this feature: Zoom Help Center: **Upgrade / update to the latest version** (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362233-Upgrade-update-to-the-latest-version>)*
- *Co-host does not have privilege to perform the below actions.*
- *The below screenshots are referring to the feature in Zoom desktop client.*
- *The steps are illustrated two scenarios*
  - The breakout rooms are created in the meeting
  - The breakout rooms have been created with participants **pre-assigned** (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360032752671>) to the breakout room before the meeting.

## Scenario 1: Create rooms and let participants choose room in the meeting

1. In a meeting, click “Breakout Rooms”.



2. Select the number of rooms you would like to create, and “Let participants choose room”. Click “Create”.

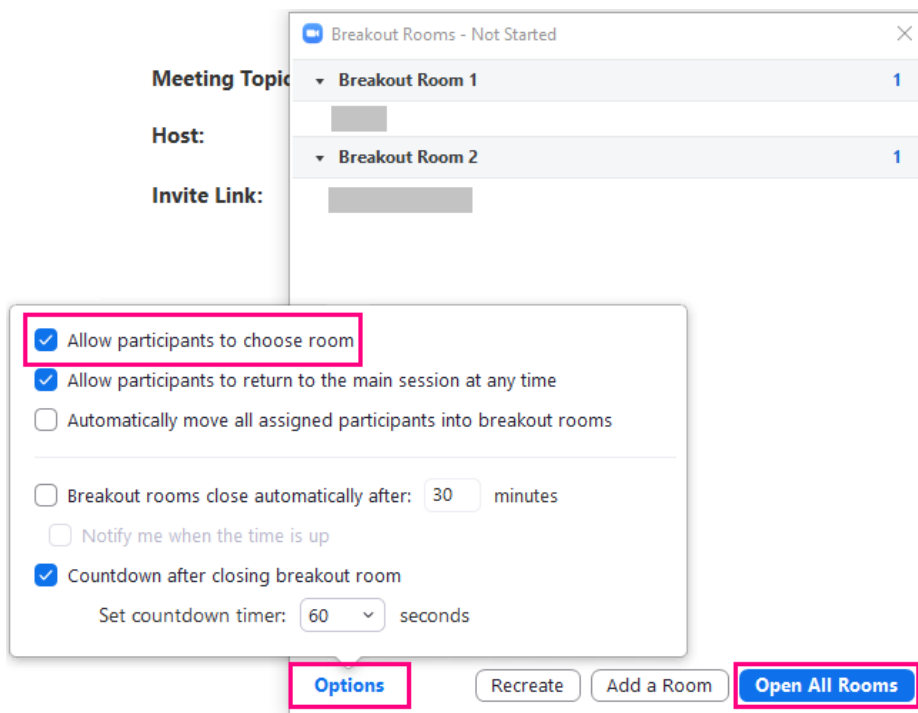


## Scenario 2: Pre-assign participants to breakout rooms before the meeting, and allow participants to choose room in the meeting

1. In a meeting, click “Breakout Rooms”.



2. Click “Options”. Select “Allow Participants to choose room”. Then “Open All Rooms”.



Notes:

- “Allow participants to choose room” is turned off in every meeting session by default.
- Participants who join the meeting after the rooms are opened can choose to join a room.
- Participants can leave their pre-assigned rooms and join other rooms.

For more:

- Zoom Help Center: [Managing Breakout Rooms](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206476313-Managing-Breakout-Rooms) (https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206476313-Managing-Breakout-Rooms)
- Zoom Help Center: [Participating in breakout rooms](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/115005769646) (https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/115005769646)