

# Using Zoom for Music Lessons

## A Guide for Parents and Students

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### Which device to use?

- If possible, use a laptop.
    - The audio quality will probably be better than other devices.
    - A bigger screen means your teacher can see more of you.
    - The desktop app has important features the apps on other devices don't have.
  - If you have one, use a microphone rather than your device's built-in mic.
    - This will improve the sound the teacher hears.
  - If you have them, use headphones or earbuds during your lesson.
    - This will improve the sound you hear.
- ★ *Tip: Once you have Zoom set up, start a meeting and record yourself playing/singing. Listen back to it using headphones or earbuds. This will give you an idea what your teacher will hear and see.*
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### Setting up your space

- Set up by your piano or in a good space for uninterrupted playing/singing.
  - If you're a pianist, the most important things for your teacher to be able to see are your hands and the piano keys.
  - If you're a vocalist, your teacher will at least wish to see your face and upper body.
- Remember to plug in your device, or make sure it has plenty of power.
- Use plenty of lighting.
- Have your music, paper, a pencil, and any other materials your teacher wishes ready.

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# Signing up for Zoom

1. Sign up using the prompts from the email invitation your teacher sent you.

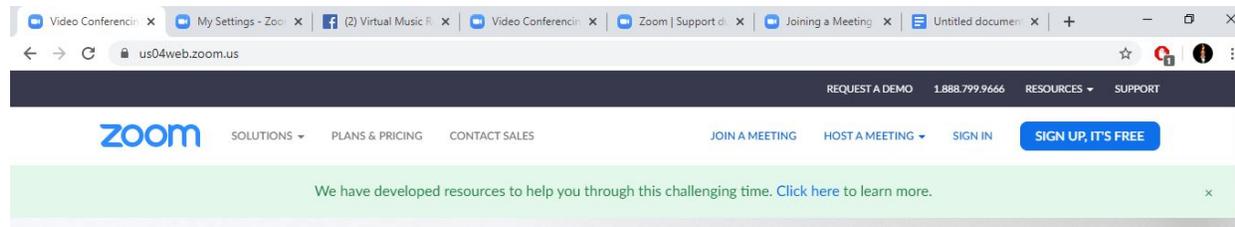
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2. Sign up in the app.

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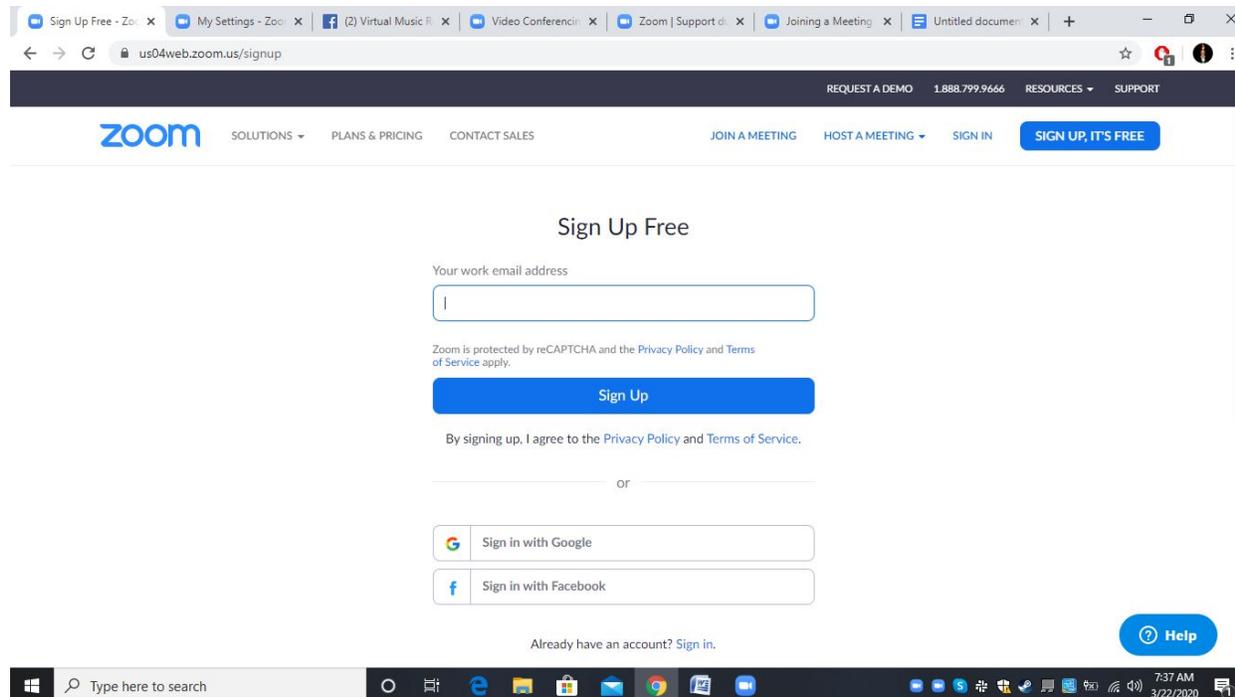
3. Sign up in your browser:

- a. Go to Zoom's website: <https://us04web.zoom.us/>
- b. Click on the button that says "SIGN UP, IT'S FREE."



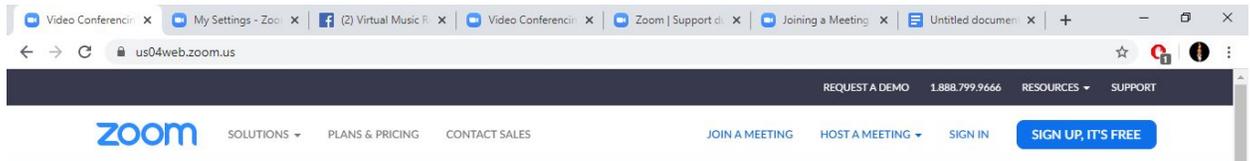
- c. Sign up using your email, Google, or Facebook.

★ *Tip: If signing up with email, use the same email your teacher will be using to send you invites/updates.*

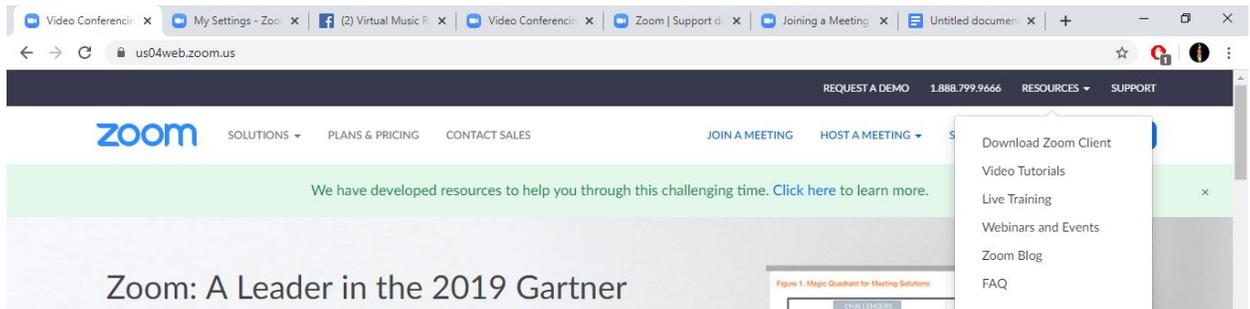


# Downloading the Desktop App

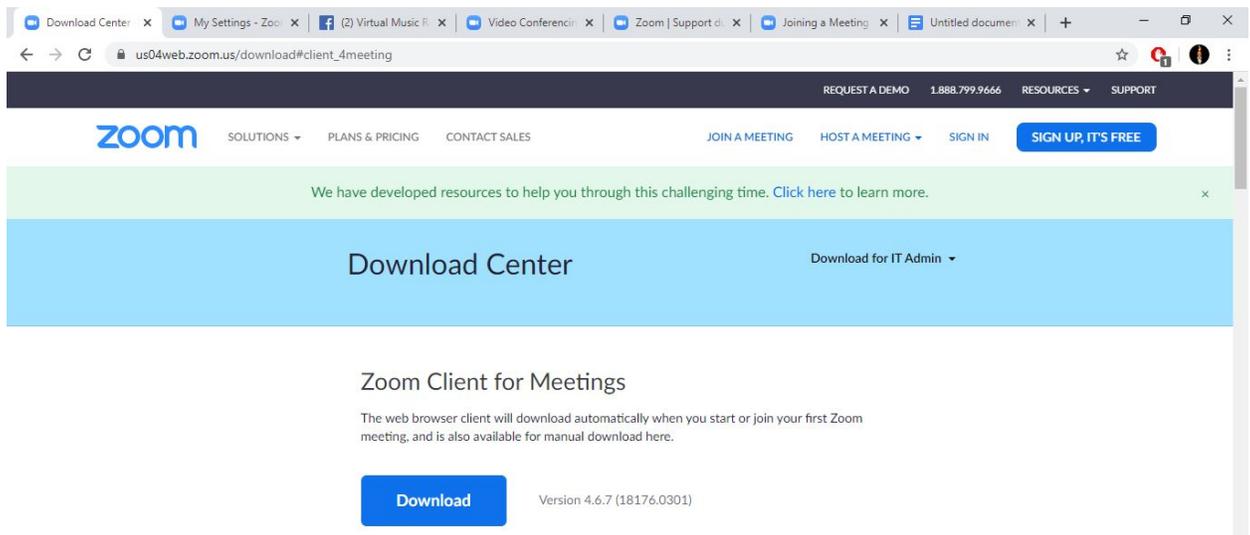
1. In the browser of the laptop you will use for lessons, go to Zoom's website:  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/>
2. Hover your mouse over "RESOURCES" (top right corner).



3. Click on "Download Zoom Client" from the drop-down menu.



4. Click on the "Download" button under "Zoom Client for Meetings."

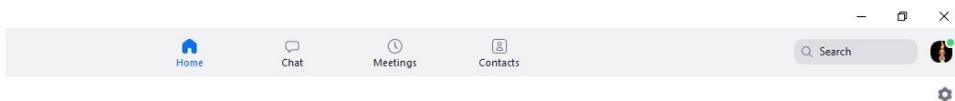


5. Follow the prompts for downloading Zoom on your laptop.

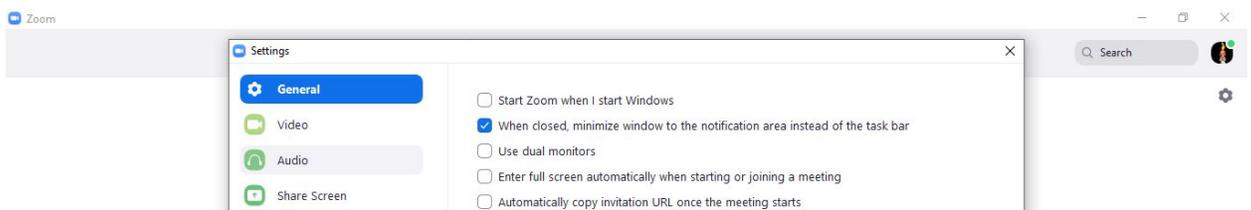
# Getting the best sound in Zoom

- ★ *Tip: These settings can only be found in the desktop app*
- ★ *Tip: You can also adjust these settings during a meeting. Please see “Adjusting audio during a meeting” below.*

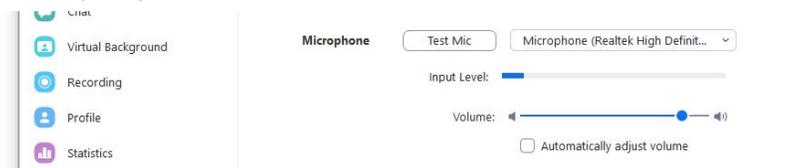
1. In your desktop app, click on the Settings icon 



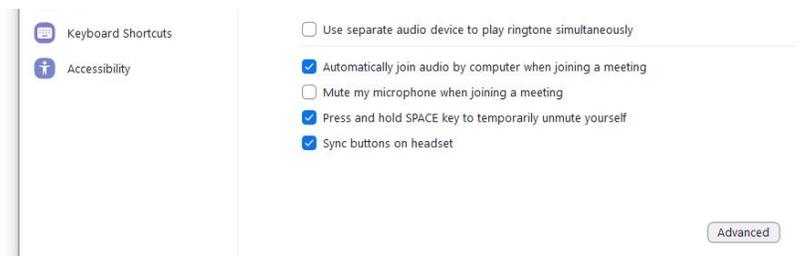
2. Click on “Audio” on the left side of the screen.



3. Make sure your laptop’s microphone (or the external microphone you have hooked up to your laptop) is set with the volume high enough. Make sure the box next to “Automatically adjust volume” is NOT checked.

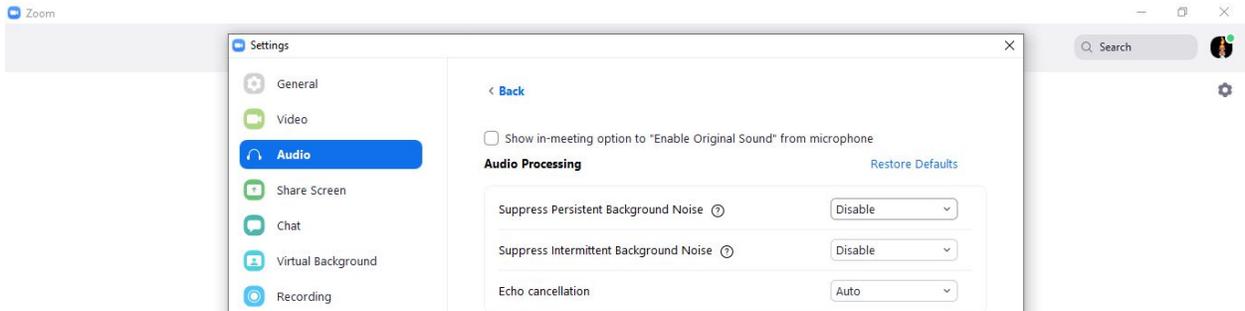


4. At the bottom of the screen, click the “Advanced” button.

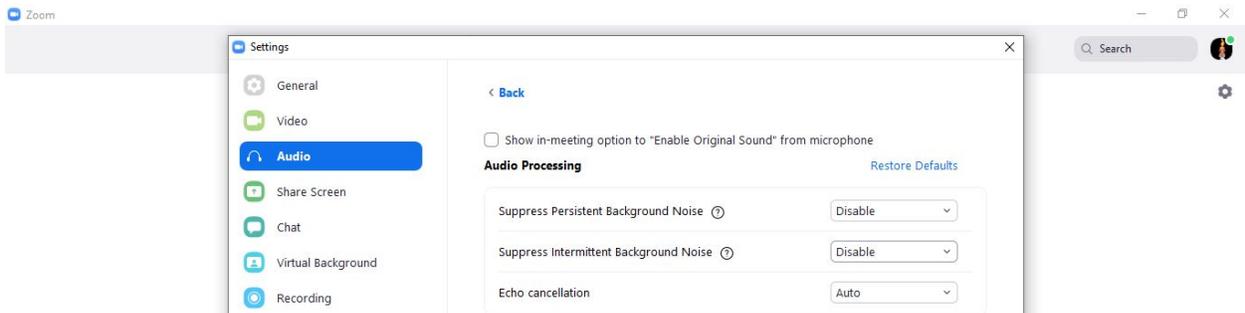


## Getting the best sound in Zoom (cont.)

5. In the dropdown menu next to “Suppress Persistent Background Noise,” select “Disable.”



6. In the dropdown menu next to “Suppress Intermittent Background Noise,” click “Disable.”



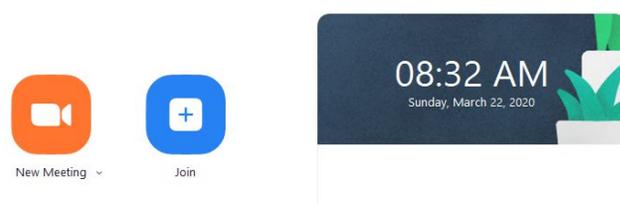
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## Joining a Meeting in Zoom

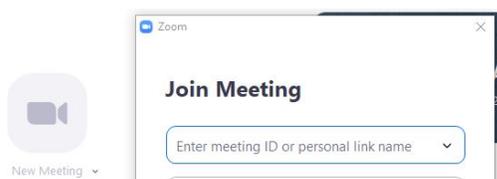
1. At your meeting time, click on the link for the meeting your teacher has sent you through email.

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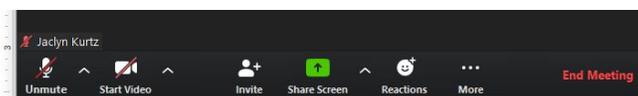
1. In your desktop app, click the “Join” button.



2. In the pop-up box, enter the meeting ID. My meeting ID will always be:



3. If you try to join the meeting before it's set to begin, Zoom will put you in a virtual waiting room until it's time. You will see a message that says, "Waiting for the host to start this meeting."
4. You will not be able to join each meeting until I have approved you. You will see a message that says, "Please wait, the meeting host will let you in soon." As soon as I've approved you, you'll be asked to type in your name, then you'll automatically join the meeting.
5. You will probably have to connect to audio and connect to video by clicking on “Unmute” and “Start Video” at the bottom of the screen.



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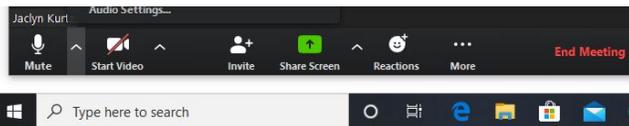
1. Follow the above steps in your device's app.
- ★ *Tip: If you get confused, check out Zoom's video guide at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->*

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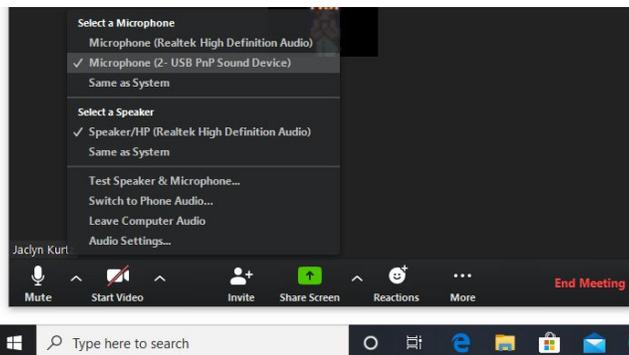
## Adjusting audio during a meeting

★ *Tip: This only works in your desktop app*

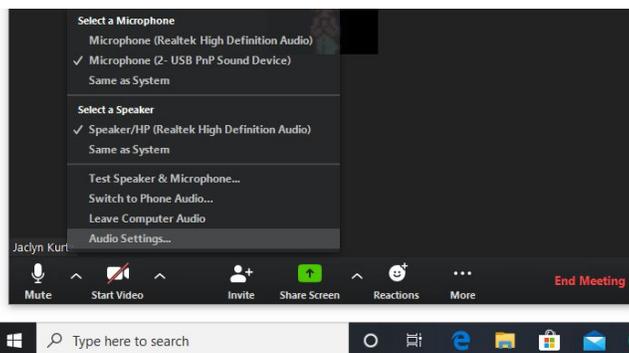
1. While you're already in a meeting, hover your mouse over the arrow next to "Mute."



2. If you are not using your laptop's built-in microphone, click on the microphone you want to use.



3. Click on "Audio Settings."



4. Follow the steps given above for "Getting the best sound in Zoom."