



WHITEPAPER

Teams Rooms on Windows or Teams Room on Android?

How benefiting from the best of both worlds unlocks flexibility, future-proofing, and elevated meeting experiences.



Welcome to the collaboration revolution

How many video meetings have you attended this week? How many took place within your organization in total? Like most businesses, you're well aware of the importance of video collaboration in helping you achieve your goals. It's why, today, any room in a corporate location without a conference camera feels like a wasted opportunity.

But video collaboration doesn't stand still. Hybrid working, end-user needs, and IT requirements mean it's an ever-changing yet essential part of your business, making flexibility as important as the quality of each meeting.

This whitepaper paints a picture of today's ideal Teams Room deployment, demonstrating the importance of innovative, certified hardware, the freedom and benefits this provides, and how your business can harness it.

Navigating the meteoric rise of video conferencing

Virtual meetings grew from **48% to 77% between 2020 and 2022**. Microsoft Teams' daily user numbers rose from **270 million in 2022 to 300 million in 2023**. Last year, the majority of meetings that took place in North America were online, with hybrid meetings following close behind. It's no surprise, then, that the global video conferencing market is set to reach **\$95 billion by 2032**.

Video as a key business tool is here to stay and on the rise.

Yet, in a world of rapidly evolving technology, employee demand, and competition, video collaboration solutions have another crucial role to play beyond just connection – helping to keep your workforce content and your IT teams in control.

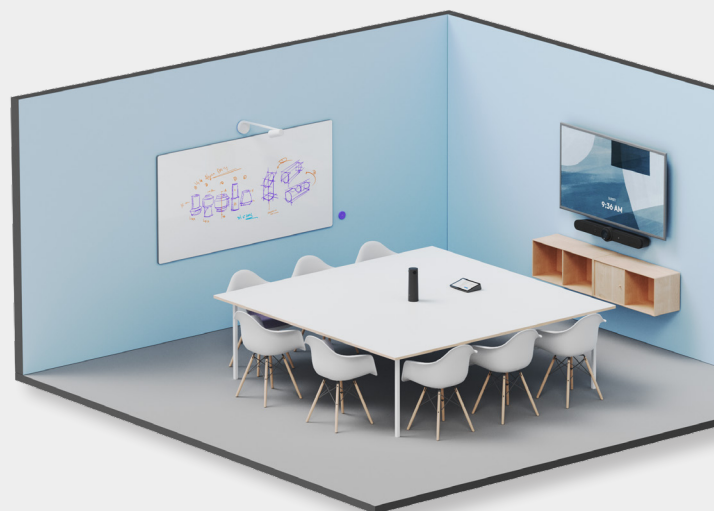
So, what does an optimal Teams Room deployment look like today?

Seamless experiences for end users

Today, every meeting should be a productive and enjoyable experience, ensuring all parties have an equal seat at the table. By investing in Microsoft Teams, you've made the first step toward enjoying the benefits of a robust video conferencing platform. However, ensuring you make the most of it is essential.

Booking, starting, and running a Teams Room meeting should be seamless, and the experience should bring employees together effectively whether they're working in the office or remotely. Attendees should benefit from high-quality video and audio, the latest Teams features, plus cutting-edge AI to elevate interactions.

As a result, participants are not only seen and heard clearly but feel like they're part of the conversation, regardless of their location. All of this can be achieved through the right combination of technology and software in your meeting rooms.





Simplicity and visibility for IT

As with the ease and efficiency of the meetings themselves, deploying and managing collaboration technology for Teams Rooms should be effortless for IT teams. As the demand for video-enabled office spaces increases, those responsible for their upkeep are seeking more efficient ways to stay on top of their growing estates.

Whether it's straightforward technology implementation, remote management, proactive issue resolution, or ensuring the latest software and security updates are deployed in a timely manner, the right combination of meeting room technology and software should see day-to-day IT demands diminish.

With the powerful hardware matched with your Teams investment, the myriad benefits above can be quickly realized. However, there's one more consideration to perfect a company's video collaboration estate.

Teams Rooms on Windows or Android?

When it comes to software and hardware considerations, there are two flavors of Microsoft Teams Room – 'On Windows' and 'On Android'.

At a basic level, a Microsoft Teams Room on Windows uses a dedicated PC to drive the meeting alongside the display, conference camera, and meeting controller. In a Microsoft Teams Room on Android, the computer built into the room's video bar is used, eliminating the need for a dedicated PC. In these rooms, you only require the video bar, the meeting controller, and the display.

There are benefits to both room types that will depend on your approach to video conferencing, available budget, and more. Teams Rooms on Windows, for example, currently provide more flexibility when it comes to room peripherals you might want to add. Meanwhile, Teams Rooms on Android are ideal for those looking for simplified purchasing and deployment. With the computer and video collaboration hardware contained in a single device, only a display and a controller are required to complete the room setup.





The importance of certification

In addition to determining whether a Microsoft Teams Room on Windows or Android is right for your business, you should also consider the right hardware for the job. Beyond the quality of microphones, cameras, and speakers, Microsoft certification for meeting room technology is a must. Without certified hardware, the latest device features will not be accessible to end-users. Certified solutions, on the other hand, ensure they can leverage all the meeting room magic Microsoft has packed into its software and benefit from ongoing updates. With the right hardware certified for use with Teams, you can ensure your meetings are the best they can be.

So, should you choose hardware certified for Teams Rooms on Windows or Android?

For complete flexibility and future-proofing, the answer should be both.

With dual-certified hardware, you unlock the freedom to choose how rooms are deployed, helping to future-proof your hardware investment. They could be powered by a Windows PC, driven by an end-user laptop, or used as a native, standalone meeting room device. And, when you're not tied to one deployment type, you're free to adapt as your needs change.

Outstanding hardware for audio and video, the latest Teams meeting features, more inclusive meeting experiences, and dual Microsoft certification. That's the standard all meeting rooms should aspire to. So, now you've invested in Microsoft Teams, where should you turn for hardware to match?

In addition to providing the quality, simplicity, and cutting-edge features required for a video-first business world, Logitech's Rally Bar family of all-in-one video conferencing solutions are the only devices certified for Microsoft Teams Rooms on Windows and Android.

Unlock future-proof flexibility and elevated experiences with Logitech

The Logitech Rally Bar family ticks every box for modern business collaboration, benefiting end-users, IT teams, and the overall business across rooms of all sizes.

More inclusive meetings with Rally Bar

In a powerful, all-in-one package, Logitech Rally Bar, Rally Bar Mini, and Rally Bar Huddle deliver a superior and more inclusive Teams Room experience. With crystal-clear audio and video and adaptive beamforming microphones for outstanding conversational accuracy, they are sustainably made using up to **42% post-consumer recycled plastic** and designed to take meetings to new heights.

Beyond simply capturing attendees in their best light, the Rally Bar family actively identifies individual participants and active speakers using built-in AI video intelligence. Meanwhile, AI noise suppression optimizes audio intake. Combined, these features ensure that all meeting participants are seen and heard clearly, enabling a better and more natural meeting experience for remote attendees.

Those outside the meeting room can enjoy further meeting equity with access to a clear view of who's speaking and who's in the room. Microsoft's AI-driven IntelliFrame meeting experience is designed to improve hybrid meetings and provide the room context that matters. Rally Bar and Rally Bar Mini are fully equipped to support this feature, creating smart video feeds by zooming in on and framing in-room attendees so that online participants can more clearly see their faces and gestures. The same inclusivity extends to compatible peripherals, including center-of-table and whiteboard cameras that make remote attendance feel more like being in the room.



*Full Grid View compatibility may vary. See [here](#) for more details.



An alliance that makes life easier for IT teams

Logitech and Microsoft Teams work together to foster inclusive meeting experiences for people and teams, no matter their location. Our ecosystem of software, services, and Microsoft Teams Rooms-certified hardware are easy to deploy at scale, simple to use and manage, and seamlessly connect hybrid workplaces for everyone.

With certification for Microsoft Teams Rooms on Windows and Android, the Rally Bar family enables IT teams to deliver the deployment option that matches their business needs. Whether it's appliance-based, USB, or BYOD, they achieve the freedom to choose across all of their rooms and Rally Bar devices. As the efficiency and ROI of technology become increasingly important, knowing that your solutions are equipped for change in this way can provide much-needed peace of mind. No business wants to be tied to technology that restricts it down the line or that requires an overhaul to keep pace with emerging trends and end-user requirements. With Logitech Rally Bar, Rally Bar Mini, and Rally Bar Huddle's dual certification, you're free to adapt your meeting room setups as you choose without having to buy new hardware.

Management is easier with Rally Bar, too. IT teams are able to monitor room health, deploy updates, and modify settings, all from a single cloud-based platform. With Logitech Sync and Teams Pro Management portal combined, update control and device monitoring become easier and more powerful, no matter how many rooms are in play. Insights on meeting room usage help drive greater efficiency and ROI.

Furthermore, **Microsoft certification makes Rally Bar devices smarter over time.** With Logitech collaborating closely with Microsoft, Teams updates are added to rooms quickly, ensuring the latest features reach end users faster. Such updates deliver advanced features, enable compatibility, and unlock integrations with other Logitech products and platform features.

Better Teams meetings for all

For the modern business user, functionality and simplicity are non-negotiable, as is the requirement for meeting equity for hybrid workers. Likewise, IT teams must be free to focus on business-critical tasks without the headaches of maintaining or reassessing collaboration technology. As part of an end-to-end ecosystem of personal and team workspace solutions from a trusted, market-leading vendor, the Logitech Rally Bar family unlocks the full value of your Microsoft Teams investment and enables you to maintain it.

With renowned meeting quality, inclusivity, plus dual certification, Logitech ensures your investment in Microsoft Teams is matched with best-in-class hardware to provide the performance and forward-facing focus your business needs, whatever the future might hold.



Prepare your business for the New Logic of Work

Discover how Logitech and Microsoft working together brings your people together through more inclusive hybrid meeting experiences.