Help

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Resources

Bb Collaborate Launcher- Bb Collaborate Launcher Download

Bb Collaborate Test Room for checking technology prior to a session- Bb Collaborate Test Room

Participant Interface Help Image (Place as your first slide. See below.)- Participant Interface Help Image

Participant Guides-	Desktop Guide	Android Guide	iOS Guide
Moderator Guides-	Desktop Guide	Android Guide	<u>iOS Guide</u>

Highlighted Moderator Tutorials-

- Introduction to the Participants Panel
- Using the Audio & Video Panel
- Using Chat
- <u>Audio Setup Wizard</u>
- Loading a PowerPoint File
- Using the Whiteboard
- Using the Polling Feature Wizard
- Using Application Sharing
- Using Web Tour
- Using Telephony
- Getting Started with Recordings

Technology Requirements

Equipment

Speakers, earbuds, headset- required; a student may be able to do without these items, but the experience will be very limited

Webcam (usually includes a microphone)- optional; a webcam is needed for video; a webcam with a microphone or a separate microphone is needed for student to speak.

Note- for best results and quality of audio, a headset with a built-in boom microphone works best.

Software

Bb Collaborate Launcher- solves many Java related issues and ensures the correct Java software is available. Participants will be prompted to download the launcher when accessing a session link or download at- <u>Bb Collaborate Launcher</u> <u>Download</u>

Browsers- Windows 7/8: IE11- latest versions of Firefox, Chrome; Mac OS (10.9): Safari 8.0 or latest version of Firefox



Bb Collaborate Interface (Moderator)



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- For your first session, expect delays. Don't plan too much activity. Allow plenty of time for orientation and maintain a relaxed environment. Invite one of the good folks at ETS <u>dlhelp@jsu.edu</u> or 256-782-8172 to attend your first session to aid in troubleshooting.
- Practice your session! Use two computers (or two different browsers) to open a room in moderator and participant views (see cause/effect).
- Encourage your students to download Bb Collaborate Launcher and use the test room well before the session.
- Accept Java prompts (Bb Launcher should make Java issues smoother).
- Use the audio and video wizard to help with media issues. As a back-up, inform participants to use the telephone interface.
- Use video only when useful- save bandwidth.
- If participants experience Internet speed issues (or other technical problems), use telephone interface which will lessen bandwidth demands (long distance charges or cell minutes apply). Wired connections recommended when possible.
- Mobile apps for iOS and Android work quite well, but some functionality is not available.
- You may create links in various places in Blackboard to your Collaborate room in order to make it easier for students to find the room. For example, create a Tool Link in the left hand course menu.
- When sharing the public URL to access rooms, BE CAREFUL that you do not mix-up URLs. You might all end up in different rooms. Remember- students in your course may access your room via Blackboard. No public URL is needed in this case.
- Technology
 - Windows- Latest version of Firefox and Chrome recommended; Java 7-8
 - o Mac- Safari 8 or latest version of Firefox; Java 8
 - Speakers, earbuds, or headset (required- or use telephone bridge)
 - Webcam and/or microphone (optional)

Serving Suggestion

You might use Bb Collaborate for-

- Online class sessions
- Office hours
- Guest speakers
- Lecture capture
- Conferences
- Job interviews
- Office and faculty meetings
- College orientation
- Tutoring