The New Meeting Room

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Hybrid work is the new normal

We can no longer rely solely on offices to collaborate, connect, and build social capital, but physical space will still be important. We're social animals and we want to get together, bounce ideas off one another, and experience the energy of in-person events. Moving forward, office space needs to bridge the physical and digital worlds to meet the unique needs of every team. Leaders must consider how to equip all workers with the tools they need to contribute — whether they're working from home, the manufacturing floor, in the office, or on the go.



Hybrid work is inevitable

73% of workers say they want flexible remote work options¹



Configuration

93% of today's meeting rooms are equipped with only minimal technology to support information sharing²



Flexible work environments

80% of managers expect to have more flexible work from home policies post pandemic¹



Usability

63% of workers would use video conferencing more if their huddle rooms were better equipped³



Collaboration is critical

67% of employees want more in person work or collaboration post pandemic¹



Investment

By 2025, the number of video conferencing devices will be six times as high²

Staying connected is harder

60% of people say they feel less connected to their colleagues since moving to remote work¹

^{60%}

¹ Microsoft Work Trend Index Report.

² State of the Global Video Conferencing Device Market, Forecast to 2025. Frost & Sullivan. 2021.

³ The Collaborative Enterprise: How enterprises are adapting to support the modern meeting. Wainhouse Research. 2015.

We still need conference rooms. Here's what they should look like post-pandemic

A big table, a bunch of chairs, and a speakerphone are no longer enough. As people return to the office, it's time to rethink meeting spaces.

<u>full article</u> BY GWEN MORAN



As hybrid workplaces take shape, companies need to think about how to facilitate meetings and collaboration with a mix of in-person and remote employees. "We've had hybrid before—not necessarily at the scale of everyone working from home—but to link together multiple offices around the world," says Jeff Wong, global chief innovation officer at consulting firm EY. "Yes, we have the traditional conference room with the big desks and the video screen on the one side of it. But we also have to have other types of environments."

What will those environments look like? Here are some of the considerations when creating post-pandemic meeting spaces.

ENVIRONMENTS

Emerging telepresence technology solutions offer more sophisticated options for hybrid teams to collaborate. "Telepresence tech is going to be a big part of the future," says technology and collaboration expert and speaker Phil Simon, author of Reimagining Collaboration: Slack, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, and the Post-COVID World of Work. Telepresence hardware includes high-quality video and audio to simulate the effect of hybrid team members meeting in the same room. Systems typically have large touchscreens, high-quality cameras, and microphones. Software platforms often unify the backgrounds of meeting attendees to eliminate those distractions and make it look like everyone is in the same meeting room, even if they're on the screen. Touchscreens allow the device to be used as a whiteboard while screen-sharing, facilitating collaboration. Depending on the software solution or collaboration platform used—perhaps Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or another—participants may send and share files, chat, and use other features.





FLEXIBILITY

Red Thread has started looking at how companies can use tools like electronic whiteboards in open-space floor plans to accommodate greater numbers of people. "You might roll up a piece of technology that's an all-in-one solution with a camera and video together, like a Microsoft Surface Hub or a Zoom Neat Bar, where they're just going to meet on-demand very quickly," says John Mitton, CTO and VP of Audiovisual at Red Thread, a workplace interiors company. Offices may also need more movable furniture that can be assembled into distanced collaboration spaces and technology can be moved in and out of the space as needed. "I've found those spaces to be powerfully effective when we have a hybrid, either a multi-office or a multi-office plus people from home experience," he says.

PLATFORMS

Simon predicts that more companies will need to pick a platform and stick with it. While the "official" office platform might be Zoom or Teams, too often, employees may be using some features, such as instant messaging and videoconferencing, but then opting for other tools on their own instead of learning the features they need in the platform, ranging from simple messaging to telepresence options. "We are using Teams as email 2.0 and Zoom as Skype 2.0," he says. "Those tools are actually much more powerful."

By sticking to one solution and using it as a hub for all internal communication, including integrated third-party apps, or "spokes" as Simon calls them, companies can build comprehensive knowledge repositories that house all of their data and work product. Doing so allows them to eliminate time wasted (a half-hour per day by some estimates) looking for documents and capture information that can be analyzed for deeper insights.

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How to Use this Guide

We hope you find this guide helpful as you explore different kinds of meeting rooms to support hybrid work.

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Meeting Room Types







Featured Technology







Enclosed MEETING ROOMS



Connect Room



DESCRIPTION

The room is perfect for taking a video call in privacy. The Logi Dock connects your laptop with built-in meeting controls and speakerphone.

Postures Supported:

Sit | Stand | Perch | Lounge

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Collaboration





Logitech Logi Dock

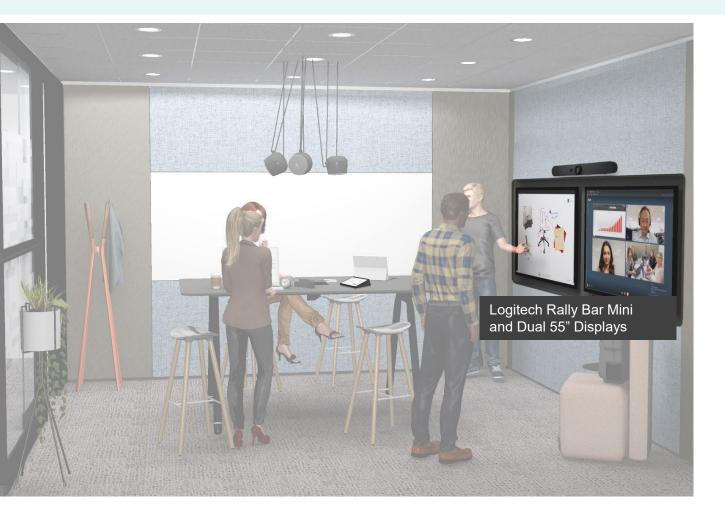
21" Display



Logitech Tap Scheduler



Huddle Room



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Logitech Rally Bar Mini





Dual 55" Displays

Room Scheduling



Logitech Tap Scheduler

DESCRIPTION

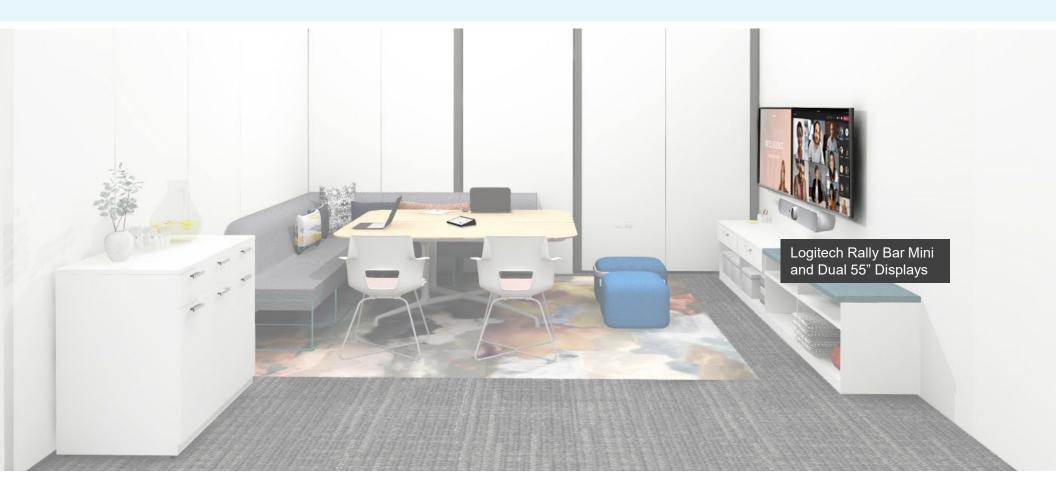
The small meeting room features dual displays for sharing content alongside remote participants. The standing-height table with stools keeps everyone at eye level, whether standing or sitting. Whiteboards support brainstorming and ideation.

Postures Supported:

Sit | Stand | Perch | Lounge



Oasis



DESCRIPTION

This enclosed oasis supports web conferencing meetings in a comfortable lounge posture.

Postures Supported:

Sit | Stand | Perch | Lounge

TECHNOLOGY

Collaboration







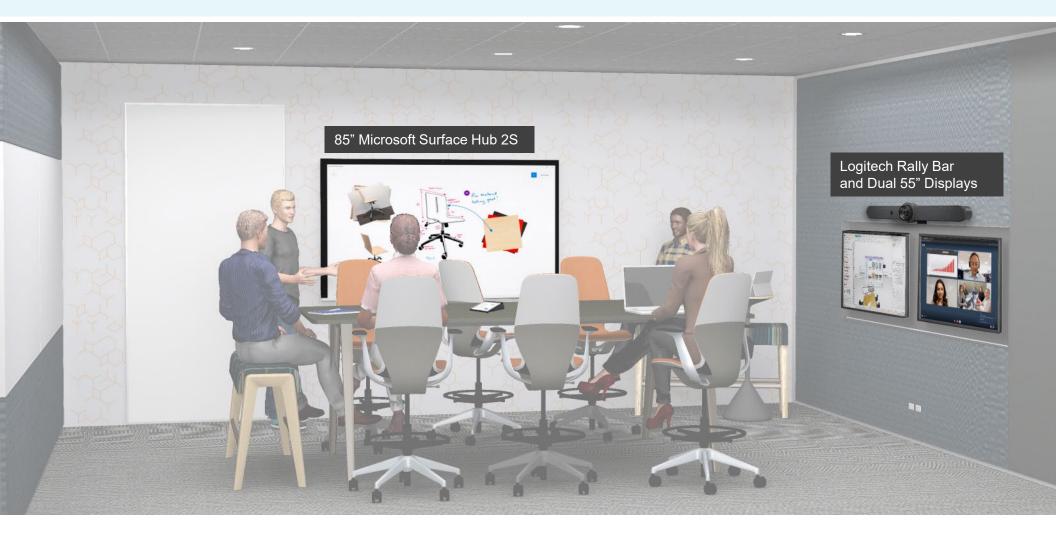
Dual 55" 4K Displays



Logitech Tap Scheduler



Meeting Room



DESCRIPTION

This enclosed meeting room is perfect for dynamic collaboration sessions. The 85" Microsoft Surface Hub 2S pairs with the Logitech Room System using Coordinated Join, allowing all participants to create on the whiteboard. The meeting content and far-end participants are shown on the dual 55" displays.

Postures Supported: Sit | Stand | Perch | Lounge

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Logitech Rally Bar



85" Microsoft Surface Hub 2S





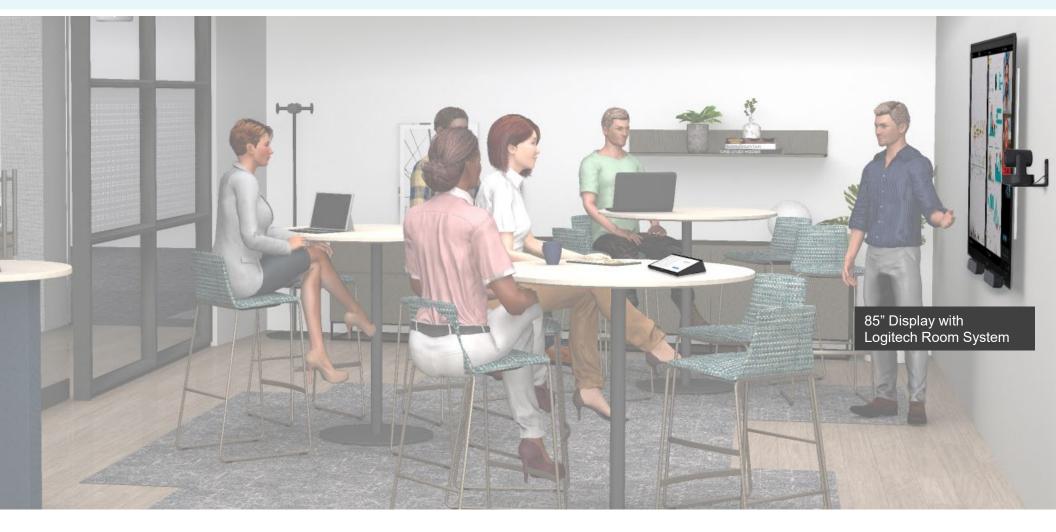
Dual 55" Displays



Logitech Tap Scheduler



Meeting Room



DESCRIPTION

This enclosed flexible meeting room is perfect for presentations. Flexible seating and tables provide choice and control. Perching "outfield" provides space for overflow, shorter term participation, or additional distance between people.

Postures Supported: Sit | Stand | Perch | Lounge

TECHNOLOGY

Collaboration



Logitech Rally Plus



85" Display

Room Scheduling



Logitech Tap Scheduler



Pitch Room



DESCRIPTION

The large flex pitch room is designed as a dual zone space for presentations and team collaboration. The 85" Microsoft Surface Hub 2S pairs with the Logitech Room System using Coordinated Join. The Surface Hub is dedicated to capturing the presenter and content, and the secondary 75" display and camera is dedicated to the team and shows remote participants.

Postures Supported:

Sit | Stand | Perch | Lounge

TECHNOLOGY

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Logitech Rally Plus



85" Microsoft Surface Hub 2S



75" Display



Logitech Tap Scheduler

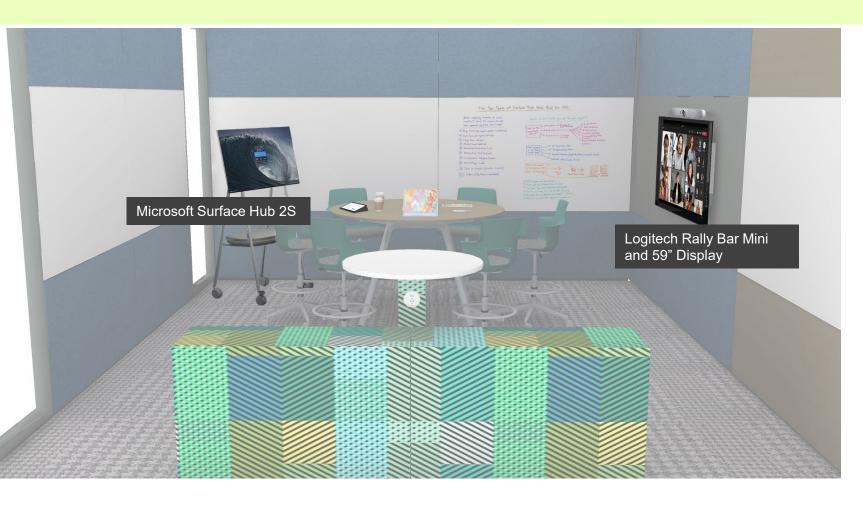


Semi-Enclosed MEETING ROOMS



SEMI-ENCLOSED MEETING ROOMS

Semi-Enclosed Huddle



DESCRIPTION

This 3-wall semi-enclosed meeting space provides some visual and auditory privacy within the open plan. The 50" Microsoft Surface Hub 2S pairs with the Logitech Room System using Coordinated Join, allowing all participants to create on the whiteboard. The far-end participants are shown on the 55" display.

Postures Supported:

Sit | Stand | Perch | Lounge

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Logitech Rally Bar Mini



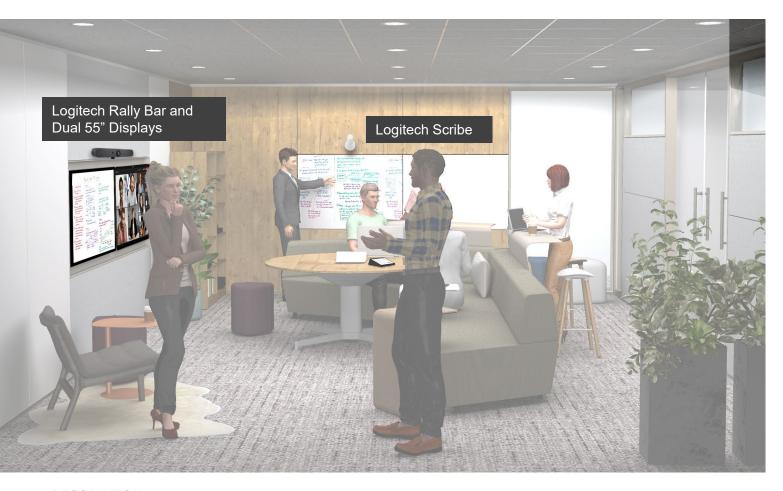
50" Microsoft Surface Hub 2S on Steelcase Roam Cart with APC Battery



55" 4K Display



media:scape Huddle



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Logitech Scribe whiteboard camera



Logitech Rally Bar





55" Dual Displays

DESCRIPTION

This semi-enclosed meeting space with a lounge setting provides a place to collaborate with local and remote participants. The Logitech Scribe added feature integrates whiteboarding into a Microsoft Teams call.

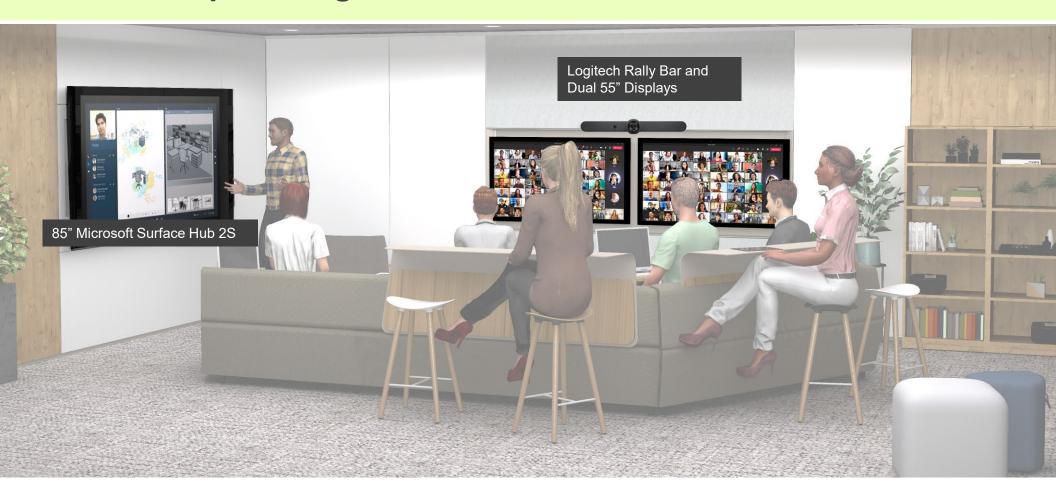
Postures Supported:

Sit | Stand | Perch | Lounge



SEMI-ENCLOSED MEETING ROOMS

media:scape Lounge



DESCRIPTION

The meeting room media:scape lounge creates a casual setting to support web conferencing presentations. The 85" Microsoft Surface Hub 2S pairs with the Logitech Room System using Coordinated Join, allowing all participants to create on the whiteboard. The far-end participants are shown on the dual 55" displays.

Postures Supported:

Sit | Stand | Perch | Lounge

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Logitech Rally Bar



85" Microsoft Surface Hub 2S



55" Dual Displays



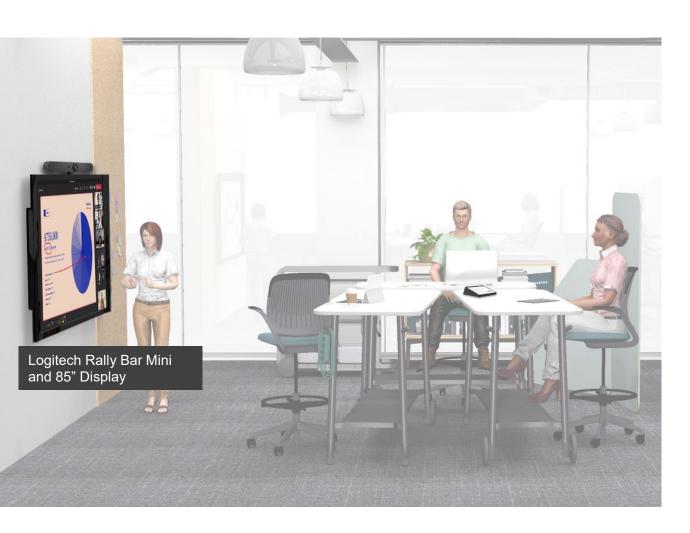
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Open MEETING ROOMS



Flex Meeting



DESCRIPTION

Project teams can move mobile tables for ad hoc collaboration or to add remote team members using the Logitech room system.

Postures Supported:

Sit | Stand | Perch | Lounge

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Logitech Rally Bar Mini



85" 4K Display



OPEN MEETING ROOMS

Collaboration Lounge



DESCRIPTION

The media:scape lounge is optimized in both comfort and technology for casual collaboration during virtual meetings.

Postures Supported:

Sit | Stand | Perch | Lounge

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Logitech Rally Bar Mini



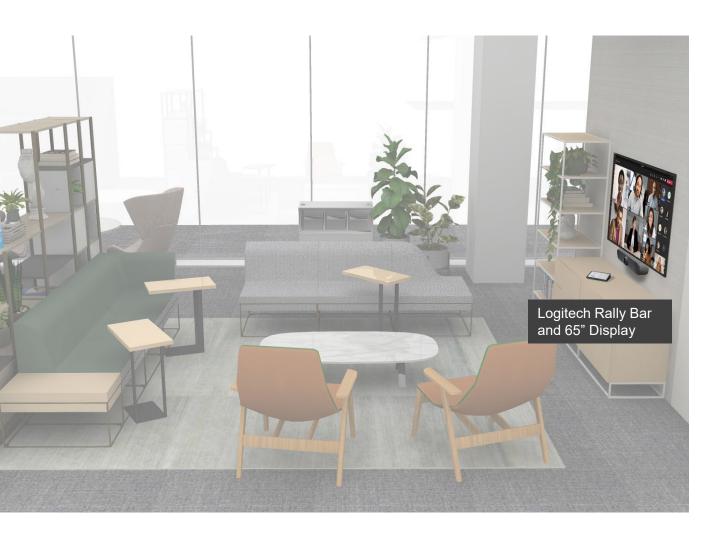
Dual 65" 4K Displays



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Virtual Living Room



DESCRIPTION

This collaborative lounge space supports casual meetings in a comfortable setting while creating an equitable experience for remote team members.

Postures Supported:

Sit | Stand | Perch | Lounge

TECHNOLOGY

Collaboration



Logitech Rally Bar



65" 4K Display



Featured TECHNOLOGY



Room Systems Overview

Logitech Room Solutions for Microsoft Teams

Logitech Room Solutions for Microsoft Teams include everything you need to build out meeting rooms of virtually any size or shape—a mini PC, a PC mount, an Ultra-HD Logitech conferencecam with RightSense™ technologies, and the Logitech Tap touch controller.

Logitech® room solutions are available in small, medium, or large configurations with accessories to suit each space.



VIDEO

RightSight™ detects meeting participants, automatically moves the lens, and adjusts the zoom so no one is left out of the picture.



AUDIO

RightSound™ auto-levels loud and soft voices—while suppressing background noise—for outstanding conversational clarity.



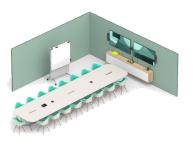
SMALL SPACES

The small room configuration with Logitech Rally Bar Mini delivers superior audio and video in a compact, all-in-one form factor. Clean cabling and flexible mounting options allow you to confidently deploy at scale.



MEDIUM SPACES

Experience brilliant optics and room-filling audio with the medium room configuration with Logitech Rally Bar, an all-in-one video bar purpose-built for midsize rooms. Mount neatly to the display or wall, or stand on a credenza.



LARGE SPACES

Featuring the expandable Rally Plus conference camera system and Logitech RoomMate computing appliance with built-in Microsoft Teams Rooms software, the large room configuration combines easy management with outstanding coverage across a wide range of room sizes and layouts.



Presenter's Surface Hub 2S

Teams Room System



Supporting team's display showing the far end participants

COORDINATED MEETINGS

Users can leverage the power of Surface Hub and Microsoft Teams Room devices in the same meeting, through a coordinated experience. Using proximity or one-touch join, both devices join the meeting simultaneously with Teams Rooms running audio and video, while Surface Hub is automatically muted to avoid any distracting feedback.

During the meeting, users can maximize screen real estate by using the front of room display to show attendees in the meeting gallery, while the Surface Hub is used to show content or to conduct a collaborative whiteboarding session. With the whiteboard experience on Surface Hub and Microsoft Whiteboard in Teams, people can draw and ink together on the same savable canvas, no matter their location.

With this new coordinated device capability, people can drive inclusive, collaborative meeting experiences between remote and in-person attendees like never before.

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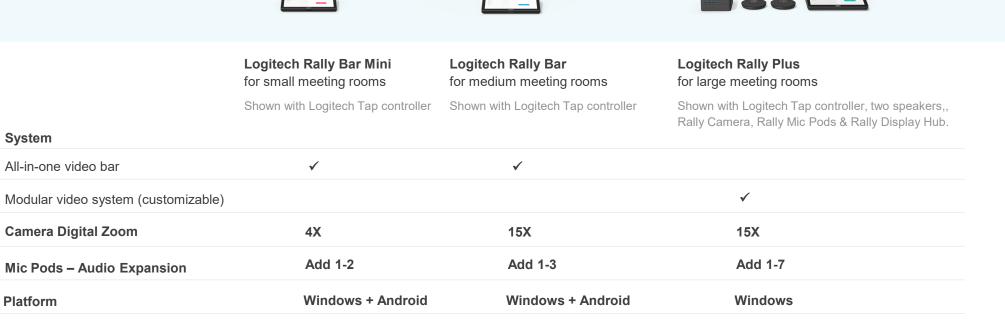
Interoperability with Zoom/WebEx

Single + Dual Displays

Logitech Meeting Room Solutions

Complete Microsoft Teams room solutions from Logitech allow participants to quickly kick off and run a video conference meeting. Logitech RightSight™ camera control automatically moves and adjusts the lens to comfortably frame meeting participants in rooms of all shapes and sizes.

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Logitech Meeting Room Accessories



Logitech Swytch for BYOD solutions (bring your own device)

- Adds multi-vendor compatibility to any Logitech room solution
- Connects to laptops via USB A or C, no HDMI cable required



Rally Mic Pod for expanded audio coverage

- Expand audio coverage and provide convenient access to mute controls
- Compatible with Rally Bar Mini, Rally Bar and the Rally System





Logitech Scribe Al-Powered Whiteboard Camera

- · Effortlessly share whiteboards into video meetings
- Scribe's built-in AI automatically removes the presenter and enhances the content on the board, making text and drawings easier to see for both remote and in-room participants.
- Compatible with Microsoft Teams® Rooms and other leading video conferencing services.

Interactive All-In-One Device



50" Microsoft Surface Hub 2S on Steelcase Roam Cart with Wireless APC Battery



85" Microsoft Surface Hub 2S

Logitech Tap Scheduler Room Scheduling System

Room Scheduling

- See meeting details and reserve a room for ad hoc or future meetings.
- Easily deploy as a purpose-built scheduling panel for leading room scheduling solutions to help workers find and claim the right space.

Docking Station



Logitech Logi DockAll-in-One Docking Station

- Built-in meeting controls and speakerphone
- Connects and charges up to five USB peripherals and two monitors
- Replaces unneeded chargers and power cords



Microsoft Surface Hub 2S Available in 50" and 85" models

- Available iii 50 and 65 models
- Enable teamwork anywhere with this modern, all-in-one collaborative canvas and meetings platform
- · It's light, thin, and easy to integrate into any work space.
- Coordinated meetings enable Teams Rooms devices to simultaneously join with a Surface Hub

Connect with us



We help organizations and their partners create hybrid work environments to create equitable collaboration experiences for all employees. Through the integration of technology, furniture, and architectural systems, we create holistic spaces that can adapt with changes in your business.

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