Joining Without Video or Audio Equipment on your Desktop

It is possible to join a Zoom meeting without video or audio (eg if you don't have camera or microphone). Despite some messages from the Zoom app, you can still hear the others in the meeting if you do have computer speakers. The experience will be limited but better than nothing.



The image below is on a PC after clicking on the URL or entering the meeting id/password.

I choose to 'Join without Video'. Next I'd be asked about audio.

If I didn't have a camera, the image would like something like:





Regardless, I'll click "Join without Video" and get a dialog box about the audio.

I click the little x at top right and get a warning message (that I later find is not quite correct)



I click 'Continue' and wait for the host to let me into the meeting



The image at the top is my phone (with me hosting the meeting). You can see there is no video coming from Bill's PC but there is an invitation to 'Click to join audio'. When I click the 'Join Audio' button at the bottom left (little headphone icon), I get the dialog box again about joining audio or testing my speaker and microphone.



I click the little x again and get the news that I haven't got a microphone but no mention of speakers – at this point I can actually hear the remaining participants in the meeting and I can click the little x.



And here I am in the meeting – no video from my PC, no audio from my PC but the PC can see and hear everyone else.

