

# Teleconference Instructions

## Connecting

If you will be connecting with a desktop machine running Linux, Windows, or MacOS, then all you will need to do is click on a URL that is supplied by the meeting organizer. For a browser, I suggest that you use Brave or Firefox or Chrome/Chromium. You may be offered to download a plugin, but you don't need to accept that offer. No harm will be done if you do accept.

If you will be using a mobile device running iOS or Android, you will need to download an app for best results. Here is a link to help with that. <https://jitsi.org/#download>

And, if the technology is too much, you can phone in to listen and follow along. A phone number and a meeting ID are supplied by the meeting organizer.

The conference will be opened about 15 min early, so you can connect early if you would like. Be aware that you may be placed into a virtual waiting room for a short while.

## Handout

If there is a handout, it is in PDF form so you will need a PDF reader of some kind. There are multiple choices depending on your environment. See the Education page of my website (<https://281connections.us>) for handouts for "standard" presentations. Here is the URL - [https://281connections.us/281connections\\_Wiki/Education.html](https://281connections.us/281connections_Wiki/Education.html)

## Technology

If you are curious about the technology behind the teleconference, here is a link to a FAQ. <https://jitsi.org/user-faq/>

## Tips

Here are some considerations that will help you have the best experience possible. If you are using a low bandwidth internet connection or if you are competing with other people for bandwidth on your network, you can try the following.

- Turn off your camera and just listen and watch the video feed shared by the presenter.
- Make sure that you are in a quiet environment so that stray sounds are not broadcast to everyone. You may be muted by the organizer by default. Don't change this unless you have something to say, and mute yourself when you are done. A dynamic microphone will likely pick up less background noise than a condenser mic in a noisy environment. A headset with built-in microphone can work well too.
- Another way to communicate is to use the chat feature. This method uses less bandwidth.
- Make sure that your browser is up to date and that your machine is not busy doing a lot of other compute-intensive or network-intensive things in the background.
- Ask others on your network to minimize their network usage while you are on. Be particularly attentive to users playing on-line games and to users streaming web content like movies, audio, videos, etc.
- Some cordless telephones operate at 2.4 Ghz, which is probably the same frequency used by your WiFi. This can cause a conflict if you are trying to participate in a conference using a WiFi connection.