

Presenting with DimDim

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www.dimdim.com is a Web 2.0 site that hosts Webinars. You can sign up for a free account and host 20 users at no charge. The session can be recorded and is available after the session for viewing again from their site (a URL will be made available to the host by email) or for download as an FLV file (Flash video) to your computer.

Video through a Web cam and audio is supported. On the free account, you can see and hear up to three viewers of your Webinar. Who is activated for video/audio can be switched during the session. All who are in the session have a text messaging available during the entire Webinar. Also, a private chat session can be set by the host at any time.

The most important piece of any online talk given for NEMUG is what is happening on the speakers screen. There is no need to watch the presenter during the talk—just the computer screen.

Sign in to your account

Dimdim ID :





Password :

Remember me on this computer

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Create a new account

Dimdim is a browser-based web 2.0 service that allows anybody to :

-  Share their desktop
-  Show slides
-  Talk, Listen, Chat and Broadcast via Webcam
-  Much more !

First things first. Go to www.dimdim.com and create a free account or sign in to the one you have.



On the My DimDim page, click Host Meeting

Host Meeting X

General | Features | Dial-in

Room Name

Meeting Name

Timing Start Now Schedule

Optional

Agenda

Invitees

Send invites using Dimdim Local

Host Key

Meeting Key

Enter the Meeting Name, Agenda, Invitees, Host Key, and Meeting Key. Then click Start. The Invitee is important as this will be the address of the person at the meeting so they can sign on and view your Webinar. Check with NEMUG before the meeting starts so we get you the correct email address. Without sending the email, you can just tell us the meeting key and we should be able to sign in.



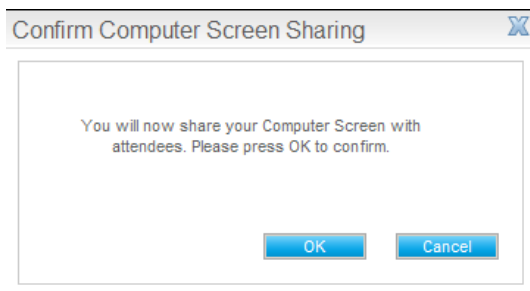
Click Allow to activate your camera and audio. If you do not have a Web cam, just the audio will be activated. You DO NOT have to have a Web cam to do a presentation. Even if you do, you may choose not to use it.



Click Computer Screen.



If you see this message, click OK and install it.



Click OK



You should now see what others see on their screens.

DimDim allows you to upload your PowerPoint presentation and have them convert it to a Flash video that will display in the middle window of DimDim. I do NOT suggest you use this feature. At the beginning of your talk, you can show your picture if you like and leave this screen up. We can introduce you to the group and turn the meeting over to you.

Minimize this and other screens (Windows+D does this nicely) and open your presentation on your desktop. It does not matter what presentation software you are using. You might even be running an emulation session with an iSeries live. Anything on your desktop will be sent to those signed in to your Webinar.

At various places in your talk you might maximize the above screen so we can see you and so other can ask questions (we will activate our microphone so you can hear us) or they might type the questions and you can respond by speaking back to them. If you do not have your picture on the screen, we will still hear your voice. When the questions are done, minimize that screen and go back to your presentation on the desktop.

At the end of the talk return to this screen again for wrap up questions.

If you want to make your talk available or members to view later, press the record button at the top of the screen and follow the prompts. When you are done with the presentation, click End Meeting and you will be asked if you want to save the recording. When they have processed it, they will send you an

email with the URL to view if from their site and a link to download it to your computer. I have found that an hour talk is between 50-150mb depending on the intensity of the video and the amount of audio.

Except for having to create a free account on DimDim and sign in to host a meeting as described above, there is nothing you need to do on your end. Just have your talk ready to go and present it from your own computer—what you see on your desktop we see on ours and display on the larger screen for all to view and hear.