

BigBlueButton 2.4 Key New Features

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Overview:

This guide details various key new features associated with the release of BigBlueButton 2.4.

What to know:

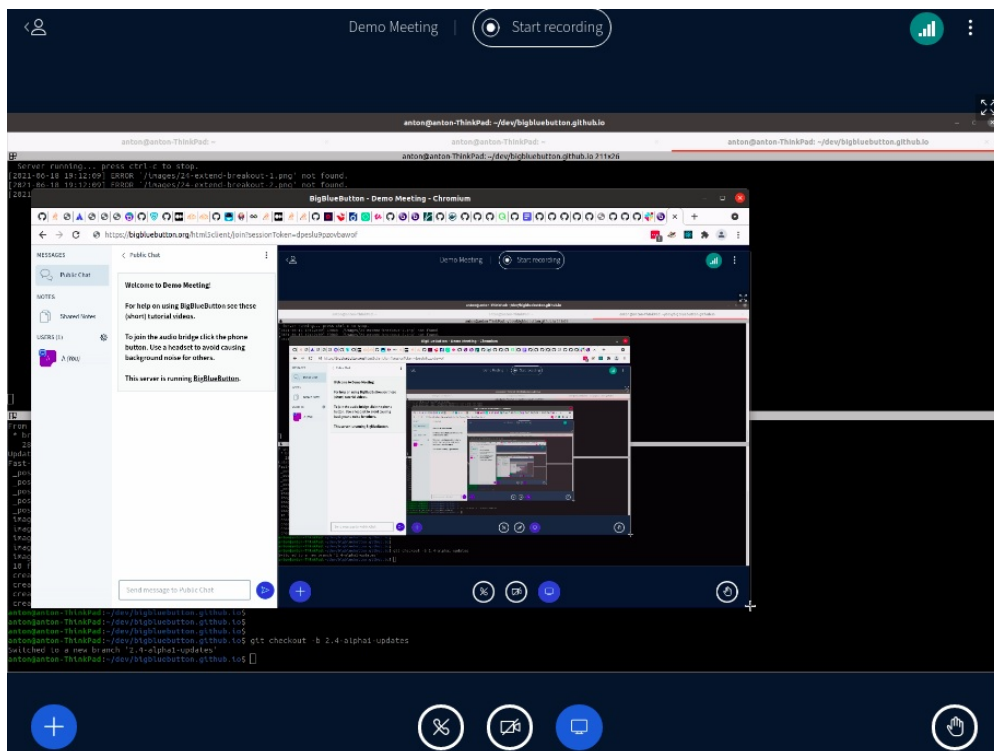
These are just the key new features of BigBlueButton 2.4 and there are also other inclusions to the new version of this release that you can explore in more depth.

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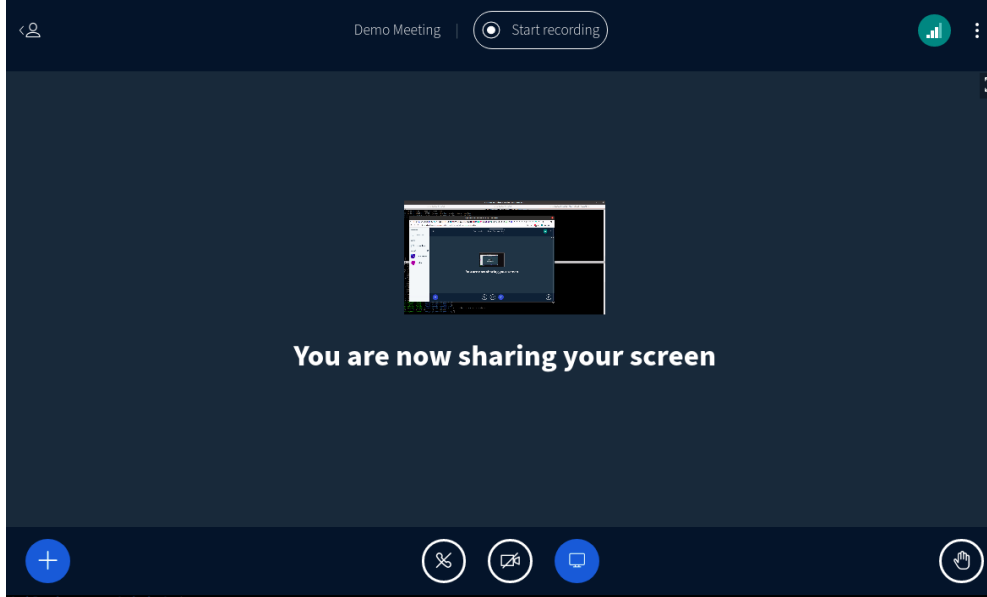
Screen Sharing

The new version of Big Blue Button has now reduced the mirroring effect that existed in the previous version, which would often confuse the user, as some thought that it was a bug.



Old version of sharing the screen on

BigBlueButton



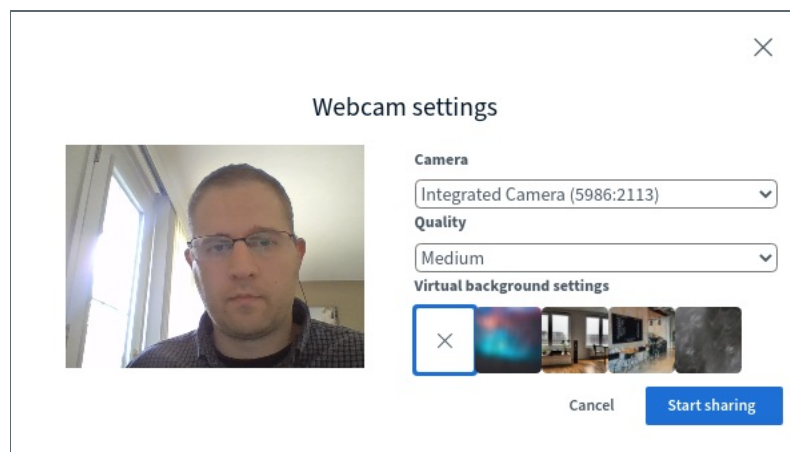
New Version of sharing the screen on Big

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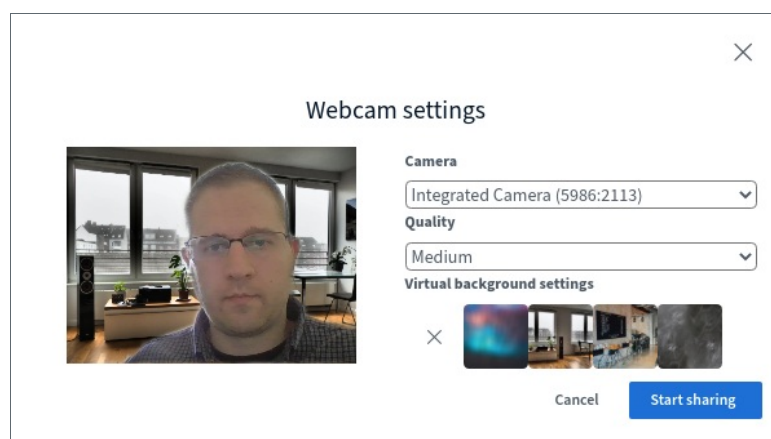
Webcam

The webcam facility now enables blurring this can be facilitated in a relatively simple manner.

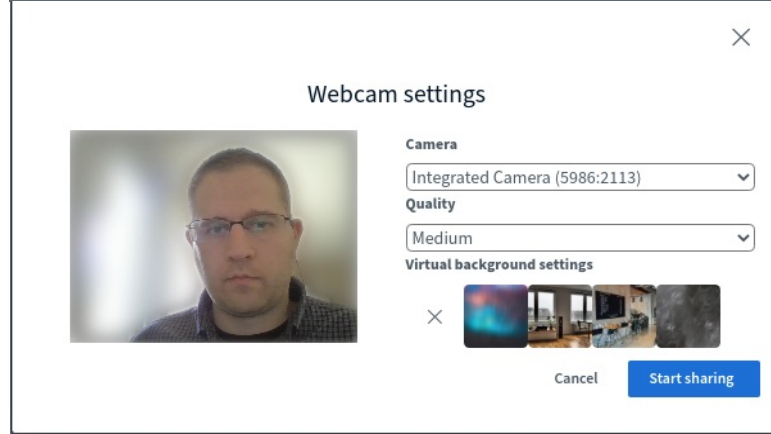
In the webcam preview window prior to sharing the webcam you have the ability to select several backgrounds (or no background blur) or (No Blur) which is the default



Webcam settings



Selecting a background

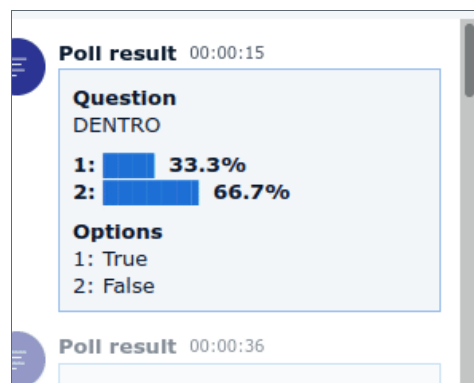


Choosing a blurred background

Recordings

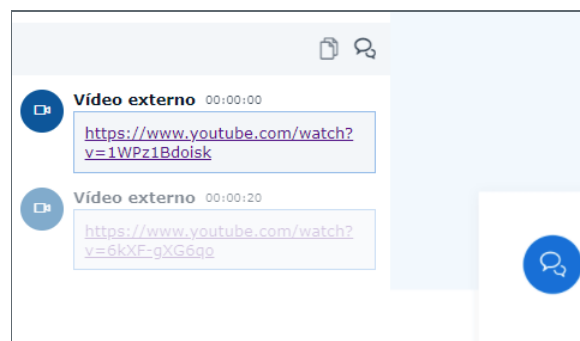
The recordings with the newest version of Big Blue Button now have extended playback features that did not exist previously

The playback of videos now have the function included of displaying the polling results and summaries that took place within the session.



Polling result in the recording

Recording's public chat includes links to external videos: the recording facility now has the ability to display the link associated with external videos that were shared within the session, will now be viewable in the recording's public chat



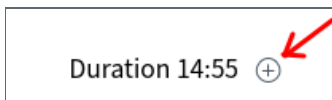
External video link in

recording

Breakout Rooms

You now have the ability to extend the time within your breakout rooms

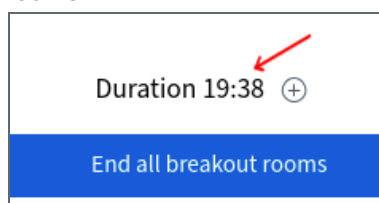
As a moderator you can see the Extend button at the bottom of the Breakouts panel:



Selecting it will display the controls to extend the breakout time by five minutes or longer

A screenshot of a dialog box titled 'Time to extend (minutes)'. It contains a text input field with the number '5'. Below the input field are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Extend'. A red arrow points to the 'Extend' button. Below the dialog box, the text 'Duration 14:45' is displayed. At the bottom of the screen is a blue button labeled 'End all breakout rooms'.

The time is added to all running breakout rooms.



Ability to set the name of the breakout rooms as you create them: When creating a breakout room you can edit the name of each room

A screenshot of a web interface. At the top, there's a section titled 'Breakout room to join'. It contains a table with two rows: 'Group A' and 'Instructor (You)'. To the right of this table is a text input field containing 'Grou...' with a red arrow pointing to it. Below this section is a list of breakout rooms. The first row is 'Group A (0)' with a 'Join room' link. The second row is 'Group B (0)' with a 'Join room' link.

Next steps:

If you are interested in learning more about BigBlueButton you can visit: <https://docs.bigbluebutton.org/>