

## How to Join the Loops & Laughs Community (Hosted on Microsoft Teams)

We've chosen Microsoft Teams to host our ongoing community. It's easy to use and provides the best space for connection, chat, and video sharing! Follow these simple steps to join your fellow makers.

### Step 1: Access the Community Link

- Your permanent link to join the **Loops & Laughs Community** is right here: <https://teams.live.com/l/community/FEA8Xi1HBNAX5GnEgl>
  - **You DO NOT need a Microsoft 365 or paid account to join!** You will be prompted to create a free personal Microsoft account if you do not already have one.
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### Step 2: Choose Your Access Method

When you click the link above, you will have three options. We recommend Option A or C for the best experience.

- **Option A (Recommended): Download the App.** This provides the most stable connection and best video quality for sharing your projects and viewing the community chat.
  - **Option B: Join on the Web.** Click "**Continue on this browser.**" This is the quickest way to join if you can't download the app. *Note: You may have fewer features on the web.*
  - **Option C: Join via Mobile/Tablet.** Download the "**Microsoft Teams**" app from your device's app store.
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### Step 3: Request Access & Get Admitted

1. **Sign In/Create Account:** Follow the prompts to sign in with your existing Microsoft account (if you have one) or create a **free personal account** using any email address (e.g., Gmail, Yahoo).
  2. **Request Access:** Click the button to **Request to Join** or **Ask to be Admitted**.
  3. Since we keep our Loop secure, the host (Nat!) will need to approve your request. **Please wait for a moment.** Once admitted, you are officially in the **Loops & Laughs** Community!
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#### **Step 4: Join a Meeting (Loops & Laughs Meetups)**

- Once you are *inside* the Teams Community, all weekly **Loops & Laughs** video meetings will be posted directly in the main chat channel.
- **To join a meetup:** Simply click the "**Join**" button visible on the video post at the scheduled day/time.
- **We would prefer to see your beautiful faces!** Turning your camera on helps us connect, builds our community, and makes sharing your WIPs much easier!