BigBlueButton Share audio or video

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Lösung (öffentlich)

Presenters can use the Share an external video feature to play a video or audio file that is publicly available on the Internet in the room in a controlled manner so that all participants can see and hear it.

Requirement

Links to publicly available videos from the following services are supported:

- YouTube
- Vimeo
- Instructure Media (formerly Arc)
- Twitch and Daily Motion
- Panopto

Usually sharing media files also works if there is a direct link to the respective file and it is publicly available. In case of playback problems, using a different web browser may help.

- direct link to a .mp4 file, as in
https://ubuntu.bigbluebutton.org/test/FredDixon.mp4
- direct link to a .mp3 file, as in
https://ubuntu.bigbluebutton.org/test/audioSample.mp3
- direct link to a .mp4/.mp3 file shared in DropBox

Share an external video

To do that click the Actions button (plus icon at the bottom left) in the main area and select "Share an external video".

In the dialog, enter the video URL in the field and confirm via "Share a new video".

The video will then be displayed for all to see. The controls appear when you hover the mouse cursor over the video, they depend on the portal where the video was published.

  BigBlueButton room with shared video

To stop video playback click the Actions button again and select "Stop sharing external video".

Alternative: Screen sharing

As an alternative it is also possible via screen sharing to play local videos (without sound) by selecting the video player as an application. For videos played in the web browser, the sound can be transmitted as well, provided that a Chromium-based browser is used. Note that this consumes more network and hardware resources, so the function described above should always be preferred.