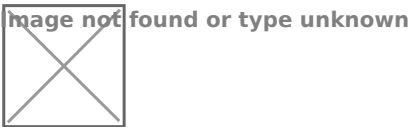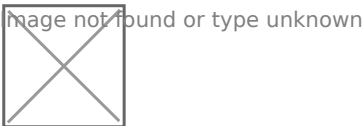# Zoom - Claiming the Host Role

Claiming host using the desktop client

Follow these steps if you need to claim the host role when you join a meeting and [join before host](#) is enabled.

1. Join the meeting.
2. Click **Participants.**

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3. Click **Claim Host** at the bottom of the participants list.

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4. Enter your host key.
5. Click **Claim Host.**

   Once the host key is verified, you will have host controls in the meeting.

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