

# OPCUG

**New PowerToy  
Video Conference Mute**

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# PowerToys

- Collection of Windows utilities
- Video Conference Mute
  - <https://github.com/microsoft/PowerToys/wiki/Video-Conference-Mute-Overview>
  - introduced in “Experimental v0.22.0”
    - <https://github.com/microsoft/PowerToys/releases/>
  - single keystroke
    - toggle video off/on
    - toggle microphone off/on
- Works with Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams...
- A “work in progress”



## Video Conference

Tool that allows muting/unmuting microphone and camera  
Disabling module or closing PowerToys will unmute microphone and camera

### About Video Conference

[Module overview](#)

Enable Video Conference



Edit camera and microphone mute hotkey ⓘ

Win + N

Edit microphone mute hotkey ⓘ

Win + Shift + A

Edit camera mute hotkey ⓘ

Win + Shift + O

Selected camera

HD Pro Webcam C920

Camera overlay image

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Toolbar position

Bottom left corner

Show toolbar on

Main monitor

Hide toolbar when both camera and microphone are unmuted

- General
- Color Picker
- FancyZones
- File Explorer Preview
- Image Resizer
- Keyboard Manager
- PowerRename
- PowerToys Run
- Shortcut Guide
- Video Conference**

**Edit toggle hotkeys**

- camera and microphone mute
- microphone only mute
- camera only mute

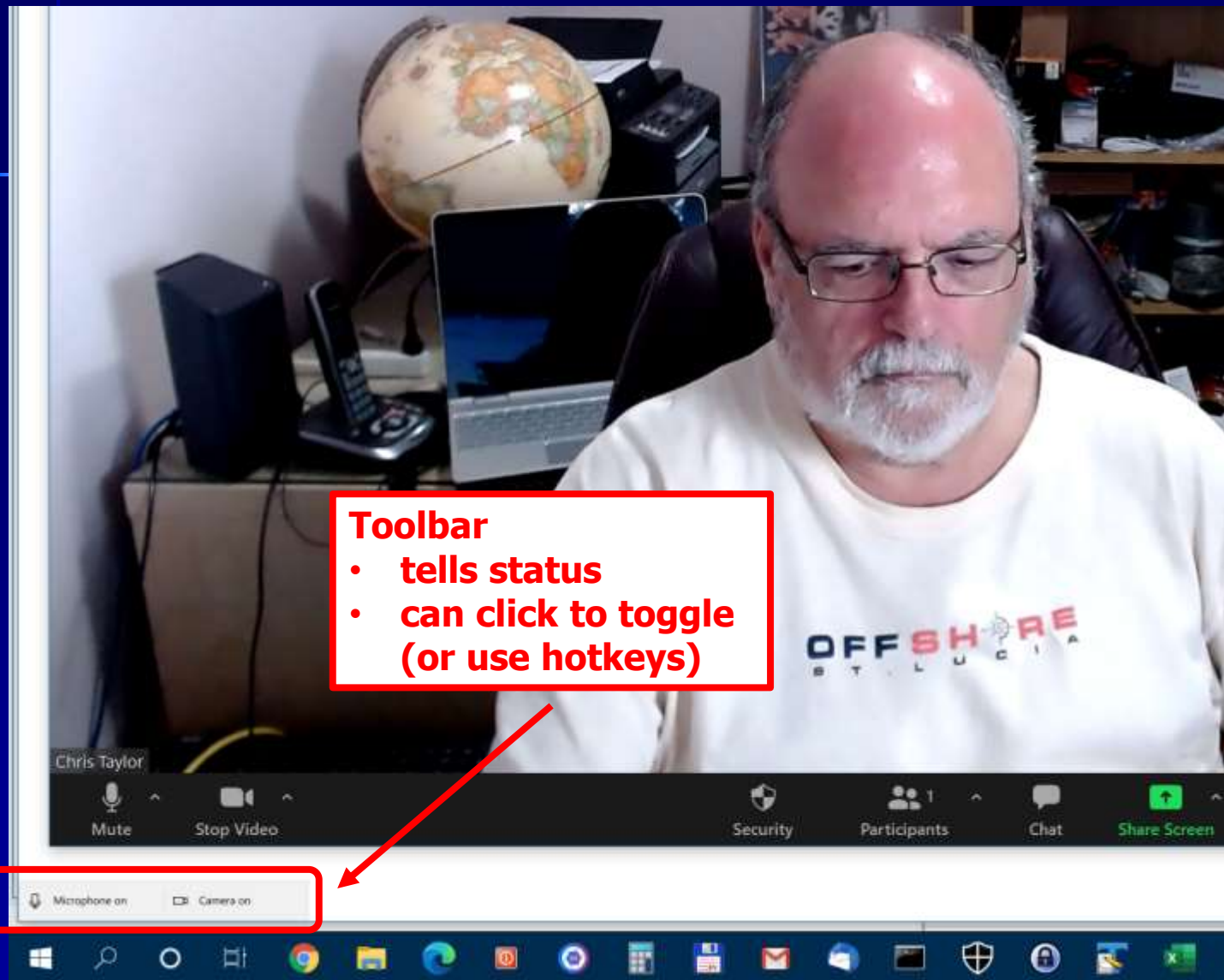
**Select camera**

**When camera muted**

- black screen or
- select an image

**Toolbar position**





**Toolbar**

- tells status
- can click to toggle (or use hotkeys)

# Work-in-progress

- Things they can fix
  - Problem with multiple microphones
    - for me, it could only mute the microphone in my webcam, not my headset
    - they are working on it
  - Toolbar does not scale with Windows display scaling
    - “used .png instead of .svg causing failure to scale”



# Work-in-progress

- Things they can't (or likely won't) fix
  - In your video conferencing program
    - select camera "PowerToys Videoconference"
    - some might select this automagically

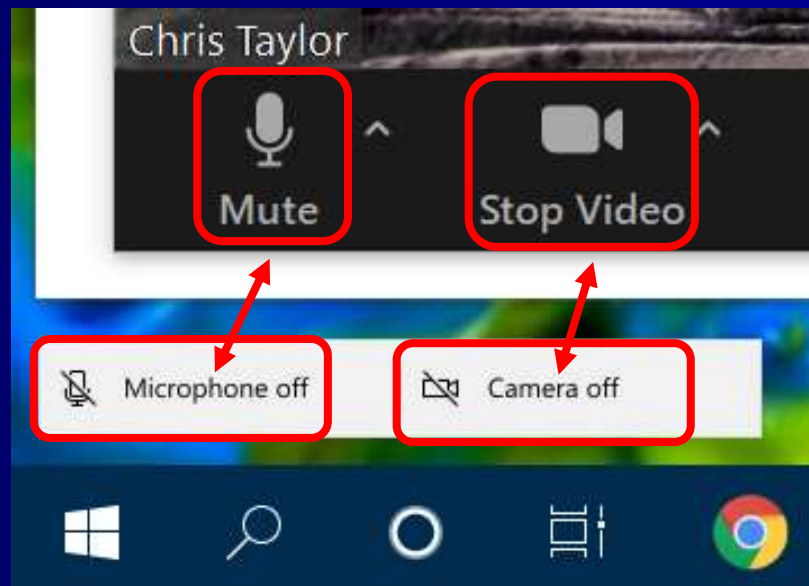
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# Work-in-progress

- Things they can't (or likely won't) fix
  - Zoom toolbar doesn't indicate when Video Conference Mute has muted
    - Zoom could fix by using a Windows API



# Bottom line

- Do you need Video Conference Mute?
  - Probably not
    - All video conferencing programs have buttons or hotkeys to do the same
  - Maybe yes
    - If your video conferencing program doesn't have hotkeys
    - You want a consistent way to do this across multiple programs
    - Wait for PowerToy to evolve