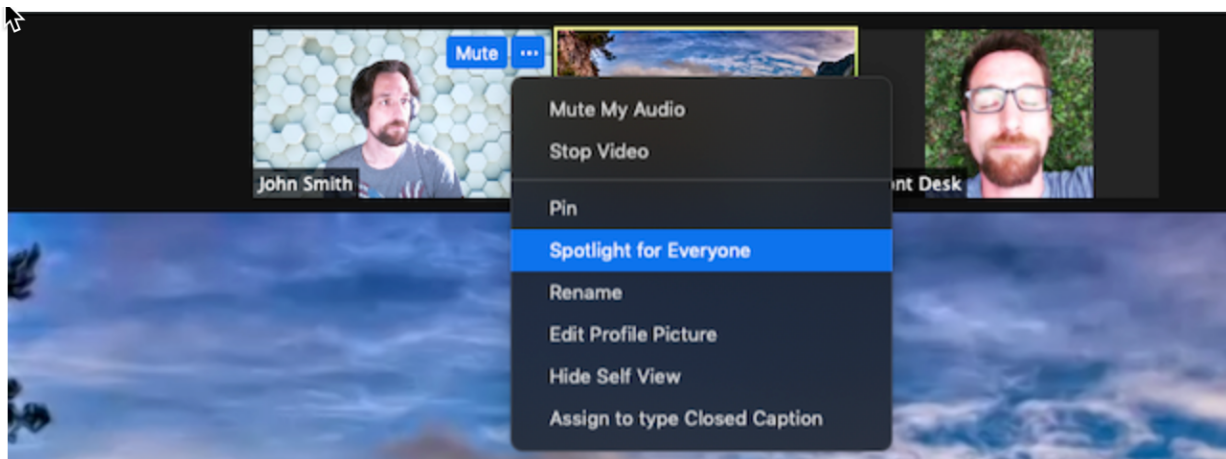# Spotlighting participants' videos

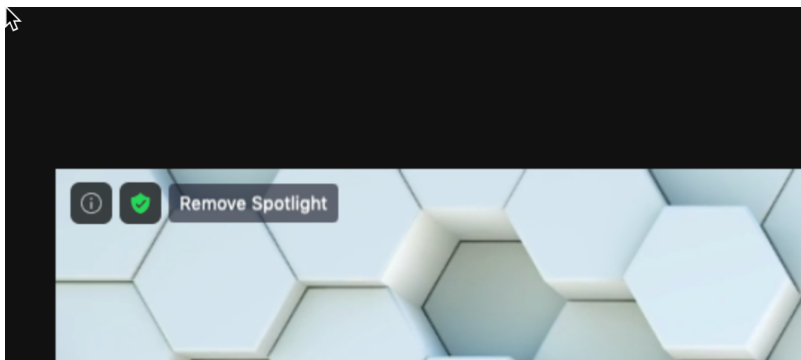This feature is often used to spotlight a speaker.

Prerequisites

- Host or co-host privileges for the meeting
- Zoom desktop client or Zoom mobile app
  (Note: You can spotlight up to 3 participants.)

1. Hover over the video that you want to spotlight.

2. To Cancel a Spotlight

Click **Remove Spotlight** in the upper-left corner of the video area. This will return the meeting to Active Speaker.

These directions were taken from the Zoom Help Center at:
https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362653

For additional options please visit this page on the Zoom Help Center page

The following information is taken from "What's the difference between Spotlight and Pin Video on Zoom?"by <u>Melissa Dinwiddie</u> | Jul 29, 2020

Go to the following link for the full article

<u>https://creativesandbox.solutions/whats-the-difference-between-spotlight-and-pin-video-on-zoom/</u>

What are some of the most common reasons for using spotlighting vs. pinning?

- As a host (or co-host), you may want to spotlight someone who's speaking so everyone can see them.

- Participants may be viewing the meeting in Gallery View, or perhaps they're in Speaker View, but not everyone is muted, and someone is coughing or moving their chair, so their video keeps popping up, so the person who has the floor is not the one taking up the screen.

- Or if in Gallery View, nobody can tell who the speaker is.

- Once the host or co-host spotlights someone, now they are the active speaker, and their window appears big and bold for everyone to see, even if someone else coughs or inadvertently (or intentionally!) "grabs" the microphone.