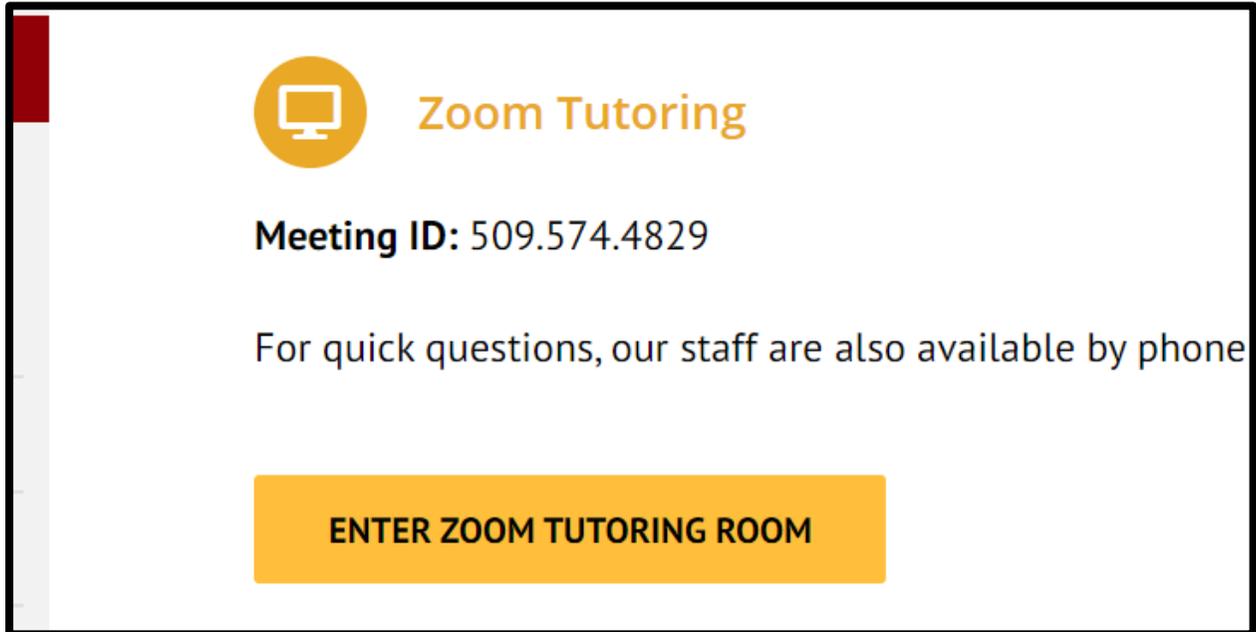


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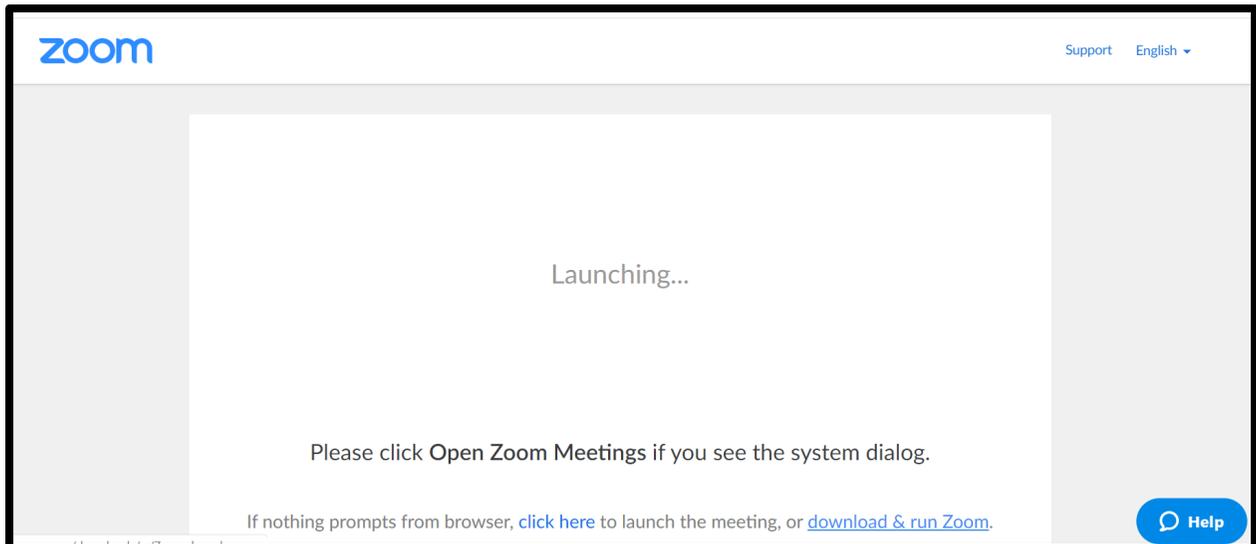
## Part 1: Zoom OWL on a PC (Using Google Chrome)

### Step 1.1

On the [Writing Center webpage](#), click on “Zoom Tutoring” or “Enter Zoom Tutoring Room.”



The Zoom launch screen will open up in a new tab on your browser.



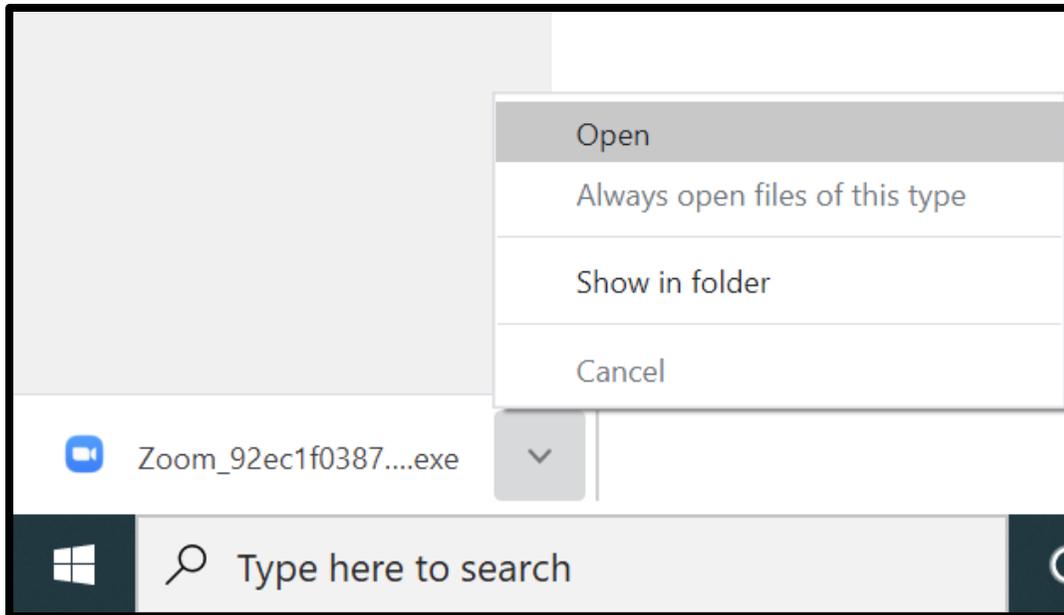
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## Step 1.2

If you are a first-time Zoom user, then you should be automatically prompted to download the **Zoom Desktop Client**. If that doesn't happen, just **click on "download & run Zoom."** You might have to **open** the downloaded file to install Zoom.

Please click Open Zoom Meetings if you see the system dialog.

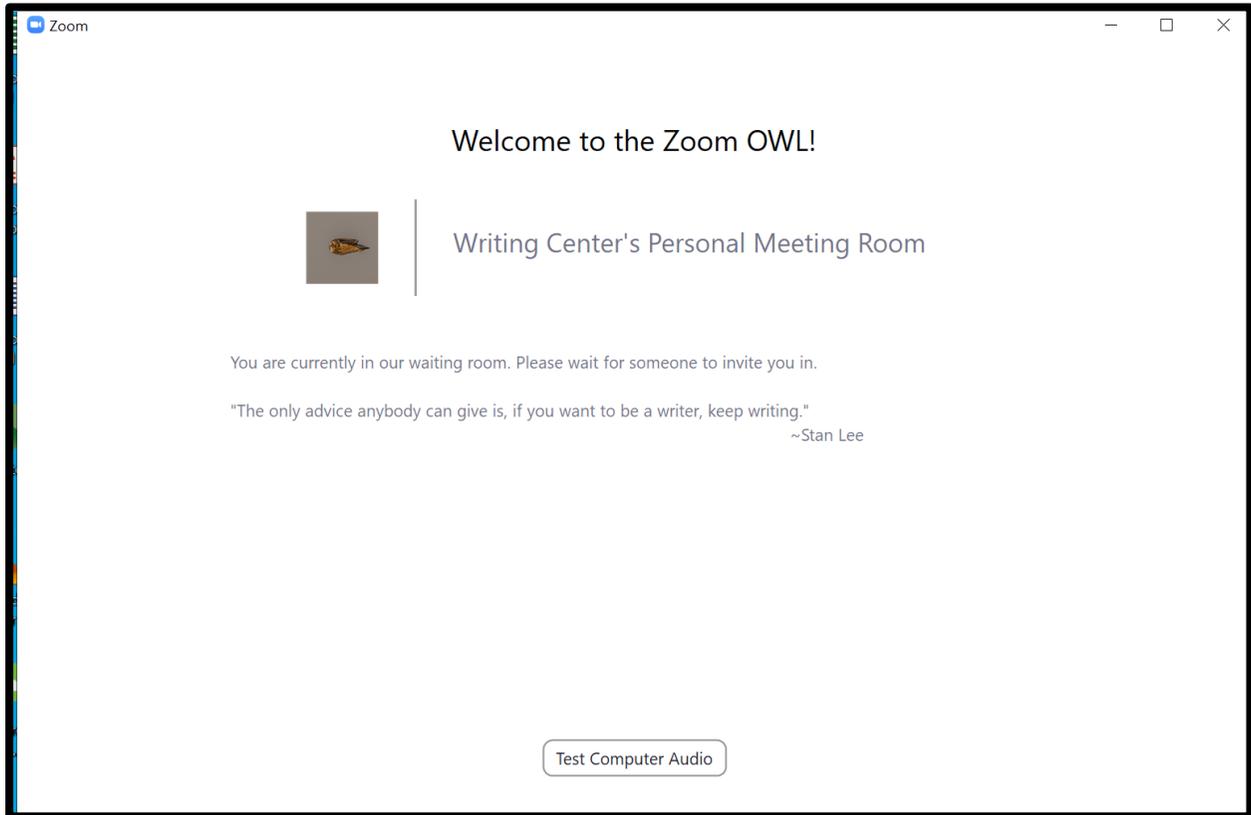
If nothing prompts from browser, [click here](#) to launch the meeting, or [download & run Zoom](#).



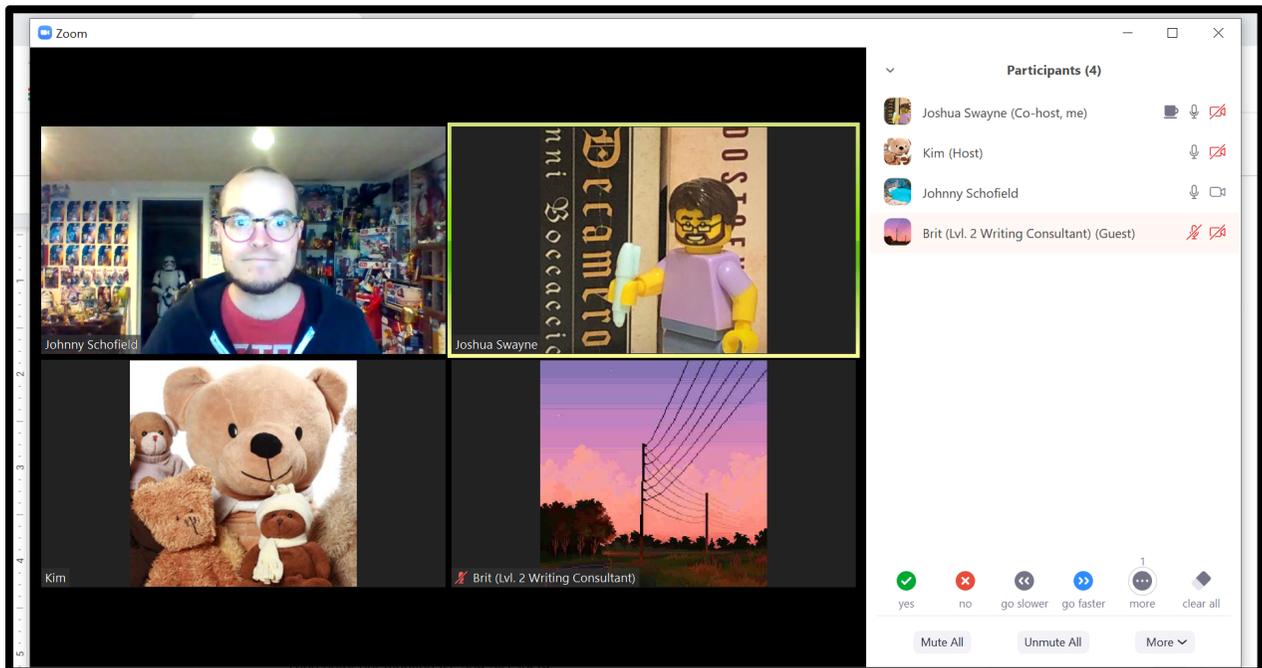
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### Step 1.3

Once the desktop client downloads, Zoom will start running on your computer, and you will enter the Zoom OWL waiting room.



An administrator will then admit you into the Zoom OWL's "main lobby." If people are sharing their video, you will see their faces as well as the profile pictures of everyone who isn't sharing video:



If no one is sharing their video, then you will see this screen:

Zoom Meeting ID: 509-574-4829

Talking:

**Meeting Topic:** Writing Center's Personal Meeting Room

**Host:** Writing Center

**Invitation URL:** <https://zoom.us/my/yvcwritingcenter>  
[Copy URL](#)

**Participant ID:** 199379

  
**Join Audio**  
Computer Audio Connected

  
**Share Screen**

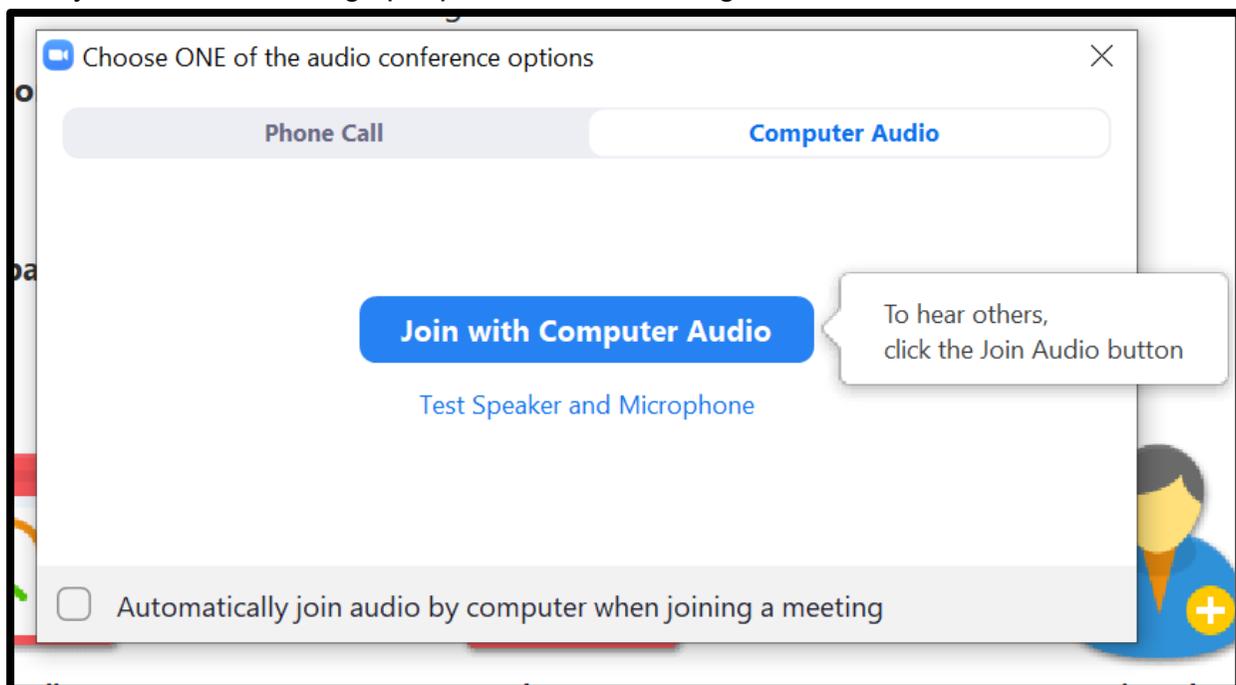
  
**Invite Others**

Mute Start Video Invite Participants Share Screen Chat Record **Leave Meeting**

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### Step 1.4

The main lobby might be filled with Writing Center staff and students, and there might be a conversation going on when you enter. That's okay! **The main lobby is a common space.** Feel free to say "hello," join the conversation, and ask for help. To hear and communicate with everyone in the main lobby, **click "Join with Computer Audio"** to connect your computer's microphone (if it has one) and speakers. If you don't have a mic, you can still message people in the room using the **"Chat"** tool.



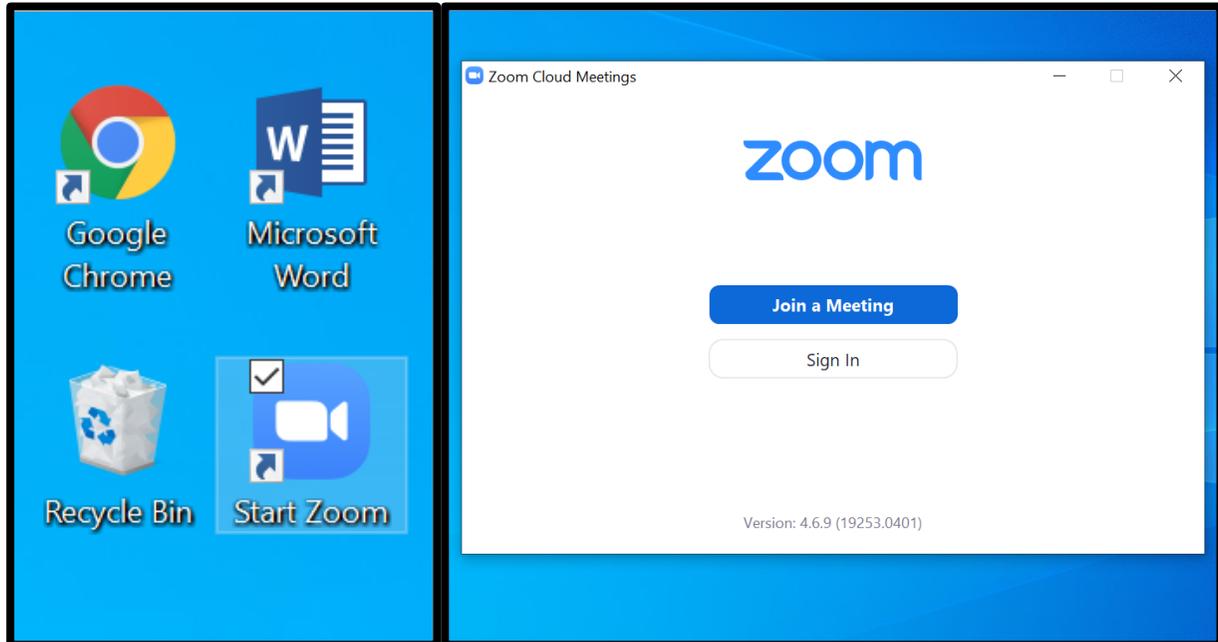
If you have a quick question, the main lobby is the place to ask it. If you would like to get more in-depth help with your writing, let the host know, and you will be assigned to a separate breakout room, where a writing consultant will help you.

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## Part 2: Zoom OWL Desktop Access (Recommended)

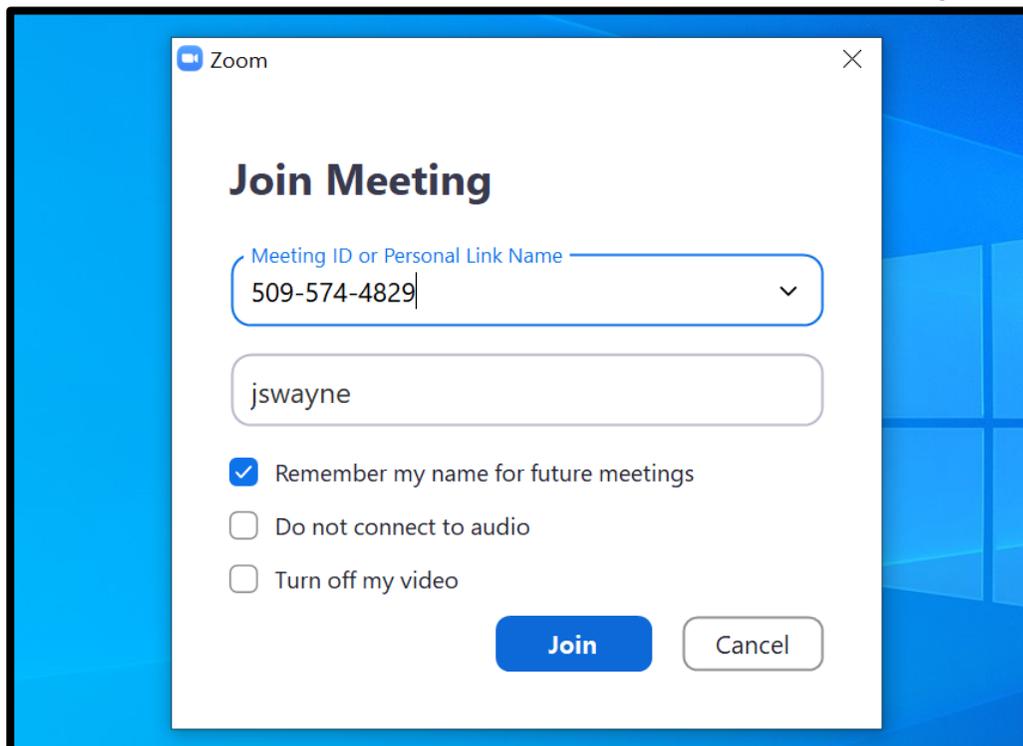
### Step 2.1

Once you have the Zoom Desktop Client downloaded, just open the program and **click “Join a Meeting.”** If you don’t see the program on your desktop, you might need to search for it using the search field in the taskbar.



### Step 2.2

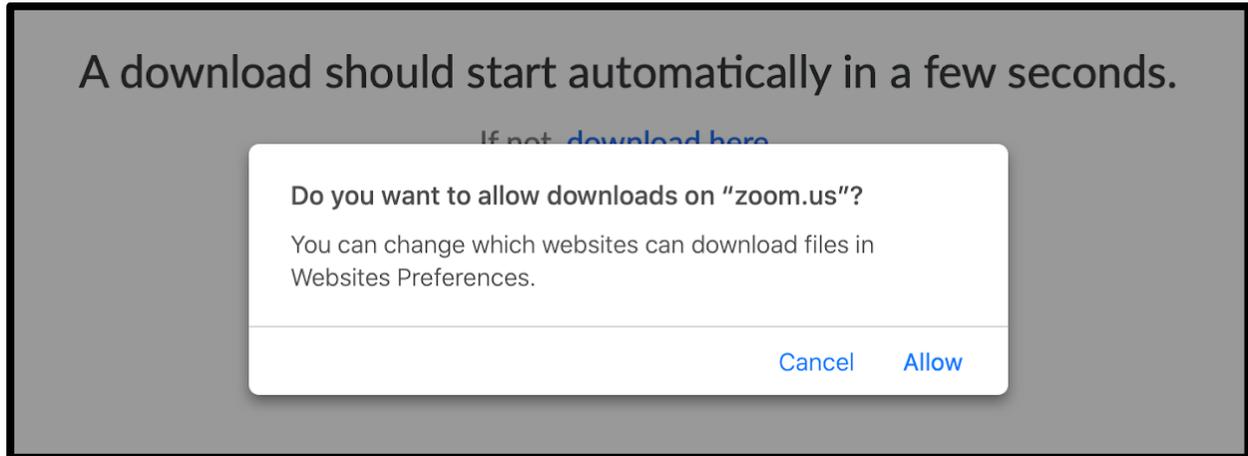
Next, enter **509-547-4829** or **“yvcwritingcenter”** in the “Meeting ID or Personal Link Name” field. Then **click “Join.”** You don’t need a Zoom account to join the Zoom OWL.



## Part 3: Zoom on a Mac (Using Safari)

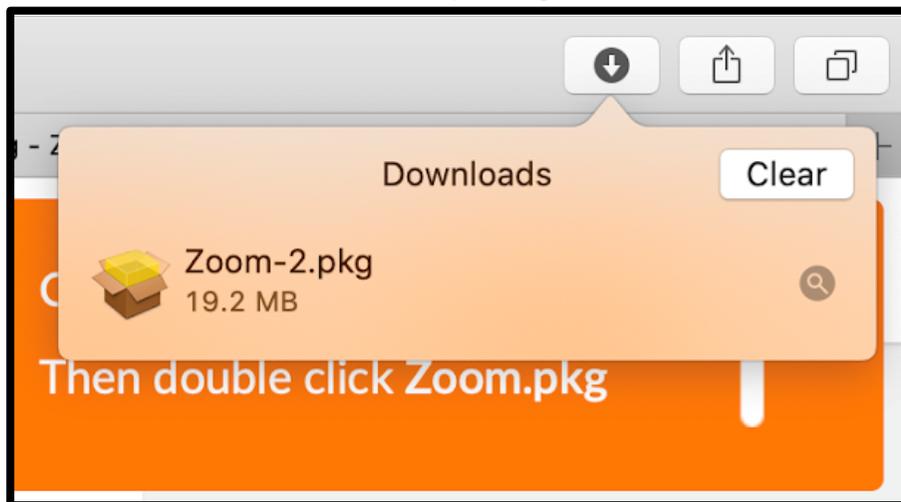
### Step 3.1

After clicking on a Zoom OWL link as shown in [Part 1, Step 1.1](#), the Zoom launch screen will open up in a new tab on your browser. The site will automatically try to download the Zoom Desktop Client. A pop-up window might appear, asking if you would like to allow the download. **Click “Allow.”** If nothing pops up, click **“download here”** on the launch screen.



### Step 3.2

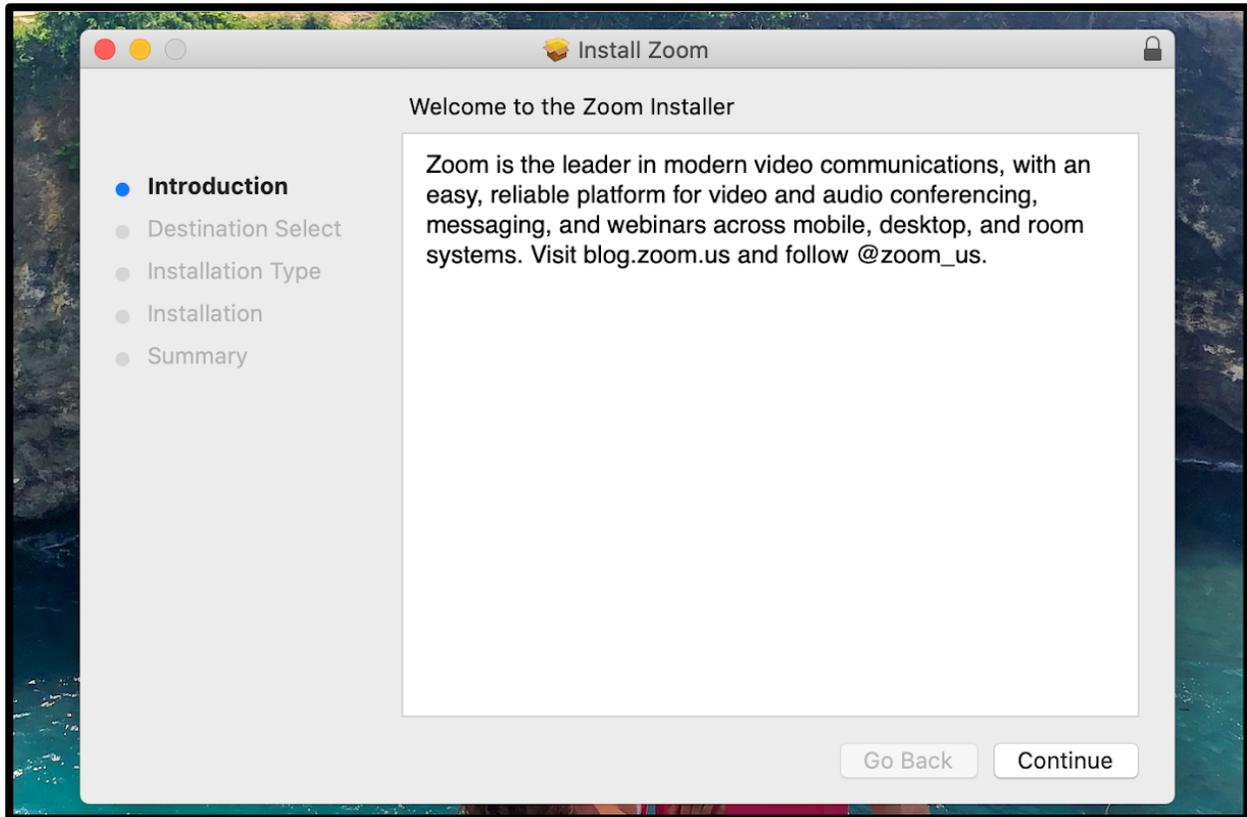
Next, double click on the Zoom package to install the Zoom Desktop Client.



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### Step 3.3

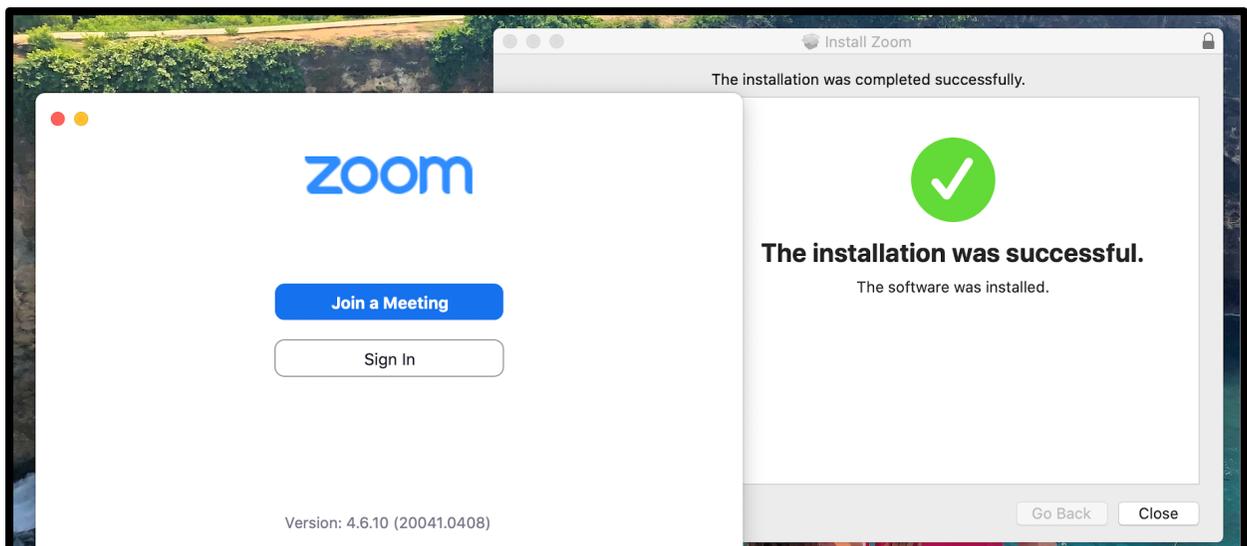
An installation window should open up. Follow the steps to install the program.



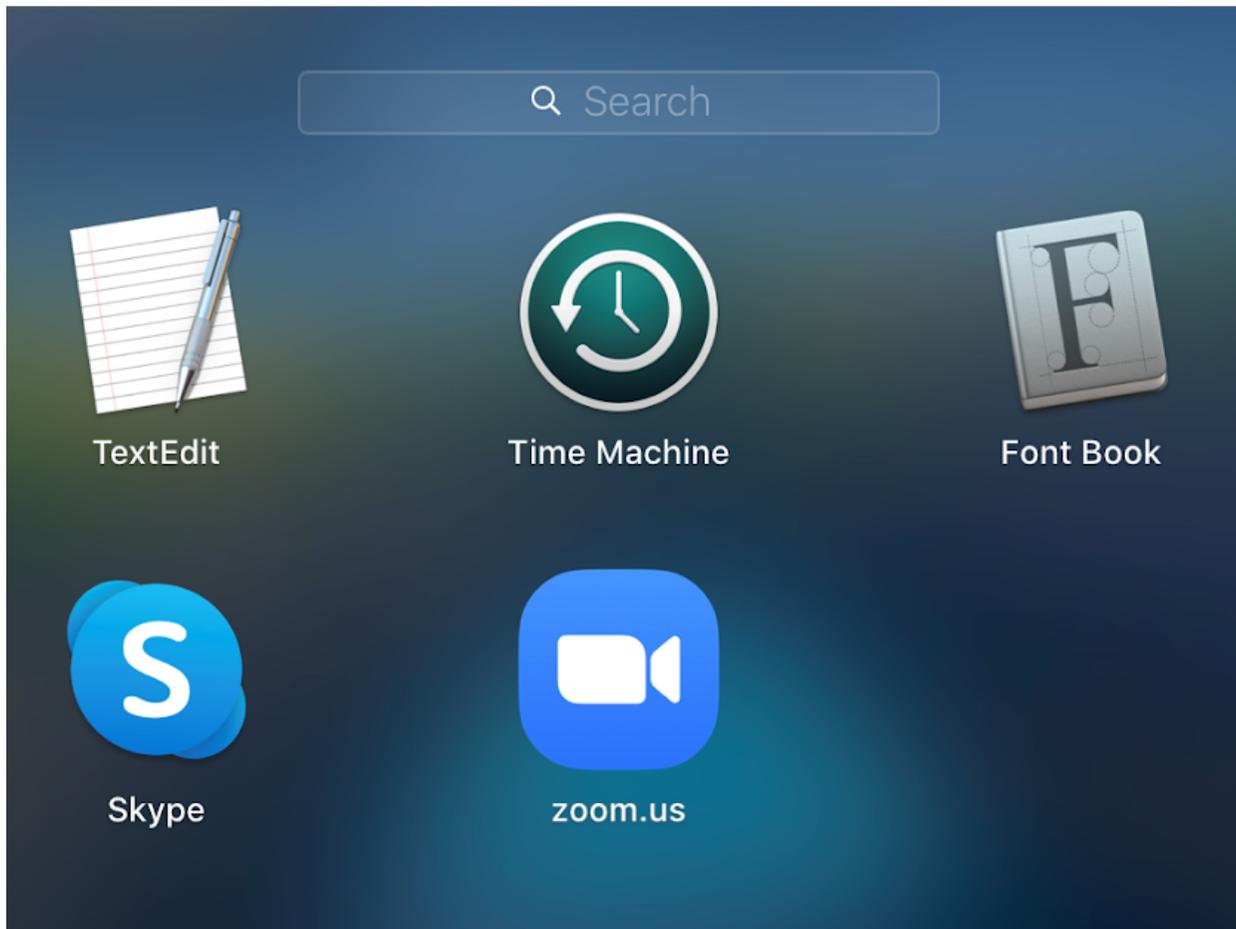
### Step 3.4

After successful installation, the Zoom desktop Client should open automatically, and you can access the Zoom OWL by clicking **"Join a Meeting"** and then entering **509-574-4829** or **"yvcwritingcenter"** (as shown in [Part 2, Step 2.2](#)).

Also, see [Part 1, Steps 1.3](#) and 1.4 to **see what happens when you first enter the Zoom OWL.**



When you want to visit the Zoom OWL again, use the desktop client, which you can find in your Mac's Launchpad.



See [Part 2](#) of this guide to learn about using the desktop client to join the Zoom OWL.

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## Part 4: Further Help

For more robust help with Zoom on all platforms, visit the [Zoom Help Center](#).

For specific help with the Writing Center's Zoom OWL, call the Writing Center at 509-574-4829.

You can find the Zoom OWL and other online resources on the [Writing Center's webpage](#). To go directly to the Zoom OWL, you can also [click here](#).

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