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# BEYOND REMOTE

Tools for a Hybrid Worklife

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# the WHY

In 2020, a group of curious people met regularly to explore VR- and 3D-worlds with the emphasize on virtual meetings and events.

In 2021, the journey of the #VRExplorer team continues; now testing new tools.

Our approach is to test new possibilities for online meetings and collaboration. While the world got used to meet in 2D-tools like Zoom, Webex, MS Teams etc. during the pandemic, we think the next step will follow soon: To gather, communicate and collaborate in VR- and 3D-environments.

**We are passionate explorers of new possibilities with the aim to share our knowledge - because #sharingiscaring.**

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# VR / 3D?

While we carry the term “VR” already in our name, we don’t exclude 3D solutions at all.

Why? Because the use of VR tools is still linked to special hardware like VR headsets; equipment not every company or person can easily afford to buy.

For that, 3D tools are a welcome alternative: No extra equipment, mostly running on desktops/ mobile devices, and due to easy handling providing a low barrier of entry to use.

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# what to expect

## Interested in taking your meetings and events beyond video conferencing?

Then this Guidebook is for you.

You will find an introductory overview of MIBO, containing the following infos:

- Name of provider
- URL
- Description with features (incl. infos from homepage)
- Pros and cons of tool
- What are use cases the tool could be applied for?
- Screenshots with short descriptions

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# THE TOOLS

Overview of Various 3D and VR tools

3D  
MIBO

# MIBO

<https://getmibo.com/>

Time of testing: July 2021

## Use Cases:

Socializing in breaks

Socializing pre- or past-events

Team Building

Competitions via interactive games

Talking/Exchanging in small groups

Sharing of content/presentations

Open Space

**MIBO** is a videochat made for all kinds of informal meetings like socializing events, networking, remote drinks or just hanging out virtually with people.

The **free version** offers one island for up to 12 people. Different places to meet in small groups are available; via spatial audio undisturbed conversations can be held throughout the whole island. A photo booth invites participants to create snapshots from the get together; a volleyball court and a basketball basket offer the possibility to play virtual games in different teams (marked by different hats).

The **premium version** offers six different locations, each location for up to 25 participants. In some locations screensharing, broadcasting and music are available additionally.

For larger events, several rooms can be set up in parallel to host up to 1000 participants.

**The avatars** are operated via mouse or arrow keys on the keyboard or touchpad, providing an easy and intuitive handling. Each avatar contains one bottom part and a large screen as head, fed from the user's webcam. This screen is displayed larger than in comparable other tools and for that allows to see some gestures as well.

**Administration:** No administration needed; all users are having the same rights and same possibilities while using the room. There is one room owner who can invite others.

# MIBO

## Pros and Cons

### PROS

- Easy navigation and intuitive use of tool
- Fluid control via keyboard, mouse or touchpad
- Head of avatar = big screen of webcam, allows to see gestures as well additional to the head
- Great spatial sound, for that chatting in small groups can be done properly
- Groups can be formed via using different hats
- Interactive gadgets like photo booth, playing volleyball or basketball, hidden gift box

#### Premium version:

- Different types of rooms for different purposes available
- Screensharing, broadcasting, music available in addition to gadgets from free version

### CONS

- No whiteboard, sticky notes etc. are available for taking notes; collaboration has to happen via conversation

#### Premium version:

- Music is available, but volume can currently not be adjusted



Free version: Tropical island



Interaction possible: Playing a game of volleyball on Mibo Beach definitely needs some practice - but it works!



Photo booth available to take some snapshots; can be shared via social media.

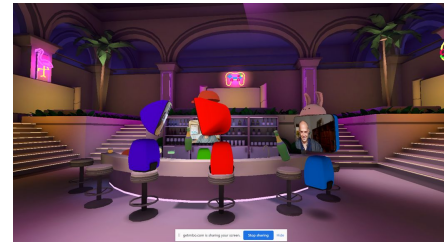
# MIBO Screenshots



Tropical island provides several spaces (e.g. campfire, saloon, beach) for talking in small groups, being undisturbed due to spatial audio.

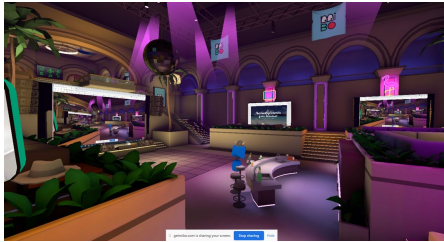
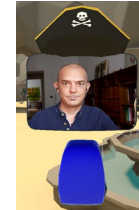


The market place allows a game of basketball, listening to some music or seeing what happens on the stage (music, screensharing and broadcasting in premium version only).



Premium version: Participants can meet at the bar in the Disco Hall and have a bottle of virtual champagne together.

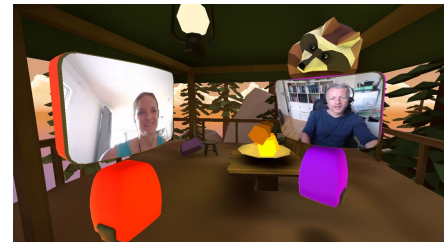
Different hats allow to set up teams for competition and working in small groups.



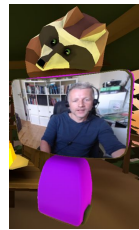
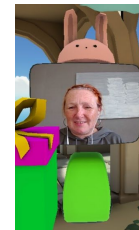
Premium version: For socializing breaks which want to include music and dancing, the Disco Hall is the right place, offering disco light and several music options. The large "head" screens allow even proper movement on the dancefloor.



Premium version: Mellow Woods offers a wide range of settings to meet and talk in small groups.



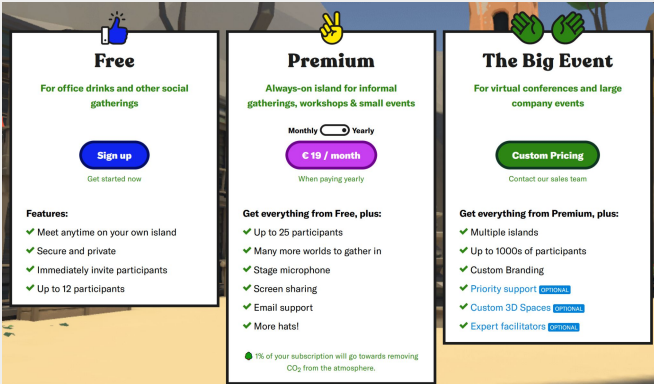
Premium version: 1:1 meeting on the top of the Mellow wood tower.





# MIBO: Key Facts

## at a glance

Type of tool	System requirements	Access	Devices	Server/ Data Security	Maximum number of participants	Pricing Model (August 2021)*
3D	Windows or Mac  Keyboard, mouse or touchpad for navigation  <b>Browser:</b> Google Chrome or Edge (version 79+)	One owner of a MIBO account is needed as host.  All other participants can enter the rooms via link in browser.	Windows or Mac Desktop	Server located in Amsterdam	<b>Free version:</b> max of 12 people on island  <b>Premium version:</b> max of 25 people per room, multiple rooms available  <b>Big event:</b> Up to 1000s of people	 <p>The screenshot shows three pricing tiers for MIBO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Free:</b> For office drinks and other social gatherings. Includes a 'Sign up' button and 'Get started now' link. Features: Meet anytime on your own island, Secure and private, Immediately invite participants, Up to 12 participants.</li> <li><b>Premium:</b> Always-on island for informal gatherings, workshops &amp; small events. Includes a '€ 19 / month' button and 'When paying yearly' link. Features: Up to 25 participants, Many more worlds to gather in, Stage microphone, Screen sharing, Email support, More hats! Includes a note: '1% of your subscription will go towards removing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.'</li> <li><b>The Big Event:</b> For virtual conferences and large company events. Includes a 'Custom Pricing' button and 'Contact our sales team' link. Features: Multiple islands, Up to 1000s of participants, Custom Branding, Priority support (button), Custom 3D Spaces (button), Expert facilitators (button).</li> </ul>

\*Screenshot "Pricing Model" has been taken on August 15th, 2021