

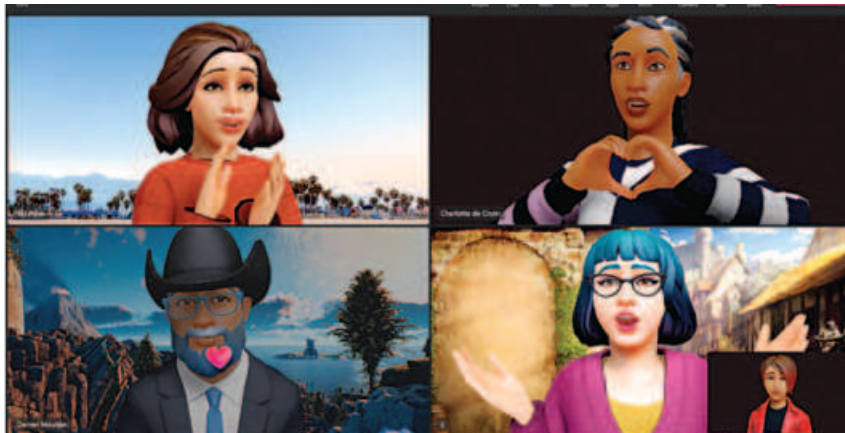
# You can now use avatars on Microsoft Teams

Microsoft recently announced introducing avatars to Teams, their videoconferencing and workplace collaboration app.

The avatars, a part of Microsoft's Mesh technology, let users select personalised, animated representations of themselves to appear in Teams meetings. Users can create up to three avatars with the Avatars app in the Microsoft Teams app store to use in a Teams meeting with motions to react to topics.

Avatars are a modest attempt to breathe new life into Teams. Microsoft claims that more than 270 million individuals use Teams on a monthly basis.

Organisations interested in testing



avatars can sign up for updates on the Teams website if they are not currently a part of the Teams Technical Access

Program. Avatars are accessible in the standard Teams for private preview clients.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Game on!

In the past few years, esports has made waves as a unique form of entertainment for viewers and a potential revenue source for gamers. In Bangladesh as well, esports is steadily forming roots as exciting, passion-driven competition. In this week's Cover Story, we featured the first-ever all-female esports team representing Bangladesh in an international tournament. Find out what drives them, challenges them and how they rigorously train every day!

As for other pages, in Next Step, we have a detailed guide on writing cover letters. Turn to Tech Tips for a list of free Google Chrome extensions to aid your daily work.

Stay safe everyone. See you next weekend. Until then.

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## Samsung launches Galaxy Buds2 Pro

Samsung recently launched their latest flagship wireless earbuds, Galaxy Buds2 Pro, in Bangladesh. The earbuds come with features such as 24-bit Hi-Fi audio, an intelligent 360 audio system and active noise cancellation.

Samsung Galaxy Buds2 Pro is designed to provide a concert-like experience to the user, combining its features to deliver realistic audio that eliminates outside sounds from the surroundings. The earbuds can automatically switch to an ambient sound mode whenever a voice is detected, to allow the user to engage in conversations without taking the buds off.

The earbuds also come with an

ergonomic design for a comfortable fit, as well as using enhanced wind flow technology to help reduce ear canal pressure and minimise noise for comfort and clarity. Buds2 Pro is 15% smaller than its predecessor and weighs 5.5 grams. It also comes with IPX7 water resistance, easy pairing with other Samsung Galaxy devices, SmartThings Find to locate missing earbuds and the ability to answer calls by tapping the earbuds twice.

Samsung Galaxy Buds2 Pro is available in three colours: graphite, white and bora purple. According to Samsung, the battery supports five hours of continuous playtime with ANC and up to 18 hours in

the cradle.

Samsung Galaxy Buds2 Pro is priced at Tk. 26,999/-. Customers can also receive cashback of up to Tk. 10,000 as a launch offer.



## YOUTUBE IS BRINGING A BIG CHANGE

### Here's what you need to know

YouTube is launching a new feature to allow users to set their own handles for their YouTube channels. These handles, which will exist alongside the YouTube channel name, will be a new way for YouTube users to mention and interact with each other.

According to YouTube, every channel will have a unique handle - which will be especially helpful for content creators as they can be mentioned by their fans in community posts or comments using these handles. Essentially, this will be the same as how the 'tagging' and 'mentioning' function works on

Facebook and Twitter, but using handle names instead of the full channel name.

Users are already receiving emails which notifies that the handle feature is being released. YouTube states that those who have received the first mail will receive another email and a notification in YouTube Studio, after which the user can choose their own unique YouTube handle name.

If your YouTube channel already has a personalised URL, YouTube will be reserving the name in that URL as the automatic handle. Users will be able to change that reserved handle if they wish.

Even if your YouTube channel doesn't have a personalised URL, you can still choose a handle for your channel when the feature is released for everyone. If you already didn't have a personalised URL for your channel, YouTube will also create a personalised URL as well when you create your handle.

According to YouTube, if you haven't selected a handle for your YouTube channel by November 14, 2022, you will be automatically assigned a handle. You will still be able to change that automatic handle in YouTube Studio anytime later.

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