ADDING A PROFILE PICTURE OR AVATAR

Learning the tools to make your online learning successful and engaging.

For more information, check out this very helpful website:

https://help.blackboard.com/Collaborate/Ultra/Participant/Get_Started
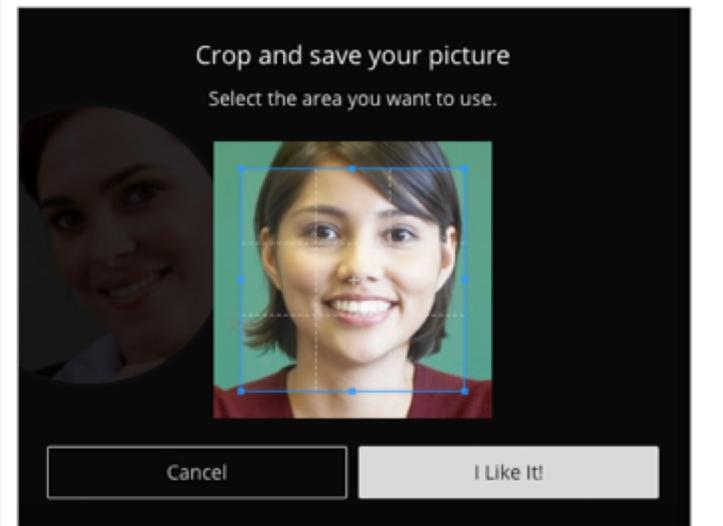
- These slides have been created collaboratively by the members for the StFX Task Force for Online Preparedness, the Teaching and Learning Centre, and the Faculty Development Committee to support online learning in the Winter 2021 Semester.

- They are suggested guides, and we invite faculty to personalize and tailor them for their own online teaching, if they wish.

Adding a Profile Picture or an Avatar in Collaborate

When instructors and students add a profile picture (or avatar) in Collaborate it helps us to personalize the online classroom. Creating a social presence contributes to a successful online experience. Increased social presence can assist some students with their comfort in participating online.

As such, as instructors we should 'model the way' by including our profile pictures or chosen avatar. We can explain the rationale behind profile pictures/avatars and how they add to the classroom climate. Finally, we should provide instructions to students how to add theirs in the beginning of our course(s).

Crop and save your picture
Select the area you want to use.
Cancel   I Like It!

Step 1. Open *My Settings* (located at the bottom of the Collaborate Screen to the left of the microphone option). Or, open the Collaborate panel and select *My Settings.*

Step 2. Point to the *profile picture* and select it.

Step 3. Upload any photo (or avatar) or use your device camera to take a photo. PNG, JPEG, JPG are supported file types.

Step 4. Adjust the image area.

Step 5. Select *I like it!*

Collaborate remembers your choice. You don't have to do this again from the same device or browser, unless you clear your cache. However, if you join Collaborate through a guest link, an image will have to be uploaded for each session.

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