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Change log

The following table summarizes the list of changes introduced in a particular version of this document.

Table 1: Summary of changes

Version	Date	Change description	Functional area	Feature
1.0	8-Feb-2021	Initial version	N/A	N/A

New features at a glance

The following table summarizes the list of features introduced in the April 2021 release and their potential impact on your environment.

- **On by default** does not necessarily imply that the feature is immediately available to your users. It may require a user with an appropriate administrator role to turn on applicable functionality, business rules, and so on.
- NEW indicates a new feature introduced in this update. Others are enhancements or changes to the existing functionality.

New features at a glance

Feature	On by default?	Admin setup required	Support ticket required	Affected audience
Third party support	Y			All
Enhanced microphone test in audio setup	Y			All
Audio enhancements for the App client	Y			All
New alert about unavailability of audio channels in Express client	Y			Leaders Participants
Enhanced markup toolbar for AppShare	Y			Leaders
New bookmarking support in Saba Meeting recording NEW	Y			All
New option to prevent skipping during playback NEW		Meeting ad-min	Y	Leaders Participants
Recorder and Remote Application Host roles are now obsoleted				All

Chapter

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What's New in Saba Meeting 8.5.14

Topics:

- Third-party support changes
- Enhanced microphone test in audio setup
- Audio enhancements for the App client
- New alert about unavailability of audio channels in Express client
- Enhanced markup toolbar for AppShare
- New bookmarking support in Saba Meeting recording
- New option to prevent skipping during playback
- Recorder and Remote Application Host roles are now obsoleted

This release for Saba Meeting contains the following new features, enhancements, and changes.

Attention: To view and use any new or enhanced client-side features, it is mandatory to upgrade your Saba Meeting client.

Saba Cloud also includes additional new features and enhancements for Meeting Administrators in a Saba Cloud - Saba Meeting integrated environment. For details, refer to the Saba Cloud *What's new* in online community.

Third-party support changes

In this release, the following third-party software is now supported for Saba Meeting servers and clients:
Table 2: Third-party support changes

Type of Software	Previously supported version	New version
Java (App client)	OpenJDK 11.0.2 (bundled with Saba Meeting App)	OpenJDK 11.0.7 (bundled with Saba Meeting App)
Java (server)	JDK 1.8.0_202	AdoptOpenJDK 11.0.7-10

Enhanced microphone test in audio setup

Prior to this release, the audio setup wizard in Saba Meeting allowed users to test voice using the microphone. The variations in volume were indicated by fluctuations in the volume bar graph. But, there was no option to record the test voice and play it back for actual audio confirmation.

In this release, the audio setup wizard has been enhanced to include a microphone testing capability that allows users to record the test voice and play it back.

Note: This enhancement is applicable to both Saba Meeting App client and Browser client.

The **Audio Setup** panel now displays the **Test Mic** button. When users click this button, the microphone starts recording the voice for an interval of 8 seconds and the button name changes to **Recording**. You can stop the recording at any point by clicking the **Recording** button. When the recording is complete, the button changes to **Playing** where the recorded voice starts playing.

Note: It is important to check if your microphone is working fine. If not, then you must select a different microphone and continue microphone testing, or check the volume level by using the slider embedded in the volume meter.

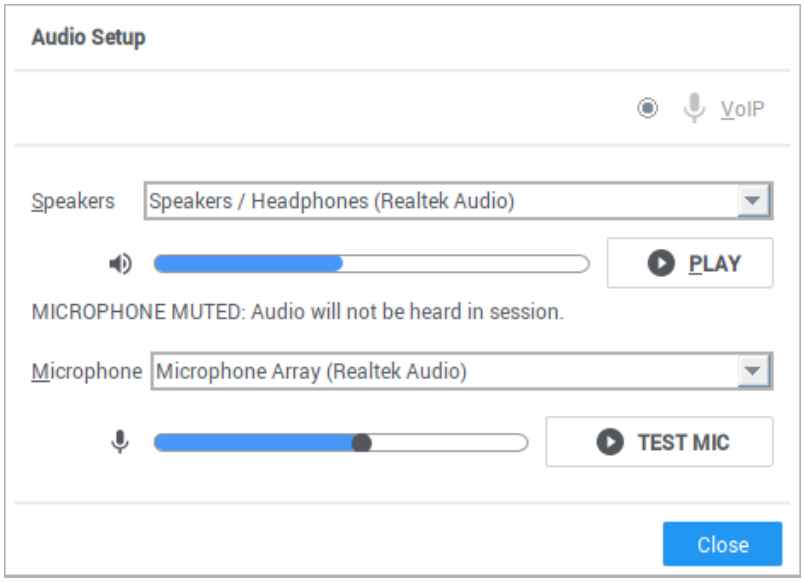

Figure 1: Test Mic

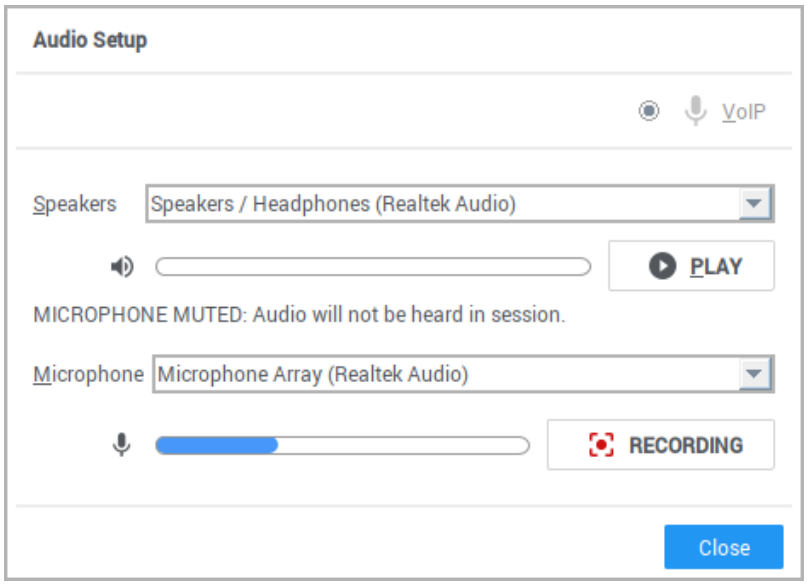

Figure 2: Record voice

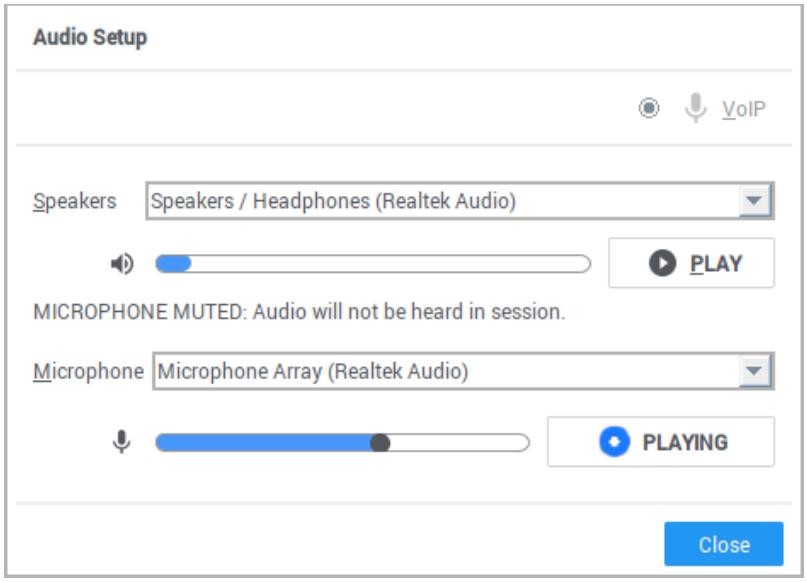

Figure 3: Play recording

Audio enhancements for the App client

This release enhances the audio experience of the Saba Meeting App client.

The echo cancellation, noise suppression, and automatic gain control settings are internally tuned to provide an overall improvement in the audio quality of the App client.

Users do not need to perform any additional action to improve the audio settings.

New alert about unavailability of audio channels in Express client

Prior to this release, if a user wanted to speak in a Saba Meeting session and if no audio channels were available, then the Saba Meeting Express client did not indicate about the unavailability of audio channels. As a result, the user's voice could not be heard by others in the session.

In this release, if no audio channels are available when a user wants to speak in a Saba Meeting session, then the Saba Meeting Express client displays the following message to that user indicating the unavailability of audio channels:

All the available audio channels are in use. Please use the Raise Hand or the text chat option to request other speakers to deselect their mic, if not in use.

This allows users to know when the max capacity of audio channels is reached and no audio channels are available for them to speak in a Saba Meeting session.

Only when one or more of the remaining participants deselect their microphone, and if the maximum number of audio channels for the session has not reached, then the user's voice can be audible to others.

Enhanced markup toolbar for AppShare

Prior to this release, there were some inconsistencies while displaying the flyout menu of the markup toolbar during AppShare and using the expanded AppShare frame.

This release enhances the markup toolbar during AppShare such that the markup toolbar is now displayed in an embedded panel of the expanded AppShare frame.

When you click the markup icon in the expanded AppShare frame, the markup toolbar is displayed between the audio-video options and the gestures toolbar. The markup toolbar is hidden when you exit the markup mode. See illustrations below.

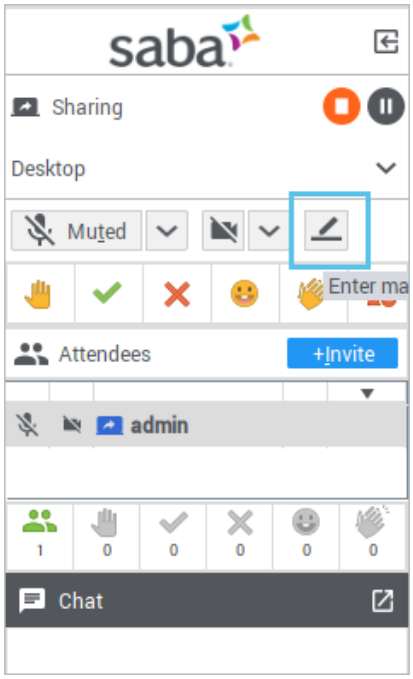

Figure 4: Markup toolbar icon in expanded AppShare frame

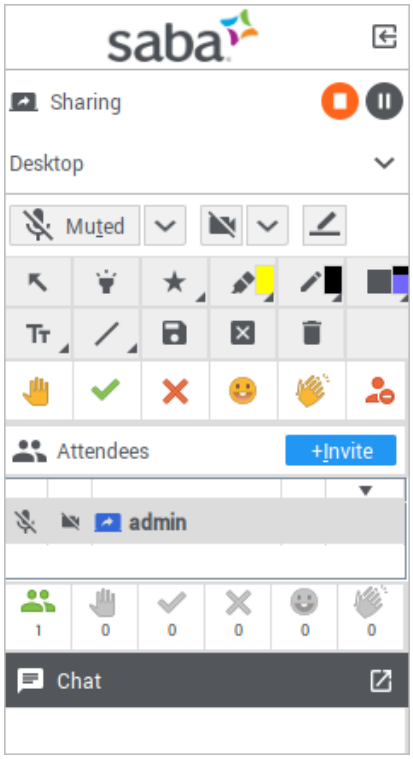

Figure 5: Embedded Markup toolbar in expanded AppShare frame

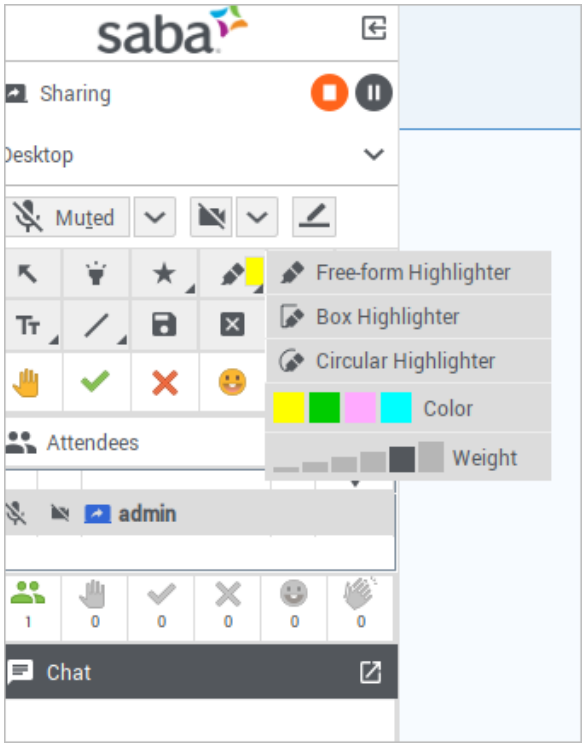

Figure 6: Markup toolbar action menu in expanded AppShare frame

Note: The behavior of the mini AppShare toolbar remains unaffected with this change.

New bookmarking support in Saba Meeting recording

Prior to this release, users did not have the ability to bookmark while playing a Saba Meeting recording. So, they could not return to the same spot in the recording upon subsequent launches if the entire recording was not played.

This release supports bookmarking in Saba Meeting recordings. Now, when users launch a Saba Meeting recording that was left without playing its entire duration, they can resume the recording from where they had left it in the last attempt.

On a subsequent launch, the playback recording starts about 10 seconds before the last stopped or bookmarked position in the recording. This allows users to regain the context of the recording when they launch the recording again.

Note: Bookmarking is supported only if the recording is played in the playback client. It is not applicable for videos played in the browser (MP4).

New option to prevent skipping during playback

Prior to this release, users could skip portions while playing back a Saba Meeting recording and there was no option to prevent users from doing this action.

In this release, event creators have the ability to prevent users from skipping portions while playing a Saba Meeting recording using the new **Prevent skipping in playback** option for classroom events.

Note: This feature is applicable only to classroom events in a standalone Saba Meeting environment. By default, this feature is **disabled**. To enable this feature, submit a request. For more details, contact Support.

To enable this feature, Saba Meeting Administrators must configure the following new domain property under the **Event** category:

Table 3: New client property

Property	Description	Default Value
Allow playback skip prevention?	This property lets you configure the ability for event creators to allow or prevent users from skipping portions while playing a Saba Meeting recording. You can select one of the following values: • Disabled The **Prevent skipping in playback** option is not displayed for classroom events. That is, users can skip portions of a playback recording. • Enabled and on by default The **Prevent skipping in playback** option is displayed for classroom events and is selected by default. When the check box is selected, users cannot skip portions of a playback recording. If you want to enable this feature, this is the recommended property value. • Enabled and off by default The **Prevent skipping in playback** option is displayed for classroom events and is not selected by default. When the check box is not selected, users can skip portions of a playback recording.	Disabled

When the **Prevent skipping in playback** option is available, the event creator can enable or disable it at the classroom event level.

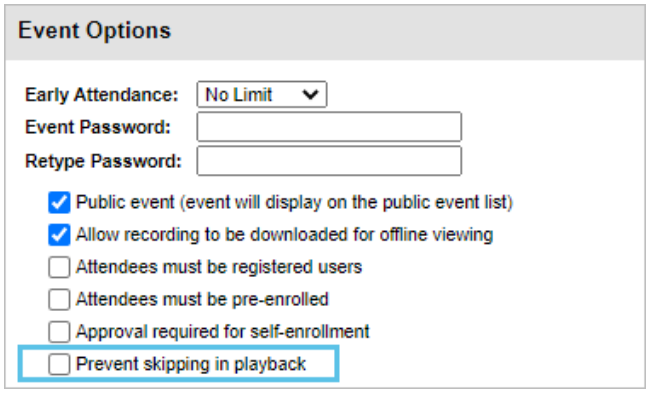

Figure 7: Prevent skipping in playback

When **Prevent skipping in playback** is enabled, the playback client works as follows:

- The Fast Forward button is disabled.
- The Next Index point button is disabled.
- Index Point drop-down displays all points, but any attempt to seek ahead, snaps it back to the current time. However, it can be used to move to content that has already been viewed. For example, if you view slides 1 to 8 and then go back to slide 4, then you can use the drop-down to go back to slide 6. But slide 9 and beyond will be grayed out until they are actually played.

- Any attempt to seek ahead using the position slider, snaps back to the current time. However, it can be used to move to a content that has already been viewed.

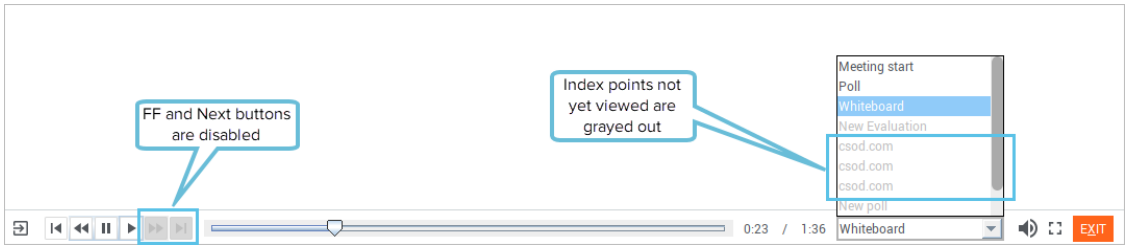

Figure 8: Playback client options when skip prevention is enabled

Recorder and Remote Application Host roles are now obsoleted

This release makes the following special roles assigned to users enrolled in an event obsolete:

- Recorder
- Remote Application Host

The removal of these roles do not affect any Saba Meeting related workflows in an integrated Saba Cloud environment.