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Zoom is one of the video conferencing applications that has become extremely popular due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the 'galloping' growth of this application in the near future is likely to slow down, not because of epidemic control or fierce competition from rivals, but by the groves themselves. It is not worth mentioning about the data security and privacy issues that this platform is facing, which seriously reduces the credibility and trust in the eyes of users.

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According to a BuzzFeed report, the board of directors of Google has banned all employees from using the Zoom app on laptops. The notice was sent to every Google employee via email, and the reason given by Mountain View company stems from the "security breaches and data problems in Zoom ". Jose Castaneda, spokesperson by Google, said:

*'For a long time, we have a policy of not allowing employees to use applications that are not licensed for work and not provided by the company. Recently, our security team informed the staff currently using the Zoom Desktop Client that this software will no longer be run on the company's computer systems, because it does not meet the standards. security that we set out. '*



Google prohibits employees from using Zoom

After the above regulation was introduced, many people expressed the opinion that this is also part of Google's competitive 'guise'. Simply because the company itself owns a similar video conferencing application, Hangouts Meet (Google Meet), and it is not difficult for them to ban their employees from using rival products. .

In reality, however, Zoom is clearly facing major security issues. This application currently has two main problems, that is, there is no way to encrypt the transmission line in meetings and have a very predictable participation code that causes the 'zombombing' phenomenon, caused by having too many people. Self-strangers can participate in other people's meetings.

Not only that, the software has also received countless criticisms, even being sued for a series of privacy issues, such as sending user data to Facebook, allowing virtual meeting room owners to keep track of attendees, and especially sending data to a server in China.

Zoom now acknowledges the problems they are facing, and promises to take radical remedies in the near future to regain confidence from users.

During this time, if you are looking for software to replace Zoom, you can use Cisco Webex Meeting, Meet Now of Skype or Microsoft Teams.

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