

# How to Join Ottawa Branch TMG Users Group Meetings Using Hangouts

The TMG Users Group is now using Google Hangouts for our monthly meetings.

The link for the video conference is [https://plus.google.com/hangouts/\\_/ogs.on.ca/ottawa-tmg-user](https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/ogs.on.ca/ottawa-tmg-user)

This allows anyone to join the session but it won't start until the "owner" joins.

When you go to that link you may be asked to provide your name or join the meeting using your Google account. You will see this:

The screenshot shows the 'Join Google Hangouts video call' interface. At the top, the title 'Join Google Hangouts video call' is displayed. Below it, a red callout box with the number '1' points to the text 'Please introduce yourself to the people on the call.' which is positioned above a text input field. Below the input field is a blue button labeled 'Request to join'. Below the button, another red callout box with the number '2' points to the text 'or Sign in with Google'. At the bottom of the form, there is a line of text: 'By joining, you agree to the [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)'.

If you do NOT have a Google account, just enter your name and click Request to join (option 1). If you do have a Google account, we recommend you use Sign in with Google (option 2). The difference is that with Option 1 you will not be able to use the text chat facility in Hangouts but will still hear and see the full audio presentation.

**If you are already logged into Google in your browser, for example you use Gmail, then you will not get this prompt and will immediately go to Hangouts.**

The first time you access Hangouts you may have be prompted to load an extension or plugin.

**Hangouts requires a browser plugin for non-Chrome browsers and there is NO plugin available for Windows Edge. Use a different browser.**