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Hello there, in this video I'm going to show you how to create some rudimentary breakout rooms ahead of a synchronous session using the Private Channels,

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function of Microsoft Teams. The learning outcome for this video really is you'll learn how to create a Private Channel in Microsoft Teams.

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So I'm in a team here. This is a Class Team that's been created by the Blackboard Groups

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too Microsoft Teams function. So when we come into a Team like this, as standard we have

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the General Channel in the left here and across the top we have things like Posts, Files, Class Notebook, Assignments and Grades.

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However, what we can do is we can set up different Channels in and left here; assign a sub set of our students,

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so on the day they will come to the main Team as we're looking at now. There might be some staff led activity in here,

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we might do some chatting, we might post some links, but then we might want to put them into breakout rooms.

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So the physical equivalent would be maybe put them into groups of four around tables in a classroom,

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get them to work together on something, and then come back to the main room.

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So if we imagine this General Channel is our main room to create those sorts of virtual tables in the corners of the rooms,

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what we can do is if we click on the More options here and click on Add Channel, I can create new channels.

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So I'm going to call this 'Breakout 1'. I'm then going to change the Privacy from Standard to Private.

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When I click next, it will give me the option to enrol some students, I'm going to put one student on this particular Channel;

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this particular student here, and click Add. I'm then going to click Done.

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And we'll see we now have Breakout 1 there. I'm going to repeat that process;

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More options, Add channel. I'm going to call this one 'Breakout 2'. Again, change the Privacy from Standard to Private.

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Click Next and I'm going to enrol a second student into this one.

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There we go, the same as I did with the first channel, Add and then Done.

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So we see we now have two breakout rooms here; or two Channels that are Private, labelled Breakout room 1 and 2. In Breakout room 1,

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the only student in here will be the first student I enrolled. So in the real world, we might put five students in here,

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we might put five students in Breakout 2 and we might have another couple of Channels for another five students.

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And we can use this mechanism to essentially split our students up in anticipation

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of needing to do some breakout type stuff in a Teams synchronous session.

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The good thing about this, using this technique in Teams is as well.

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Is that we could set this up well ahead of the session and across the top here in each of the Channels,

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I already have Posts and Files, but I could even go as far as clicking the Plus and adding maybe OneNote to the Channel.

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And if I add something like a OneNote to the Channel here (it's just going to go through a process here) if I do a Create New Notebook.

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Breakout 1". Save that and it'll post there to the Channel automatically about it.

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I then have a OneNote class Notebook within that channel,

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which clearly then delivers all of the functionality around having a collaborative space, student's private space and things like that.

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So we can really then, if I click this arrow, we can then really get into using Teams as a kind of hub for our synchronous tutorials.

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Yes, the General Channel, that's where the students will arrive initially, but they then come into the breakout room

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they've been allocated. They will only see the breakout room they have been allocated, not each others.

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And then, you know, having put in a OneNote Class Notebook here, we get all these tools and things that we can do.

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We can get them collaborating.

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And as I say, the difference using this platform over Blackboard Collaborate Ultra is that we can set all this up in advance, we can save it,

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we can share it through OneDrive, things like that as we might require. Ok.