

AVer PTZ Link

User Manual



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PREFACE

AVer PTZ Link is a software to connect AVer cameras to microphone systems to achieve voice tracking throughout the meeting. Two versions and free trial are provided:

- Free Version: Free for IP Camera connection. Up to 8 microphone channels are provided.
- Premium Version: Pay for Virtual Camera (USB) connection. Up to 128 microphone channels are provided. **[Note]** At present, Virtual Camera only supports Windows® OS.
- 60-day free trial

The supported models are listed below:

AVer tracking cameras (USA region)

- TR310/TR311/TR311HN/TR313/TR331/TR333
- TR530/TR320/TR530+/TR320+
- TR313V2
- TR333V2
- DL30

AVer tracking cameras (non USA region)

- PTC310/PTC310U/PTC310H
- PTC115/PTC500S/PTC115+/PTC500+
- PTC330UV2
- DL30

AVer PTZ cameras

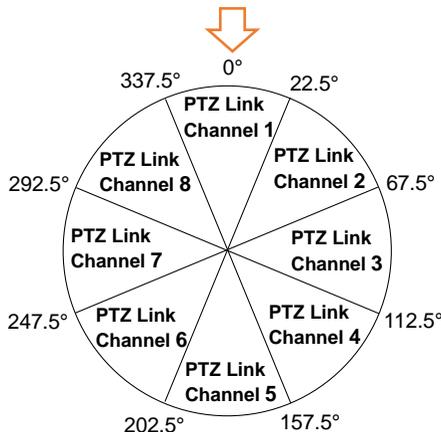
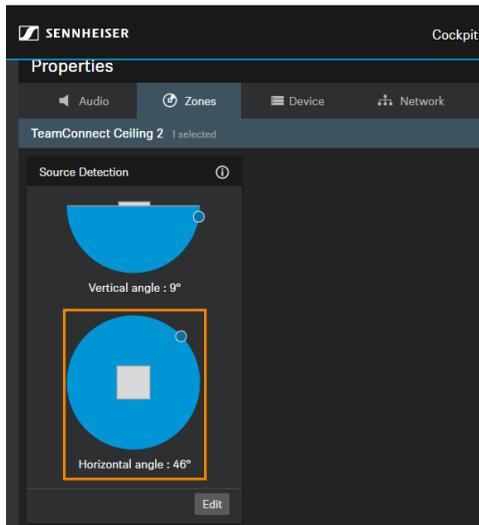
- PTZ310/PTZ310N/PTZ330/PTZ330N

Microphone systems

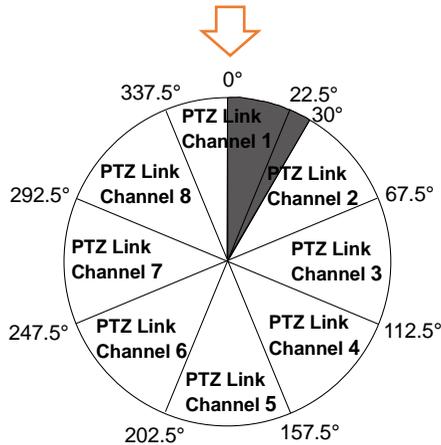
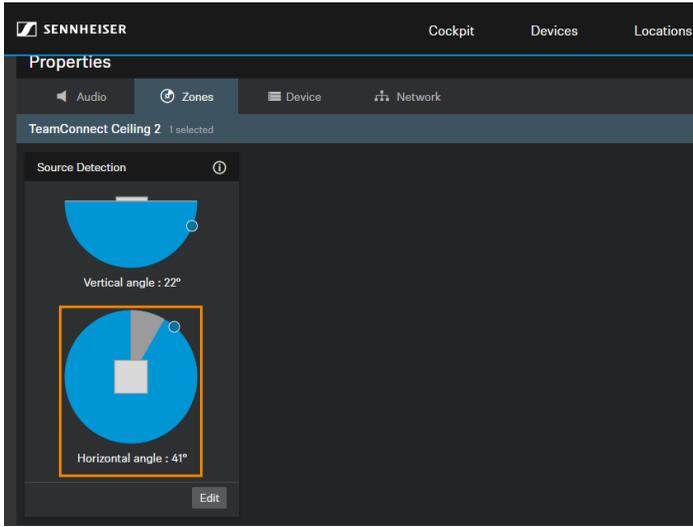
- Shure MXCW series
- Shure IntelliMix® P300 processor
- Shure MXA310 microphone

[Note] Using single channel on MXA310 is not supported by PTZ Link. To operate PTZ Link normally, please add and configure other channels on MXA310 webpage.

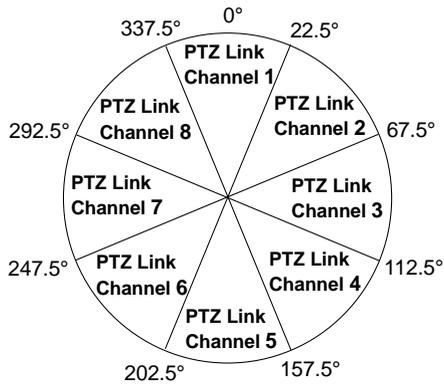
- Shure MXA710 microphone
[Note] It is required to set up and configure channels for MXA710 on Shure Designer software first, so that PTZ Link can work properly.
 - Shure MXA910 microphone
 - Sennheiser TeamConnect Ceiling 2 (TCC2) microphone
[Note] It is required to set up and configure channels for TCC2 on Sennheiser Control Cockpit software first, so that PTZ Link can work properly.
1. PTZ Link divides Sennheiser's horizontal angles into 8 equal parts, which corresponds Channel 1 to Channel 8 of PTZ Link.



2. If any Exclusion Zone is activated in Sennheiser Control Cockpit software, the corresponding channel(s) of PTZ Link will also be affected. For example, if Exclusion Zone is set from 0° to 30° , the audio signals from 0° ~ 22.5° of PTZ Link Channel 1 and 22.5° ~ 30° of PTZ Link Channel 2 will be neglected.



- **Yamaha RM-CG ceiling array microphone**
It is required to set up and configure channels for RM-CG so that PTZ Link can work properly. PTZ Link divides the RM-CG horizontal angles into 8 equal parts, which corresponds to Channel 1~8 of PTZ Link.



MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENT

PC hardware and software requirement

- CPU: Intel® Core™ i5 or higher
- RAM: 4GB or more
- HDD: 300MB (Free Space)
- OS: Windows® 7, 8.1, 10, 11 & macOS v10.14 or later
- Network available

DOWNLOADING THE APPLICATION

Through AVer PTZ Link, user can link AVer cameras to microphone systems. Therefore, user needs to install AVer PTZ Link at server (PC/laptop) site and keep AVer PTZ Link running during the meeting.

To get this software, please visit our download center (see below URL) to download.

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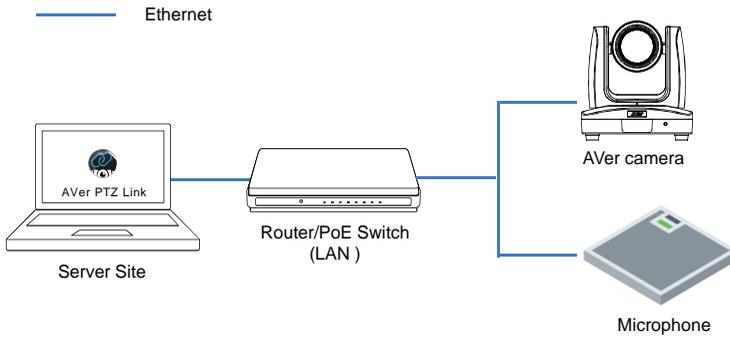
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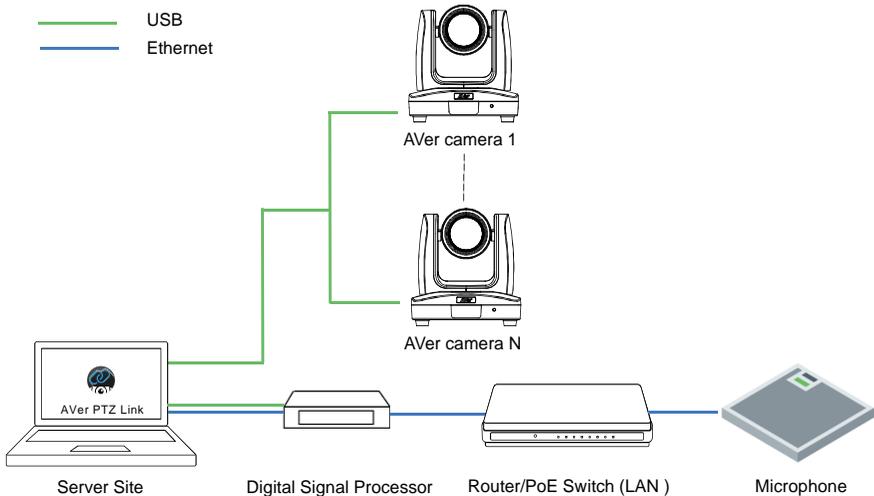
[Note] AVerCamera Setting Tool will be installed along with PTZ Link. Users can use AVerCamera Setting Tool to operate virtual cameras.

HARDWARE CONNECTION

- Please make sure all devices are well-connected and power on.
- Needs to install “**AVer PTZ Link**” application on the server site.
- For IP Camera connection (free version), all devices are suggested to be connected on the same LAN, or UDP port - 52381 & TCP port - 2202 must be available between devices.

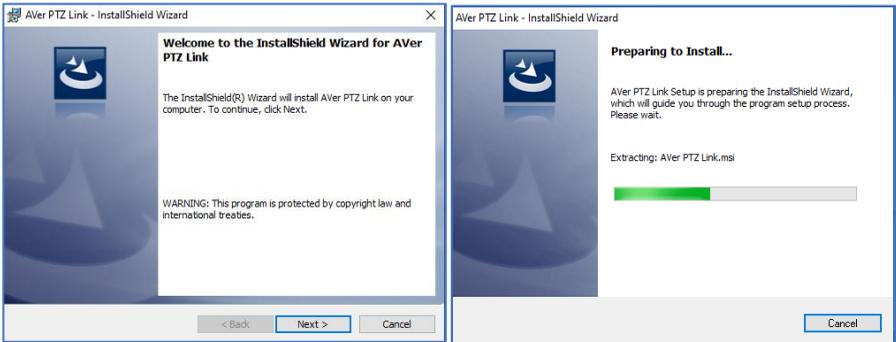


- For Virtual Camera connection (premium version), connect the camera to the USB port on the server site.

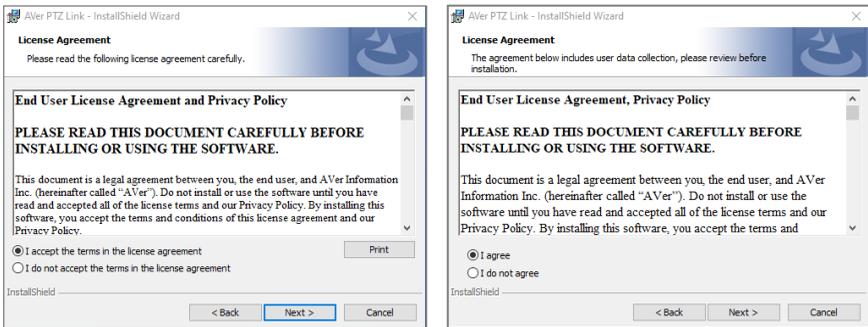


INSTALL AVer PTZ LINK

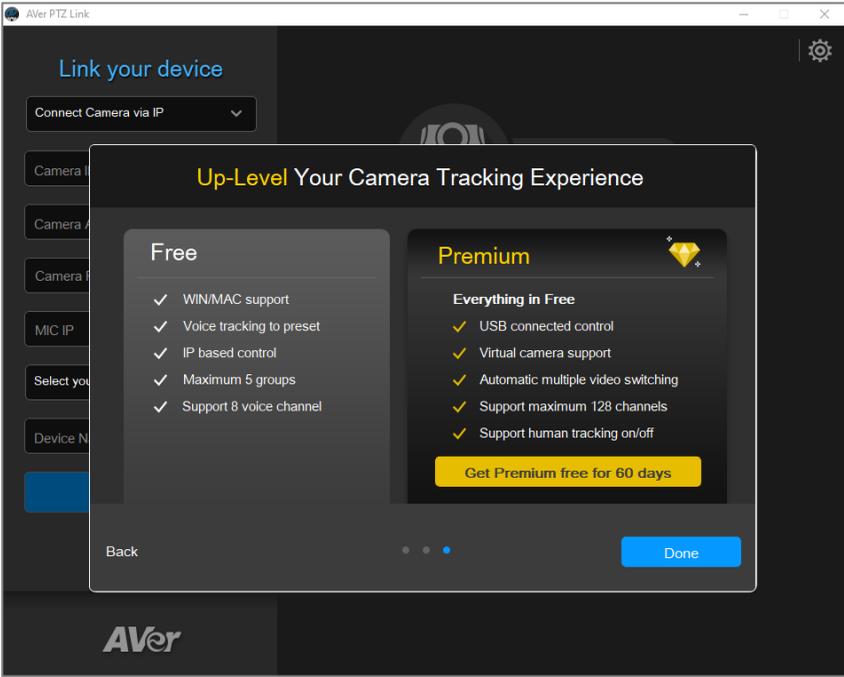
1. After downloading, double-click  to start installation. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.



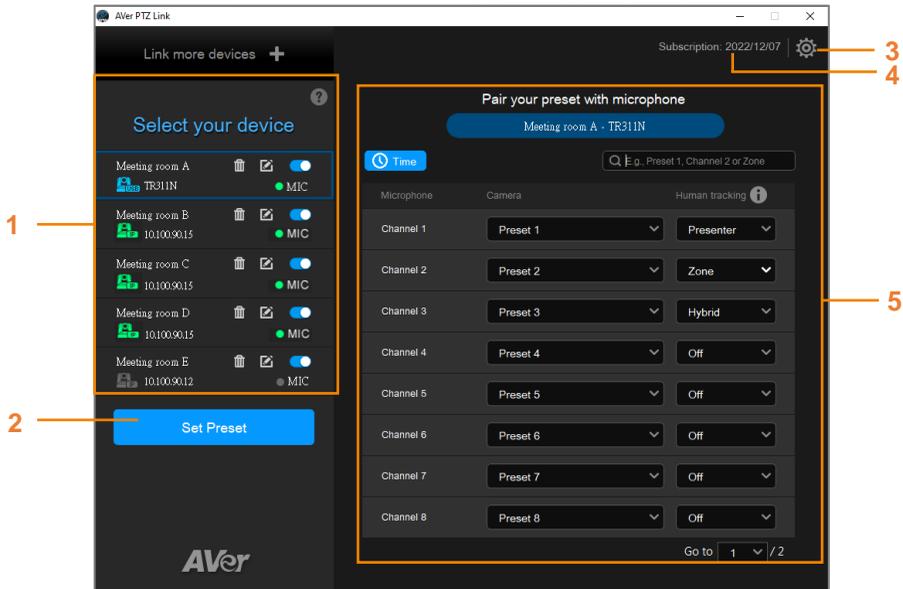
Select “I accept the terms in the license agreement” and click “Next”. If you allow us to collect data, select “I agree”. **[Note]** You can later disable data collection if required. Please refer to [System](#) for more details.



2. After installation, AVer PTZ Link icon  is displayed on the desktop.
3. Double-click  to launch AVer PTZ Link. The welcome popup will give you a short introduction about this software and the advantages of using Premium version. Click “Get Premium free for 60 days” or click “Done” when finish reading.



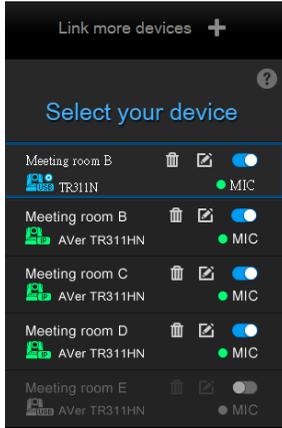
PTZ LINK MAIN PAGE



1. **Device List:** You can use the device list to add/delete/edit or enable/disable the devices. Please refer to [Device List Information](#) and [Add Devices](#) for more details.
2. **Set Preset:** Click to set up preset positions. This button will only be available when the selected device has been enabled (toggle the switch to enable). Please refer to [Set Up Preset Positions](#) for more details.
3. **AVer PTZ Link Information:** You can view system information, change system language, activate premium license and etc. using this page. Please refer to [AVer PTZ Link Information](#) for more details.
4. **Expiration Date:** Shows the expiration date of your premium license or the free trial subscription.
5. **Pair up Preset Positions with Microphone:** After adding the devices to the program and setting up preset positions, you can start pairing the preset positions with microphone. Please refer to [Pair Up Preset Positions with Microphone](#) for more details.

Device List Information

You can add up to 5 devices (camera and microphone combination) to the Device List. AVer PTZ Link supports both IP camera (free version) and USB camera (premium version) connection.



Click “Link more devices +” to add more device group.
Click “?”, a list of device status appears.

Icons below indicate the device status which includes the camera and microphone:

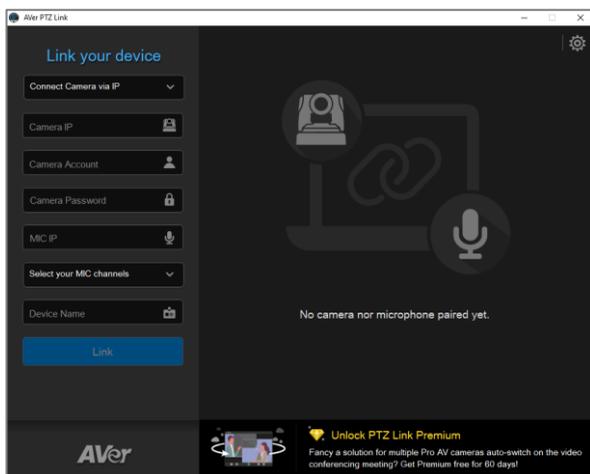
Icon	Status
	Device (IP camera) is online.
	Device is offline.
	Virtual camera is sent to the third party program.
	Virtual camera (camera connected by USB) is enabled.
	Incorrect account or password.
	Inactivated.
	Delete the group.
	Edit the group.
	Enable or disable the group.
	Displays microphone status. Green: online; Gray: offline.

Add Devices

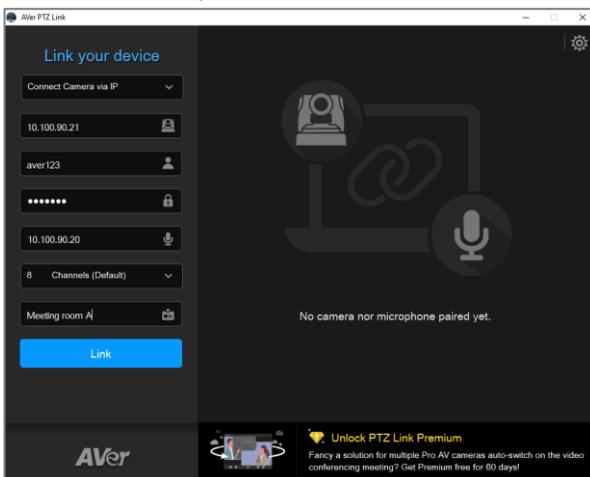
You can add up to 5 devices to the Device List. AVer PTZ Link supports both IP camera (free version) and USB camera (premium version) connection.

IP Camera Connection

1. Select “Connect Camera via IP” from the device drop-down list.
[Note] If you have added a device, click “Link more devices +” to start adding another device.



2. Input the IP camera and microphone information.



Camera IP: Enter camera's IP address (in IPv4 format).

Camera Account: Enter camera account ID.

Camera Password: Enter camera password.

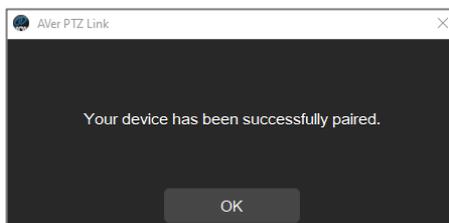
MIC IP: Enter microphone's IP address (in IPv4 format).

MIC Channels: Select your microphone channels. 8-channel is provided for free account users by default. Up to 128 channels are provided for premium users.

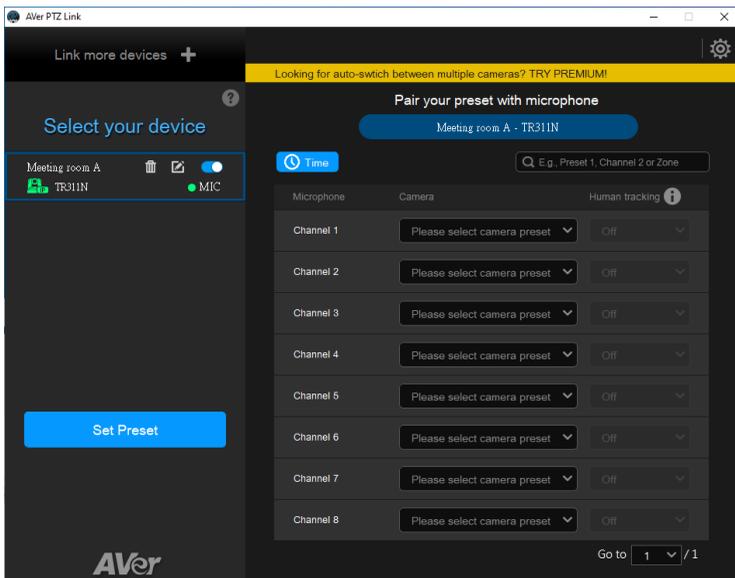
Device Name: Input a device name (length has to be less than 20 characters) for this paired camera and microphone.

[Note]

- AVer PTZ Link will memorize the last setting, including device name and preset setup.
 - When AVer PTZ Link launches, the paired devices will automatically run.
 - Links can be created even for the offline cameras.
3. Click "Link" to pair the camera with microphone and a message window will appear. Click "OK" to confirm the settings and a popup guides you the process of starting virtual camera through PTZ Link. Click "Done" when finish reading.



4. The device has been added to the Device list.



5. Follow the above steps to add more devices.

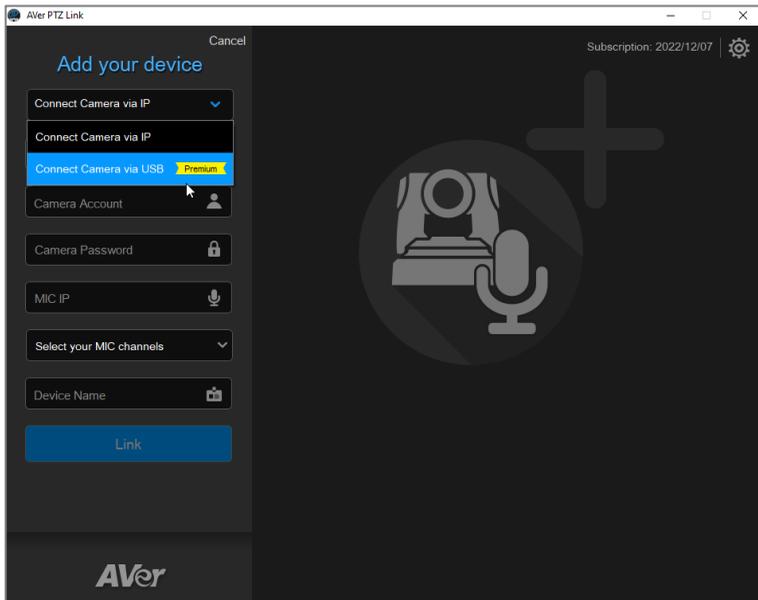
Virtual Camera (USB) Connection

This function is only available for premium users. You can also start a 60-day free trial. **[Note]** At present, Virtual Camera only supports Windows® OS.

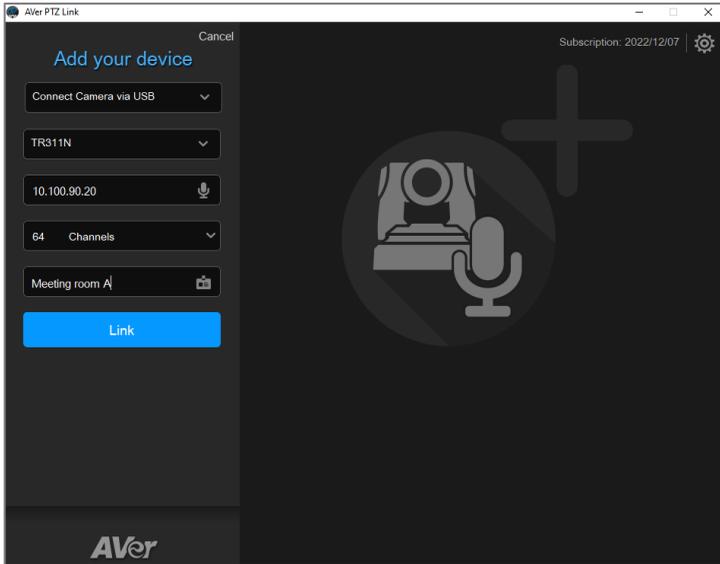
1. Ensure the premium license key has been activated. Please refer to [License](#).
2. Connect the USB camera to the USB port on the computer/system.
3. Select “Connect Camera via USB” from the device drop-down list. PTZ Link will automatically detect the USB cameras connected to the system.

[Note]

- If you have added a device, click “Link more devices” to start adding another device.
- To optimize your virtual camera experience, please disable the sleep mode function of the connected virtual cameras.



4. Select an USB camera and input microphone IP address.



Select Camera: After connecting the USB camera to the computer, the PTZ Link will automatically detect the connected USB cameras. Select a camera from the drop-down list.

MIC IP: Enter microphone's IP address (in IPv4 format).

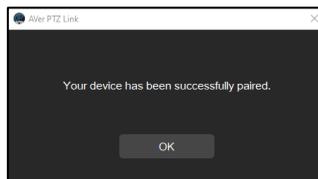
MIC Channels: Select your microphone channels. 8-channel is provided for free account users by default. Up to 128 channels are provided for premium users.

Device Name: Input a device name (length has to be less than 20 characters) for this paired camera and microphone.

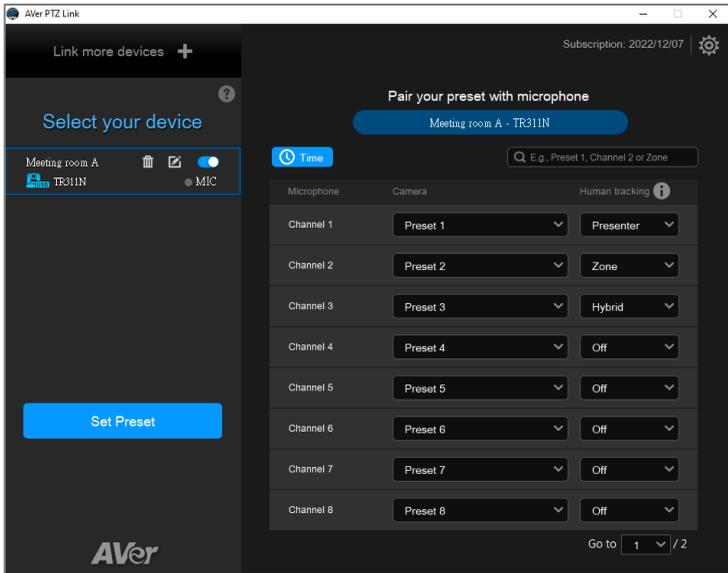
[Note]

- AVer PTZ Link will memorize the last setting, including device name and preset setup.
- When AVer PTZ Link launches, the paired devices will automatically run.

5. Click "Link" to pair the camera with microphone and a message window will appear. Click "OK" to confirm the settings.



6. The device has been added to the device list.



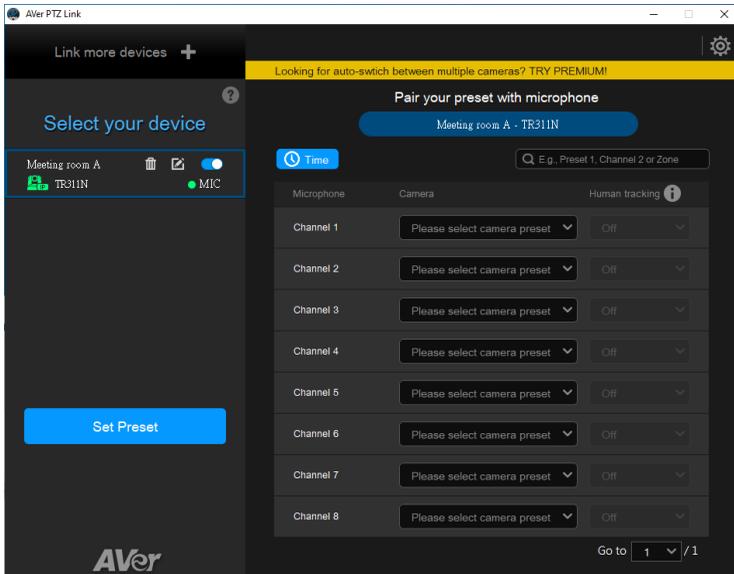
7. Follow the above steps to add more devices.

Set Up Preset Positions

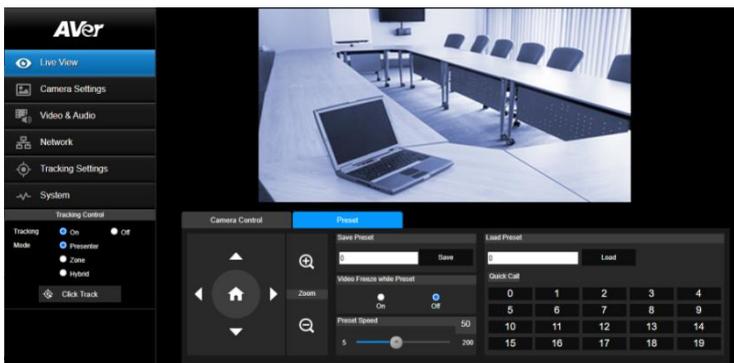
After adding the devices, you can start configuring the preset positions of the cameras.

To set up preset positions for IP cameras:

1. Select an IP camera on the Device List by clicking on it. The selected device will be highlighted with a blue frame. Ensure the device has been enabled .

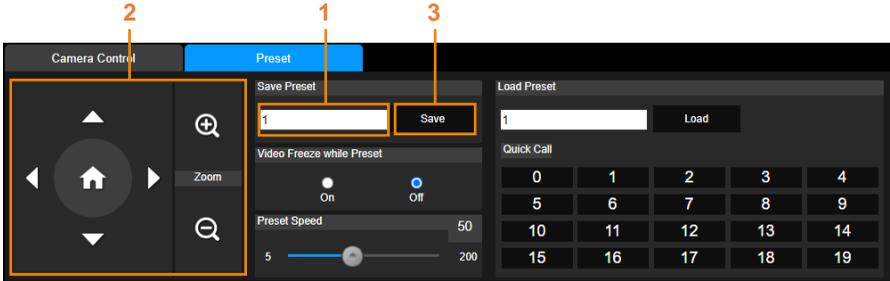


2. Click "Set Preset", the PTZ Link will direct you to the web page of the IP camera. Input the username and password to login.



3. On the Live View page, click the “Preset” tab on the bottom panel to set up preset positions.

To set up preset positions, input a preset number in the “Save Preset” input box first, use the direction and zoom in/out buttons to move the camera view to the desired position, and then click the “Save” button to save this position.

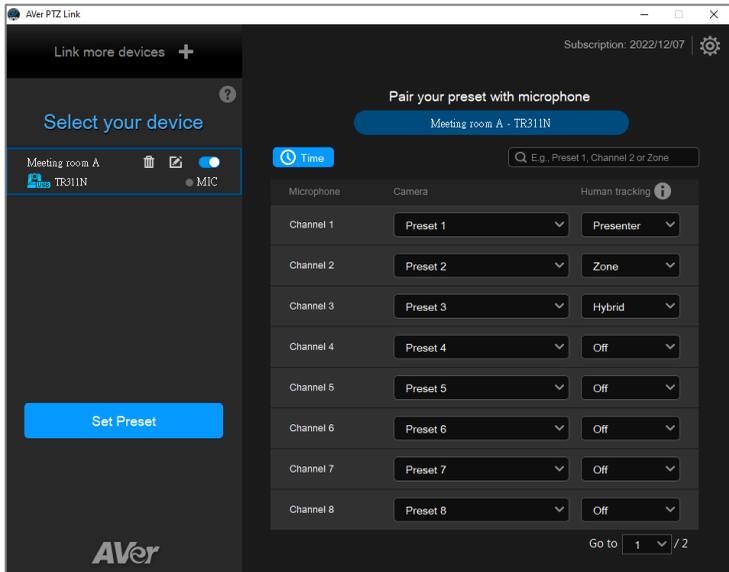


[Note]

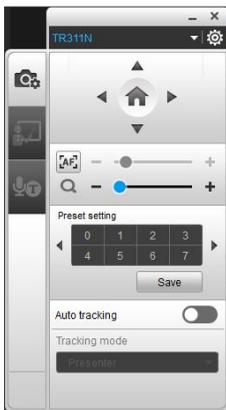
- Each camera’s web setting page may vary. Please refer to camera’s user manual for more details.
 - Up to 256 (0~255) preset points can be set up.
4. After setting up the preset positions, you can start pairing the preset positions with the connected microphone. Please refer to [Pair Up Preset Positions with Microphone](#).

To set up preset positions for USB cameras:

1. Select an USB camera on the Device List by clicking on it. The selected device will be highlighted with a blue frame.



2. Click “Set Preset”, the AVerCamera Setting Tool appears. You can use this tool to set up preset positions. Up to 256 (0~255) preset positions can be set up.



- a. Select the USB camera from the top camera drop-down list.
- b. To set up a preset position, select a number in the “Preset setting” field, use the direction and zoom in/out buttons to move the camera view to the desired position, and then click the “Save” button to save this position.

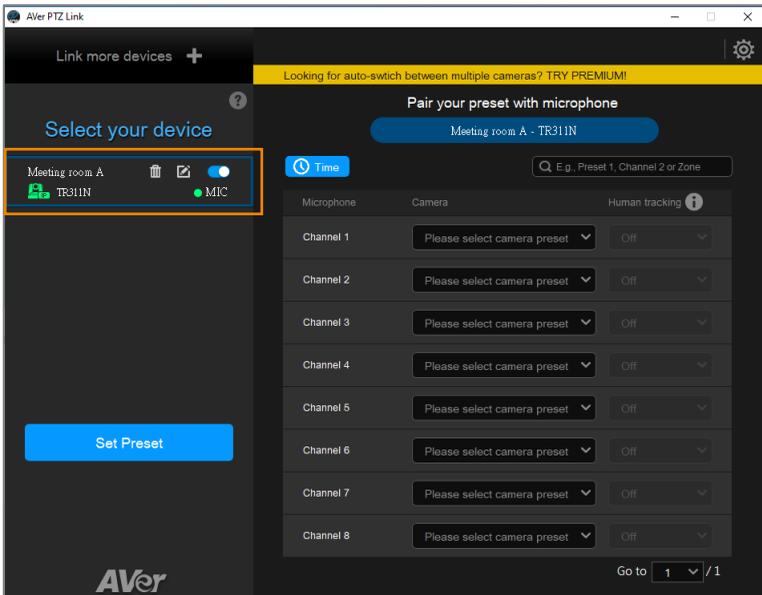
[Note] You can use any video conference software such as Zoom or Skype to view the camera live view while setting up the preset positions.

3. After setting up the preset positions, you can start pairing the preset positions with the connected microphone. Please refer to [Pair Up Preset Positions with Microphone](#).

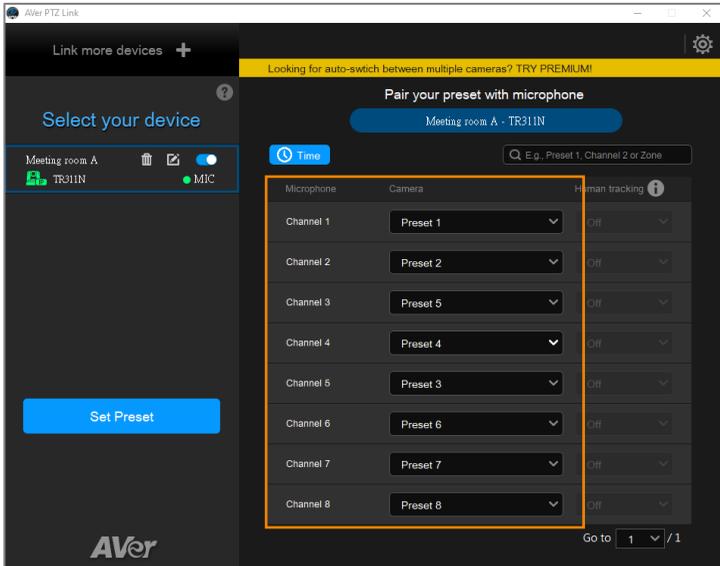
Pair Up Preset Positions with Microphone

After setting up camera's preset positions, you can start pairing the preset positions with the connected microphone. When PTZ Link detects voice from the microphone, the corresponding camera will be triggered to the pre-configured preset position.

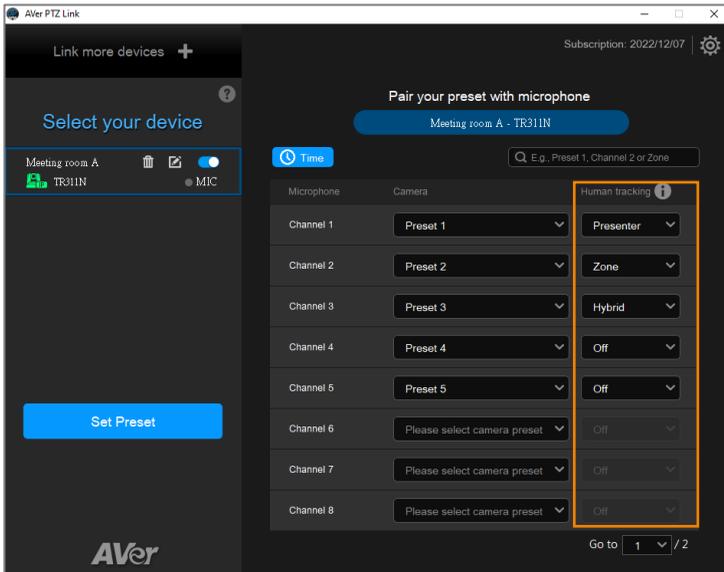
1. Select a camera on the Device List by clicking on it, the selected device will be highlighted with a blue frame. Ensure the preset positions of the selected camera have been configured.



2. On the right-side panel, select the preset position from the Camera drop-down list to the corresponding Microphone channel.



3. For premium users, optionally enable the “Human tracking” function. Select Presenter/Zone/Hybrid in the Human tracking field to enable the function. If you do not want to enable this function, select “Off”.



[Notes]

- To perform the Human tracking function, you will have to pre-configure the related tracking settings on the camera. Please refer to the user's manual of your camera.
- The supported models of "Human Tracking" function are listed below:
 - USA region:
 - TR310/TR311/TR311HN/TR313/TR331/TR333
 - TR313V2/TR333V2
 - DL30
 - Non-USA region:
 - PTC310/PTC310U/PTC310H
 - PTC330UV2
 - DL30

To incorporate voice tracking with human tracking, you may enable "Human Tracking" in this section. A possible use case might be:

Set the presenter area of the training room as MIC Channel 1, pair up with camera Preset 1, then choose Presenter mode for Human Tracking.

With this setup, the camera first goes to Preset 1 after a speaker starts talking in the presenter area (MIC Channel 1), then the camera tracking (Presenter Mode) will be automatically turned on.

Microphone detects voice



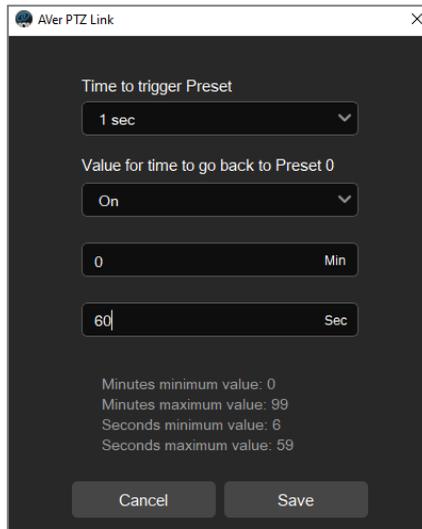
Camera goes to Preset 1



Presenter Tracking



4. You can further set up the dwell time to trigger preset or go back to a pre-configured home position (Preset 0). Click the Time button , the below window appears.



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Time to trigger Preset

1 sec

Value for time to go back to Preset 0

On

0 Min

60 Sec

Minutes minimum value: 0
Minutes maximum value: 99
Seconds minimum value: 6
Seconds maximum value: 59

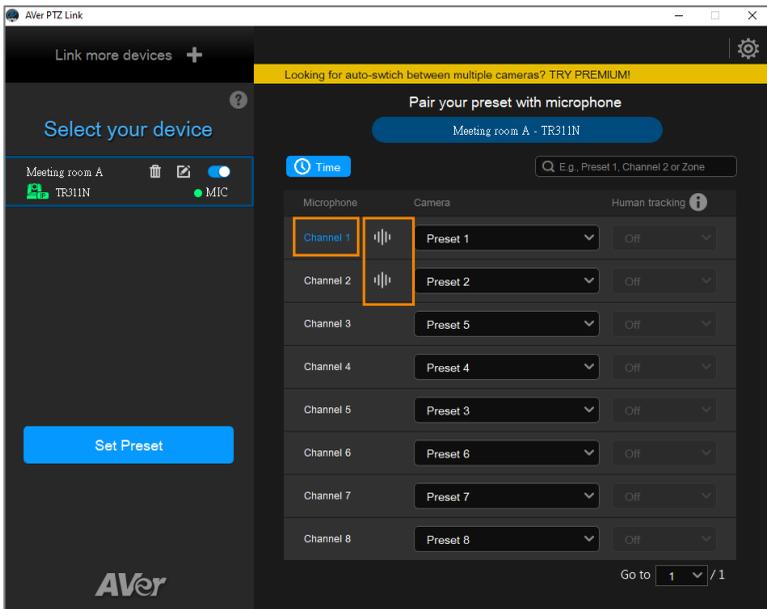
Cancel Save

Time to trigger Preset (default 1 sec.): Set up a dwell time to trigger preset positions. The dwell time is the detected voice time to trigger camera to go to the corresponding preset positions. For example, if 3-second is selected, the camera will only be triggered when the voice has been continuously detected for at least 3-second. If the detected voice only lasts 2 seconds (less than 3 seconds), the camera will not move.

Value for time to go back to Preset 0: Select “On” and then set up a time interval to trigger the camera to go to Preset 0 (home position). For example, if 10-minute is selected, the camera will move to Preset 0 when there is no voice detected for 10-minute. If you want to disable this function, select “Off”.

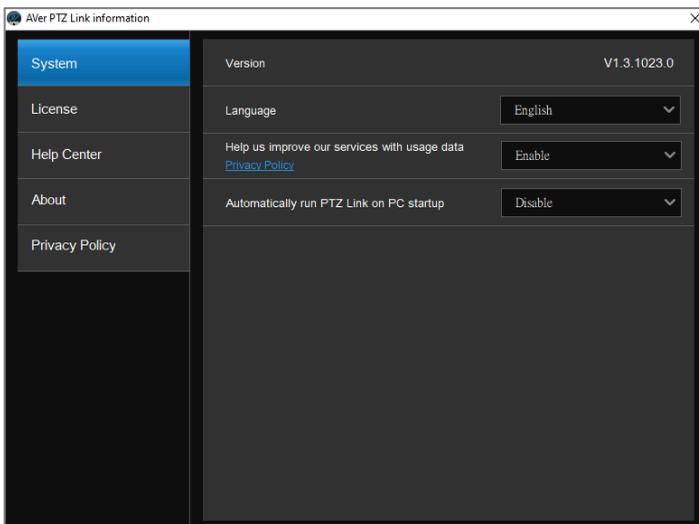
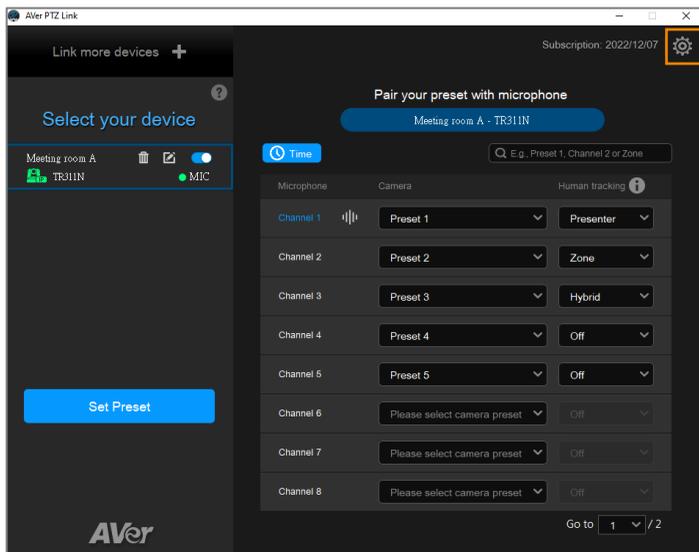
Click “Save” to save the settings or click “Cancel” to cancel the configuration.

5. The pair-up configuration is completed. When voices are detected, the voice tracking  icons will appear next to the channels. The Channel in blue indicates that the camera is staying at its preset point.



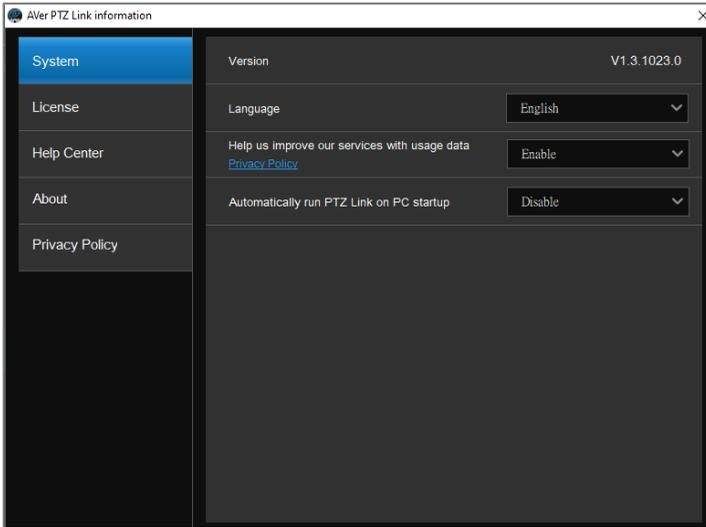
AVer PTZ Link Information

You can view system information, change system language, activate premium license and etc. using this page. Click  to display AVer PTZ Link Information page.



System

On the System page, you can view system version, change system language, disable usage data or set up PTZ Link to automatically run when startup PC. To enter the System page, on the PTZ Link main page, click  to display AVer PTZ Link Information page and then click “System”.



Version: Displays system version.

Language: Select a preferred language.

Help us improve our services with usage data: If you selected “I agree” on the License Agreement pop-up window when installing the PTZ Link software, however, you want to disable the option, click “Disable” from the drop-down list.



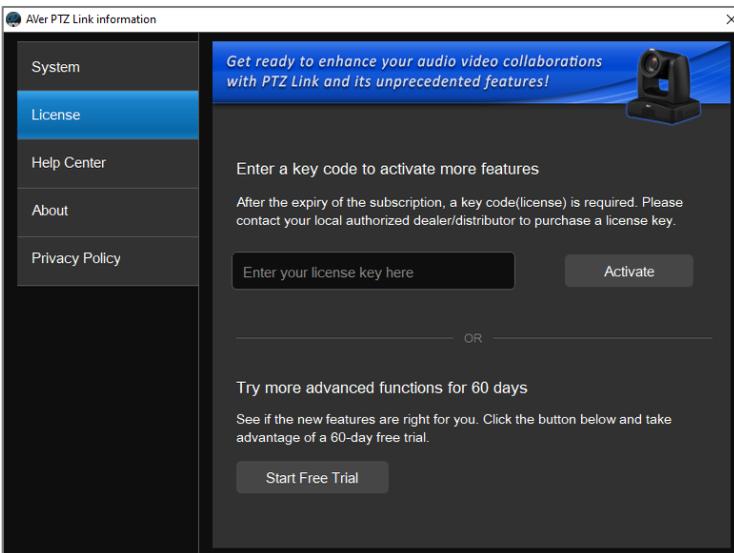
Automatically run PTZ Link on PC startup: Select “Enable” if you want to auto run this program on startup.

License

You can use this page to activate your premium license for virtual camera connection and up to 128 microphone channels; or start a 60-day free trial. One license key can only be activated on one computer.

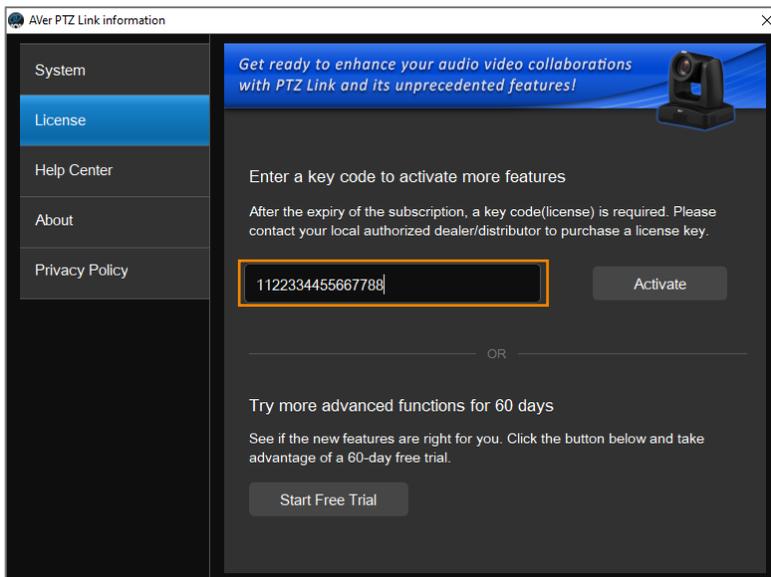
To enter the License page, on the PTZ Link main page, click  to display AVer PTZ Link Information page and then click “License”.

[Note] Since one license key can only be activated on one computer. If you want to transfer the license key to a new computer, you will need to deactivate the license key from the original computer and then activate it on the new computer. For license deactivation, please refer to **To deactivate the license key**.



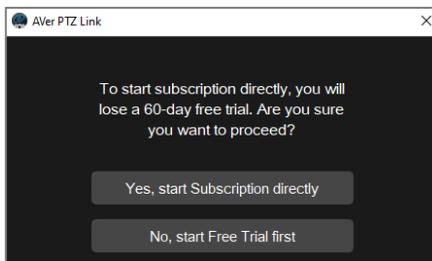
To activate the license key:

1. On the AVer PTZ Link Information page, click “License” to enter the License page. Input the license key in the input box.

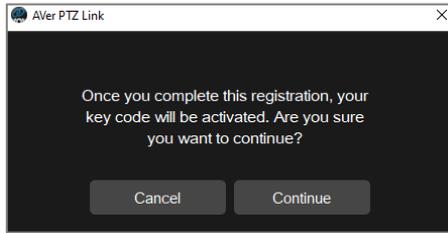


2. Click “Activate”, the below message window appears. Click “Yes, start Subscription directly”.

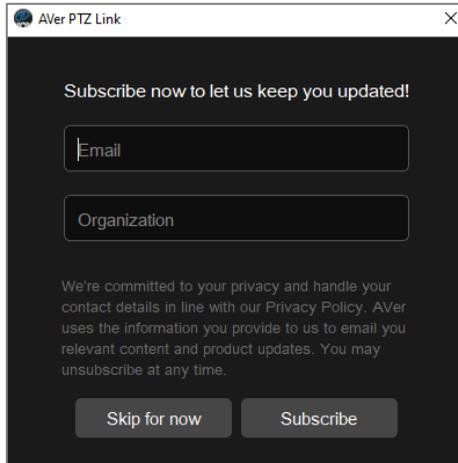
[Note] You will waive your free trial if you subscribe your license key. If you have started the Free Trial, subscribing the license key will immediately activate the premium version without including the remaining days of the trial period. In such case, you can click “No, start Free Trial first” to wait until the trial period expires.



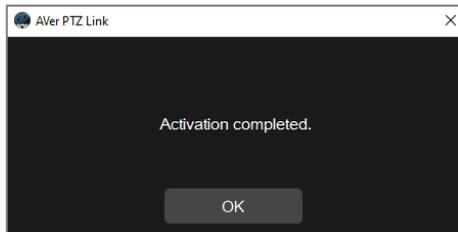
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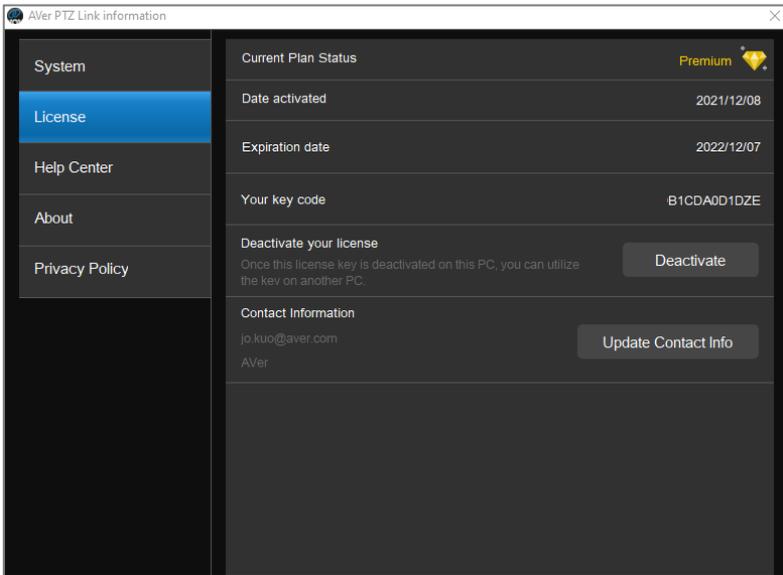
4. Optionally input your email and organization information for subscription.



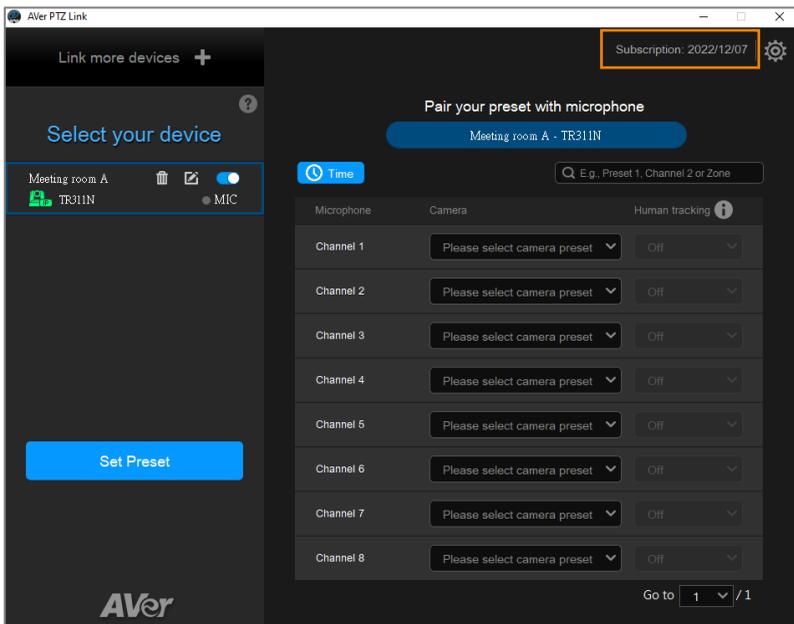
5. The activation is completed.



6. The license info will be displayed.



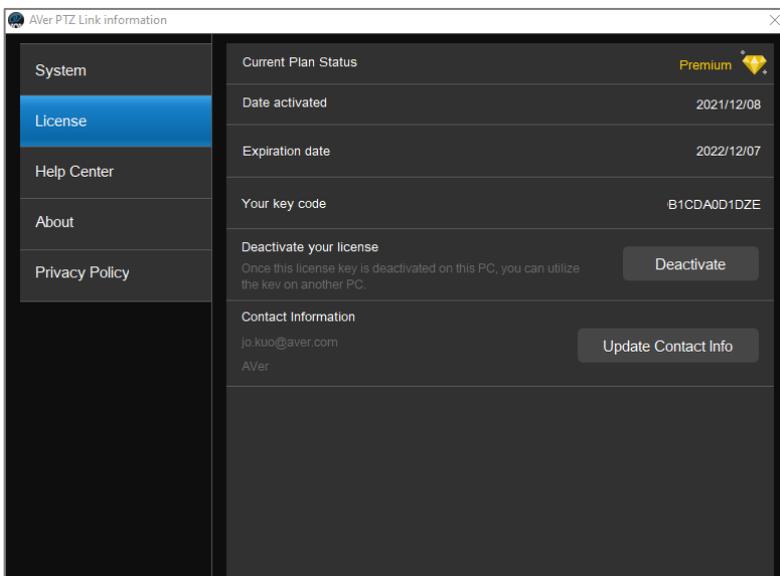
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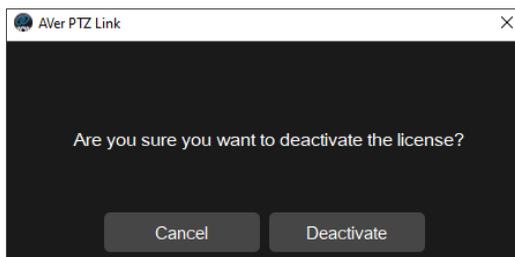
To deactivate the license key:

One license key can only be activated on one computer. If you want to transfer the license key to a new computer, you will need to deactivate the license key from the original computer and then activate it on the new computer. The expiration date of the license key will remain the same.

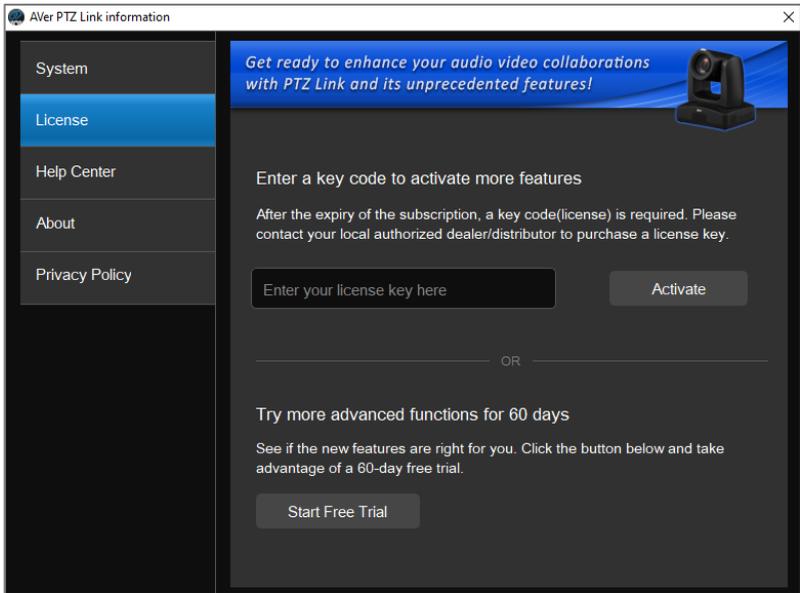
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2. In the “Deactivate your license” field, click “Deactivate”, the below message window appears.

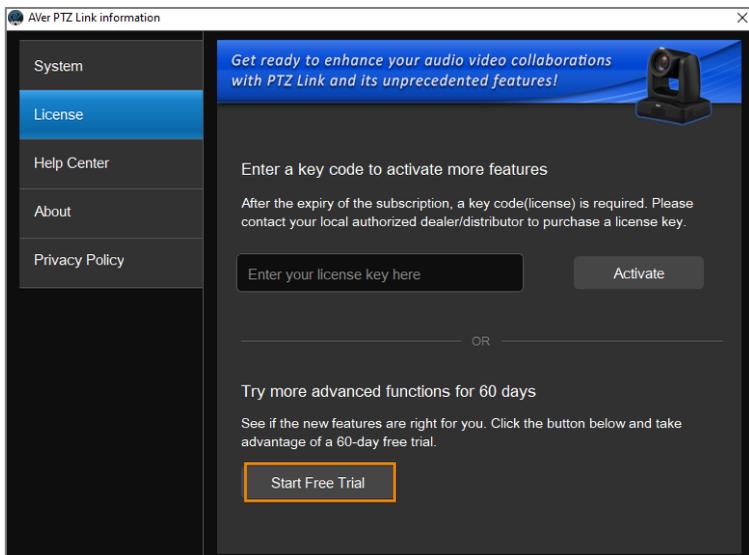


3. Click “Deactivate” and the deactivation process is completed.

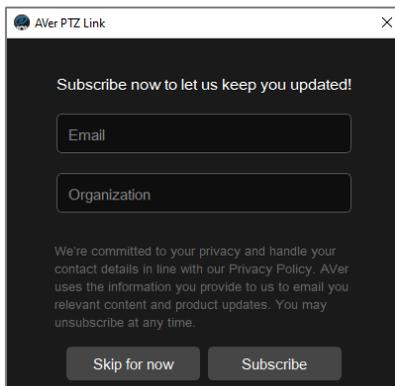


To start a 60-day free trial:

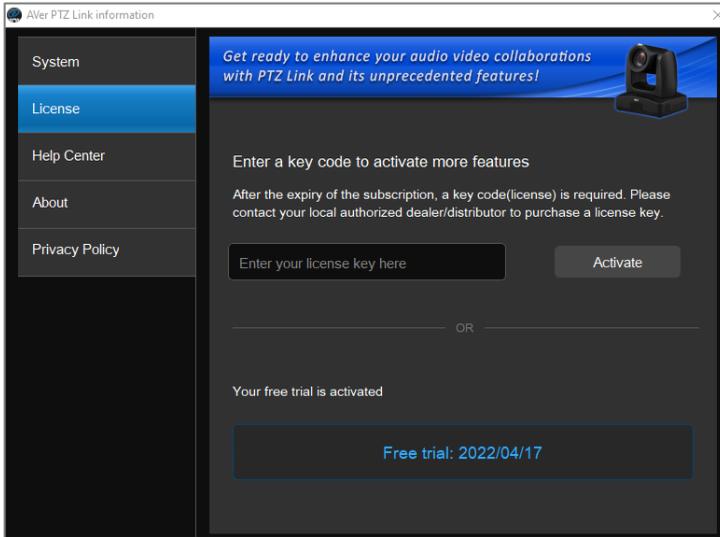
1. On the License page, click “Start Free Trial”.



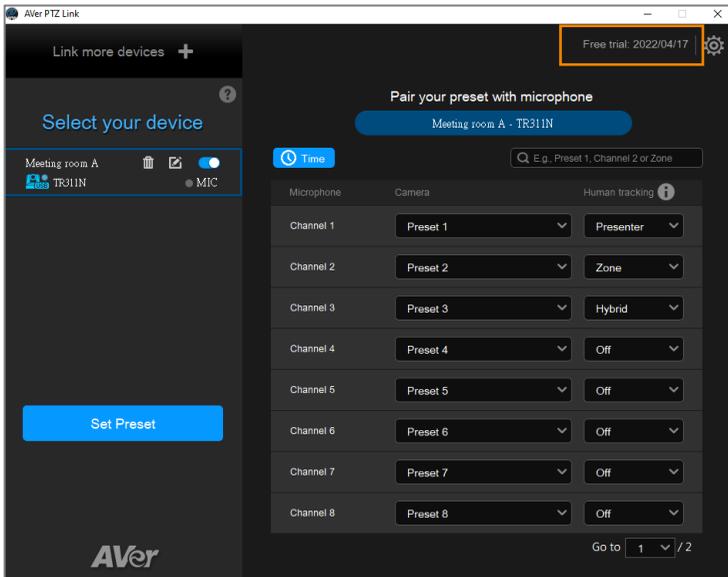
2. Optionally input your email and organization information for subscription. Click “Subscribe”.



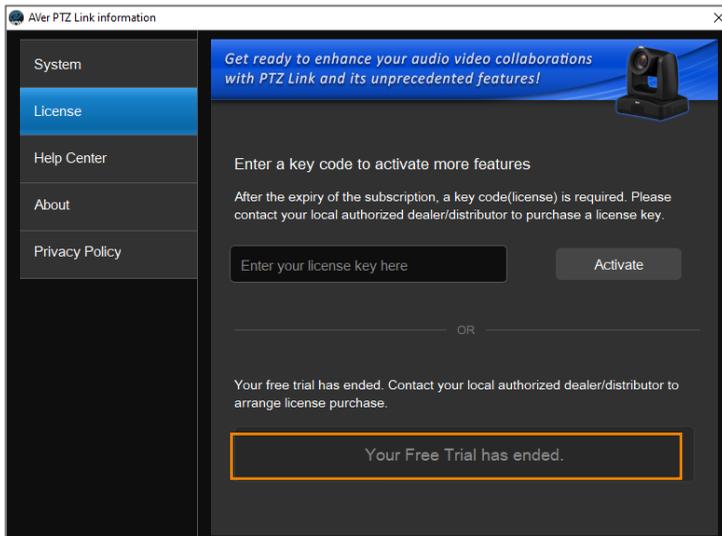
3. The free trial will be activated and the expiration date will be displayed.



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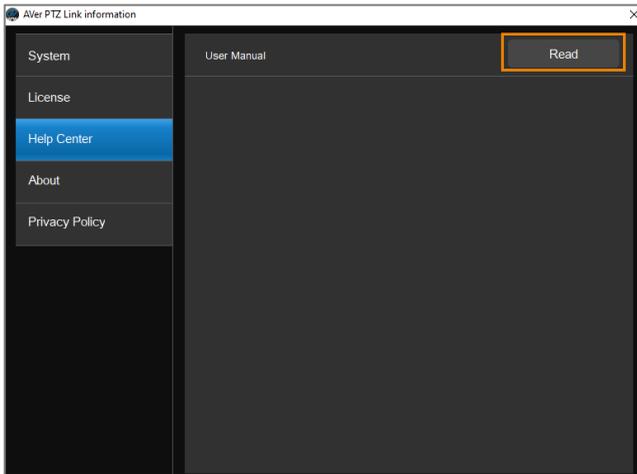


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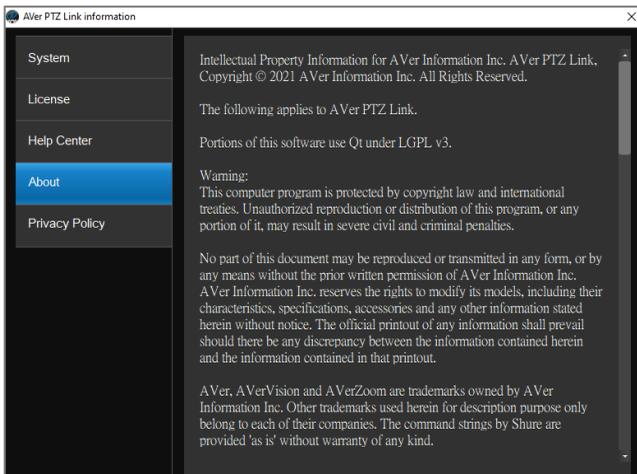
Help Center

If you want to download PTZ Link user's manual, click the “Read” button. To enter the Help Center page, on the PTZ Link main page, click  to display AVer PTZ Link Information page and then click “Help Center”.



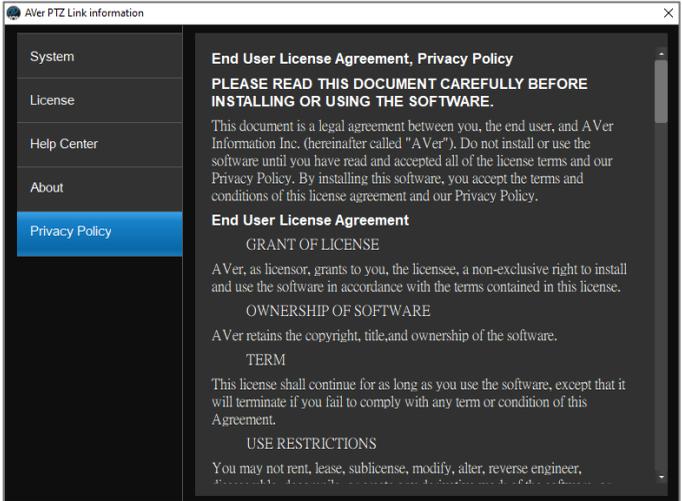
About

You can view the information about AVer PTZ Link on the About page. To enter the About page, on the PTZ Link main page, click  to display AVer PTZ Link Information page and then click “About”.



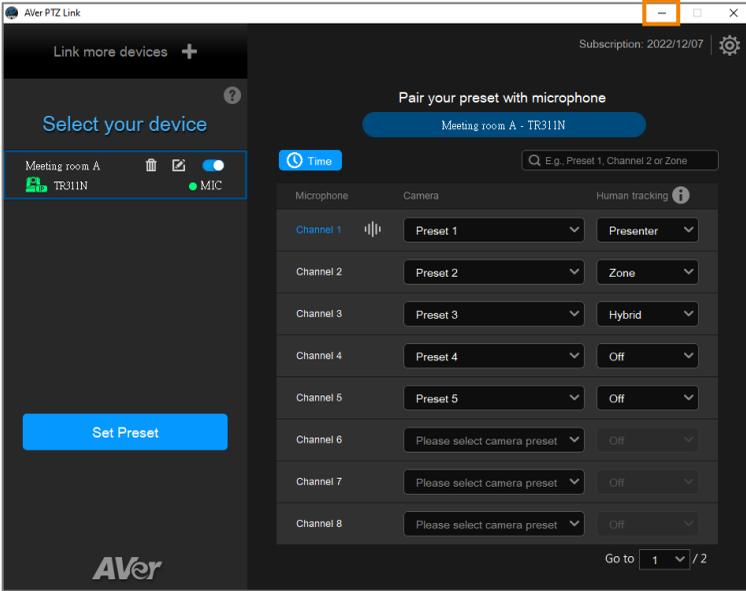
Privacy Policy

You can view the Privacy Policy of AVer PTZ Link. On the PTZ Link main page, click  to display AVer PTZ Link Information page and then click “Privacy Policy”.

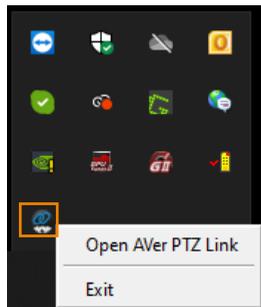


Minimize and Restore AVer PTZ Link

To make voice tracking work during the meeting, AVer PTZ Link must be kept running. User can minimize AVer PTZ Link to system tray to run in background. Click  button to minimize AVer PTZ Link.

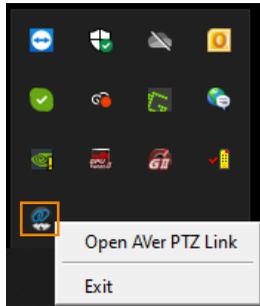
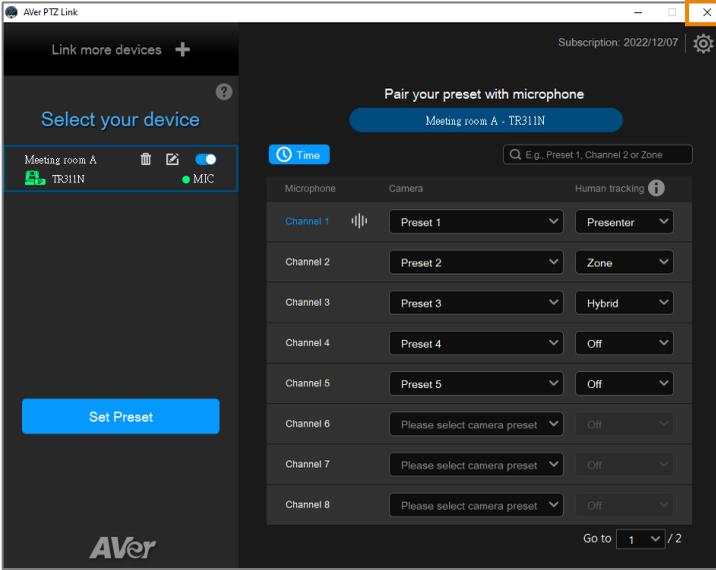


To restore, right-click AVer PTZ Link icon on the system tray and select **Open AVer PTZ Link**.

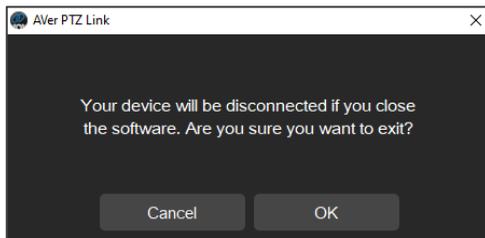


Exit AVer PTZ Link

Click **×** button or right-click AVer PTZ Link icon on the system tray and select **Exit** to exit AVer PTZ Link.



The warning dialog will appear. Your device will be disconnected if you close the software. Click OK to exit.



TROUBLESHOOTING

1. How to set up multiple cameras or microphones with PTZ Link?
 - You can set up a maximum of 5 groups of devices in PTZ Link. For example, when there are two microphones and one camera in the room, you can set two microphones into two groups accordingly. Each microphone has 8 channels (free version) that can be matched to 8 different preset points of the camera. One AVer camera has up to 256 preset points available. To make sure the audio tracking function is working well, each group has to be enabled and the software has to be running all the time.
2. What microphone brands are supported by PTZ Link?
 - The supported microphone brands and models are listed in the Preface chapter. AVer has been actively developing partnerships with other brands that bring the audio solution. If other microphone integration with AVer Pro AV cameras in your region is needed, please feel free to let us know. You may contact our technical support. Please refer to the Contact Information.
3. How do the Mute functions of Shure microphones work with PTZ Link?
 - If the Mute function of a single channel of the microphone is enabled, the corresponding channel of PTZ Link will not detect the voice.



- If the Mute function is enabled on the webpage of the microphone, it is also required to disable the corresponding device on PTZ Link. Thus, the microphone will not respond in PTZ Link.



4. After the configuration on AVer PTZ Link is completed, I noticed the camera might be too sensitive and keeps shifting to different presets I paired up. Is there anything special I need to do?

- This may have something to do with **Time to trigger Preset**. You can extend **Time to trigger Preset** to solve the problem.

5. When connecting to Sennheiser TeamConnect Ceiling 2 via AVer PTZ Link, I encounter a situation where speakers all around the room are invariably detected. What would you suggest me to do?

- In most meetings and a lot of online classes, conversations go back and forth. Sennheiser TeamConnect Ceiling 2 might pick up speakers' voices from all around the room, causing the camera to go back and forth between different preset points. If such is the case, you can enable the **Priority Zone** of Sennheiser TeamConnect Ceiling 2 so that it only picks up the audio signals of the zone you chose.
- For details on the **Priority Zone** of Sennheiser TeamConnect Ceiling 2, visit:

https://www.sennheiser-sites.com/responsive-manuals/SCC/EN/index.html#page/SCC_EN/SCC_04_EN.5.3.html#ww1106250.

