

Christie's Brio Takes On Barco's ClickShare

Written by Bob Snyder
24 June 2013



Christie's press release says: The days of passing cables and adapters across meeting room tables, installing additional software, rebooting laptops and apologizing for delayed or bungled presentations have ended with the launch of Christie Brio, a new meeting presentation and collaboration system that takes the hassles out of single and multi-site workplace meetings.

And, they're right. There are a handful of manufacturers here at InfoComm with wireless room systems that leverage the Network. Barco was first to market with a totally wireless presentation system called ClickShare.

Developed by Christie, Brio enables multiple attendees at meetings to run audio and video presentations from their own devices (that includes devices like tablets running Windows 8, Apple iOS and Android). Both the node control and presentation connection work the same for tablets and smartphones as they do for PCs and Macs.

Straightforward to install and use, Brio uses wired or wireless connections to automatically share multiple presentations showing simultaneously on either one or two meeting room screens. Whether participants use Macs or PCs, iPads/Android tablets or smartphones, presentations can be added to a meeting in seconds.

Brio is being unveiled this week at InfoComm 2013 and starts shipping this summer.

Using a single, low-cost hardware Brio node, any meeting room can automatically show up to five computer screens on that room's display. Once the content is processed by the node it can also be made available to other Brio nodes via Ethernet. In this way, a variety of information, including PowerPoint and Keynote presentations, audio, digital whiteboards, and videoconferencing sessions – can be shown on any display attached to the Brio node, and shared with all the displays in the same meeting.

Brio nodes can be connected via network to multiple worksites on a corporate campus or across the country. All Brio nodes added to a meeting will see the same presentations and any Brio node user can share a presentation in the meeting. Brio makes interactive collaboration across multiple rooms and offices straightforward, seamless and immediate, plus the cost of Brio nodes is low enough to equip even remote users in home offices.

Brio also takes full advantage of interactive whiteboard technology. Users in multiple locations can work together on notes and sketches. Any Brio node connected to a meeting allows users, anywhere, to contribute to that whiteboard session.

Christie Brio nodes fit in standard 19-inch IT racks or can sit on their own, packaged to look good on meeting rooms credenzas. The system supports dual-link and single-link DVI, DisplayPort and HDMI. Brio can handle a maximum of five sources.

Christie says Brio's playback quality is exceptional, with the option of running uncompressed 1080p video sources.

Go [Christie Brio](#)