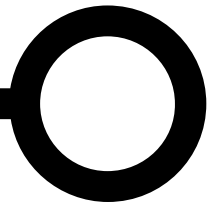


Group Messaging Apps

Tools for Group Communication



WhatsApp

WhatsApp is a free group chat application. The application allows for users to have different mobile operating devices. WhatsApp feels like an SMS but includes live-chat features, video, audio calls, and the ability to send photos, documents and files. The application is linked to your phone number and links your contacts through your phone numbers. You can sign up through registering your phone number. WhatsApp is primarily a phone application but can be used on computers too.



Facebook Messenger

Facebook provides a free messaging function called Facebook Messenger. This application runs through Facebook. It allows you to make voice calls, video chats, group chats, send files and coordinate events. Facebook Messenger is a great option for more relaxed and informal groups and general engagement.



Slack

Slack is a group messaging application which has a clean and professional look and feel. It is one of the better applications for businesses or structured groups. Groups can create channels, voice calls, group chats and share rosters. Slack can be used on computers and phones. Slack is free with a paid upgrade option.



Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams is a chat application used for meetings and document sharing. You can run group chats, online meetings, audio and video calls, and web-conferencing for up to 10,000 people. There are additional features such as scheduling assistance, note-taking, screen sharing, meeting recording, and instant messaging.



GroupMe

GroupMe is a social messaging app made for groups. Once an account is set up, groups can be formed through your contacts or by searching phone numbers or emails. GroupMe features most online sharing functions as well as SMS chat for those who don't have a smartphone. There is also a gallery to help keep track of shared photos or videos.



Houseparty

Houseparty is a fun and interactive take on a group messaging app. It is a video chat app that lets you play games and quizzes while enjoying face-to-face time. It is more marketed towards a younger audience but it functions well as an informal social interaction platform. The app limits you to 8 people at a time. All chat functions are very simple and basic.



Telegram

Telegram is aimed at security conscious users. It features encrypted chat messaging that only you and your intended recipient can read. You can share videos, documents and pictures with groups of up to 200 people. The app features a self destruct function for sensitive messages.



WeChat

WeChat is a free instant messaging app. It provides users with video and voice calls, group chat, and document and multimedia sharing. It is also compatible with apple watch for those on the go.



Additional Resources

[Tom's Guide - Best Chat Apps For 2020](#)

[Practical eCommerce - 15 Group Messaging Mobile Apps](#)

[Life Wire- The Best Group Text Messaging Tools](#)

[ProofHub - 15 Best Team Chat Apps \(To Use in 2020\); Who's Here to Stay?](#)



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