

## Decide Which Group Chat is Right For You

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### Comparison table: Google Chat vs. Slack vs. Microsoft Teams

There are some groups at Brown that are currently using the Slack chat service for group chat functionality. Google Chat may be a good alternative for you, due to its integration with the Google ecosystem, and its price (free). Here's a comparison of some of the core functions between Google Chat, Slack, and Microsoft's Teams service.

	Google Chat	Slack	Microsoft Teams
<b>USES "TWO-WAY OPT-IN"</b> You have to add or accept contacts before being able to message. This prevents strangers from sending you unwanted messages.	X	X	
<b>SHOWS THAT SOMEONE IS TYPING</b> You can see when someone is typing a reply.	X	X	
<b>COMPATIBILITY</b>			
<b>IOS</b>			
.....	X	X	X
<b>Android</b>	X	X	X
.....	X	X	X
<b>PC</b>			
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<b>ABILITY TO SEND DOCUMENTS</b> You can send documents using the app.	X	X	X
<b>HAS SEARCH OPTION</b> If you need to find something specific, you can search your data for certain keywords.	X	X	X
<b>HAS TWO-WAY VIDEO CHAT</b> You can have a one-on-one conversation with video	X	X	X
<b>YOU CAN SWITCH OFF NOTIFICATIONS</b> You can set specific notifications to snooze mode if you don't want to be disturbed during a specific time frame.	X	X	X
<b>HAS TWO-WAY VOICE CHAT</b> With voice chat you can communicate quickly and easily, like making a traditional phone call.	X	X	X

**HAS GROUP VOICE CHAT**

This is like a phone conversation with several people at once.

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