

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