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## Overview of Slack at Brown

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Slack at Brown is currently only available for use in [Slack Course Workspaces](#). At this time we are not offering creation of separate workspaces, or migration of existing workspaces.

What is Slack?

Slack is a communication platform that allows groups of people to easily collaborate.

Members of the Brown community who already use Slack like that it:

- Is conversational, less formal, and can be more fun than email
- Has excellent integrations with Zoom, Google Calendar, Gmail, and Google Drive
- Creates a running log of conversations for new team members to catch up on older conversations, and to search older topics
- Provides organizational tools such as channels and threads for less clutter
- Has highly customizable and schedulable notifications to avoid alert overload
- Offers an excellent mobile app experience

Slack Help Center: [What is Slack?](#)

What is Slack at Brown?

Brown has an Enterprise Grid license for Slack. This means that we can connect multiple workspaces under a single organization.

With Slack at Brown:

- You get Slack Pro features, such as unlimited message history and larger file sizes, without having to pay for a license.
- You use Brown single sign-on to initially log in to all of your Slack at Brown workspaces instead of a separate username and password for each.
- You can direct message (DM) any Slack at Brown user from any workspace, even if they are not a member of that workspace.
- Through a Canvas integration, you can create course workspaces that students in your course can join without you having to invite them.
- Your content will be more secure by using your Brown account, and people no longer at Brown will automatically lose access.
- Legal and data privacy protections are provided that are not granted to free accounts.

Getting Started with Slack

## **Install and Set Up Slack**

We recommend installing the Slack app on your computer as well as your mobile device for a better experience than on the web. Visit [slack.com/downloads](https://slack.com/downloads) on the device you'd like to use to view download links for that device.

## **Participating in a Slack Workspace**

- [Log in to Slack at Brown](#) to access your workspace.
- New to Slack? See [Understanding Slack for New Users](#) for information on Slack basics.
- Learn how to [Control Your Slack Experience](#).

## **Administering a Slack Workspace**

- Interested in setting up a new workspace for your course? Here's how to [create a Slack Course Workspace](#).
- See the article [Set Up a Slack Workspace](#) for setup tips.

List of Slack Articles

A full overview of our Slack documentation can be found below. Additionally, Slack's own documentation can be found at the [Slack Help Center](#).

## **Slack at Brown Overview**

- [Overview of Slack at Brown](#) (this page)
- [Understanding Slack for New Users](#)
- [Log In to Slack at Brown](#)
- [Control Your Slack Experience](#)

## **Articles for Slack Workspace Owners/Admins**

- [Set Up a Slack Workspace](#)
- [Set Up and Use Slack App Integrations](#)
- [Request or Create a Slack Workspace](#)

## **Slack Course Workspaces Articles**

- [Slack Course Workspaces \(via Canvas\)](#)
- [How to create a Slack Course Workspace](#)
- [How to join a Slack Course Workspace](#)
- [Canvas / Slack Course Workspace Role Mapping](#)
- [Slack Course Workspace Permissions](#)
- [Adding Other Members to a Slack Course Workspace](#)
- [Slack Course Workspaces and FERPA](#)
- [Slack Course Workspace Recommendations, Tips & Tricks](#)

## Related Content

- [Understanding Slack for New Users](#)
- [Log In to Slack at Brown](#)
- [Control Your Slack Experience](#)
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