User story 1:

As a user of an instant messenger app, I want to be able to send text messages to my friends, family and co-workers so that I can update them about moments about my life in real time.

- I should be able to search for other users by name or username.
- I should be able to start a private conversation with another user.
- I should be able to send and receive private messages in the conversation.

User story 2:

As a user, I also want to be able to go into past conversations to see when my messages have been delivered so that I know when my family and friends have seen my messages. I also want our past conversations to be stored, so that I could revisit conversations we had.

- I should be able to see a list of my past private conversations.
- I should be able to select a conversation to view the message history.
- I should be able to see all messages sent and received in the conversation.

User story 3:

As a user, I want to be able to receive notifications for new private messages so that I don't miss important conversations.
Acceptance criteria:

- I should receive a notification when I receive a new private message.
- The notification should display the name or username of the sender.
- I should be able to click on the notification to go directly to the conversation.

Group Messaging:
User story 1:

As a user, I want to also be able to talk to multiple different people at the same time as a group conversation.

- I should be able to select multiple users to add to the group.
- I should be able to name the group conversation.
- I should be able to send and receive messages in the group conversation.

User story 2:

As a user, I want to be able to see a list of my group conversations so that I can easily access them.
Acceptance criteria:

- I should be able to see a list of my past and current group conversations.
- I should be able to select a group conversation to view the message history.
- I should be able to see all messages sent and received in the group conversation.

User story 3:
As a user, I want to be able to leave a group conversation so that I can control my participation.
Acceptance criteria:

- I should be able to select a group conversation to leave.
- I should receive a confirmation message before leaving the conversation.
- Once I leave the conversation, I should no longer receive messages in the group.

Channels
User story 1:
As a user, I want to be able to create a new discussion channel so that I can discuss a specific topic with other users.

- I should be able to name the channel.
- I should be able to add a description for the channel.
- I should be able to select which users can access the channel.

User story 2:
As a user, I want to be able to join a discussion channel so that I can participate in the conversation.

- I should be able to search for channels by name or description.
- I should be able to see a list of available channels.
- I should be able to request access to a channel.

User story 3:
As a user, I want to be able to send messages in a discussion channel so that I can communicate with other users:

- I should be able to type a message in a text box.
- I should be able to send the message by pressing enter or clicking a button.
- I should be able to see my own messages and other users' messages in the channel.

User story 4:
As a user, I want to be able to react to messages in a discussion channel so that I can express my opinion.

- I should be able to click on a reaction icon to add a reaction to a message.
- I should be able to see the reactions added by other users.

User story 5:
As a user, I want to be able to reply to messages in a discussion channel so that I can continue the conversation.

- I should be able to click on a reply button to reply to a message.
- My reply should be displayed as a threaded message under the original message.

- I should be able to see other users' replies in the thread.

User story 6:
As an administrator, I want to be able to delete a discussion channel so that I can remove inappropriate content or irrelevant channels.
Acceptance criteria:

- I should be able to access the list of channels.
- I should be able to select a channel to delete.
- I should be able to confirm the deletion of the channel.

As a user of an instant messenger app, I want to be able to send text messages to my friends, family and co-workers so that I can update them about moments about my life in real time. I want to also be able to talk to multiple different people at multiple different times. Additionally, I want to be able to send smiley faces and emojis so I can portray my emotions to my friends and family.I want to be able to send links, images and videos, so that we could both have access and enjoy the same content. Another feature I would appreciate would be the ability to set up a profile, so that people who don't know who I am could get a brief understanding of who I am. I would also enjoy the ability to change my font size and color so I can show off my creativity. I also need to have the ability to set up away-messages to allow friends and family know that I am not present. I also need the ability to invite more than one person to a conversation so that we could communicate and collaborate in a group setting. I also want to be able to go into past conversations to see when my messages have been delivered so that I know when my family and friends have seen my messages. I also want our past conversations to be stored, so that I could revisit conversations we had. It is also important that I can have a login/password, so that I can easily log-in to other devices and communicate anywhere. The app also would need to have the ability to connect with friends and family over a voice chat so that we could have more of a direct and immersive conversation. Finally, I want the app to have an intuitive user interface so that I can quickly navigate the application so that I can communicate seamlessly.