

# Making a Lit Discord Server

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Making a lit Discord server is now easier than ever and for free.

## Requirements

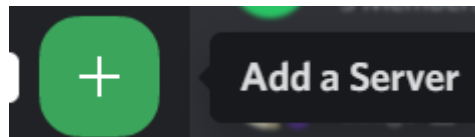
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- Discord account
- Verified Discord email account

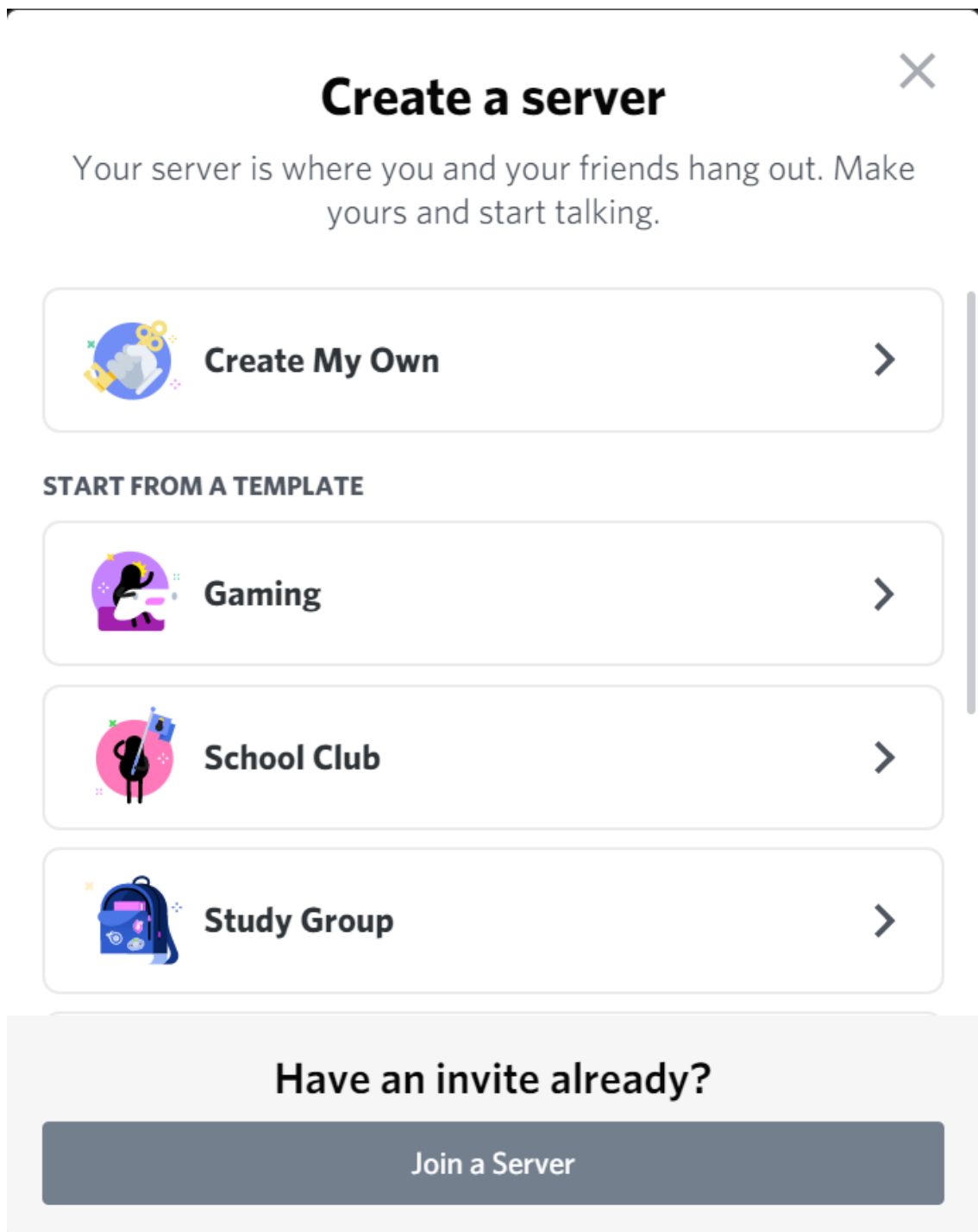
## Steps

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1. Have Discord open (the desktop version is preferred)
2. Add a new server by clicking on the add icon on the left side bar



3. A popup will appear, on which you will need to select `Create My Own`



4. In the next slide it's fine to select any one of them, but I will **skip this question** for now
5. Think of a lit name and a lit logo (note for the server image logo, it can be a png with transparency or a gif if you have the server boost of level 1)

## Customize your server



Give your new server a personality with a name and an icon.  
You can always change it later.



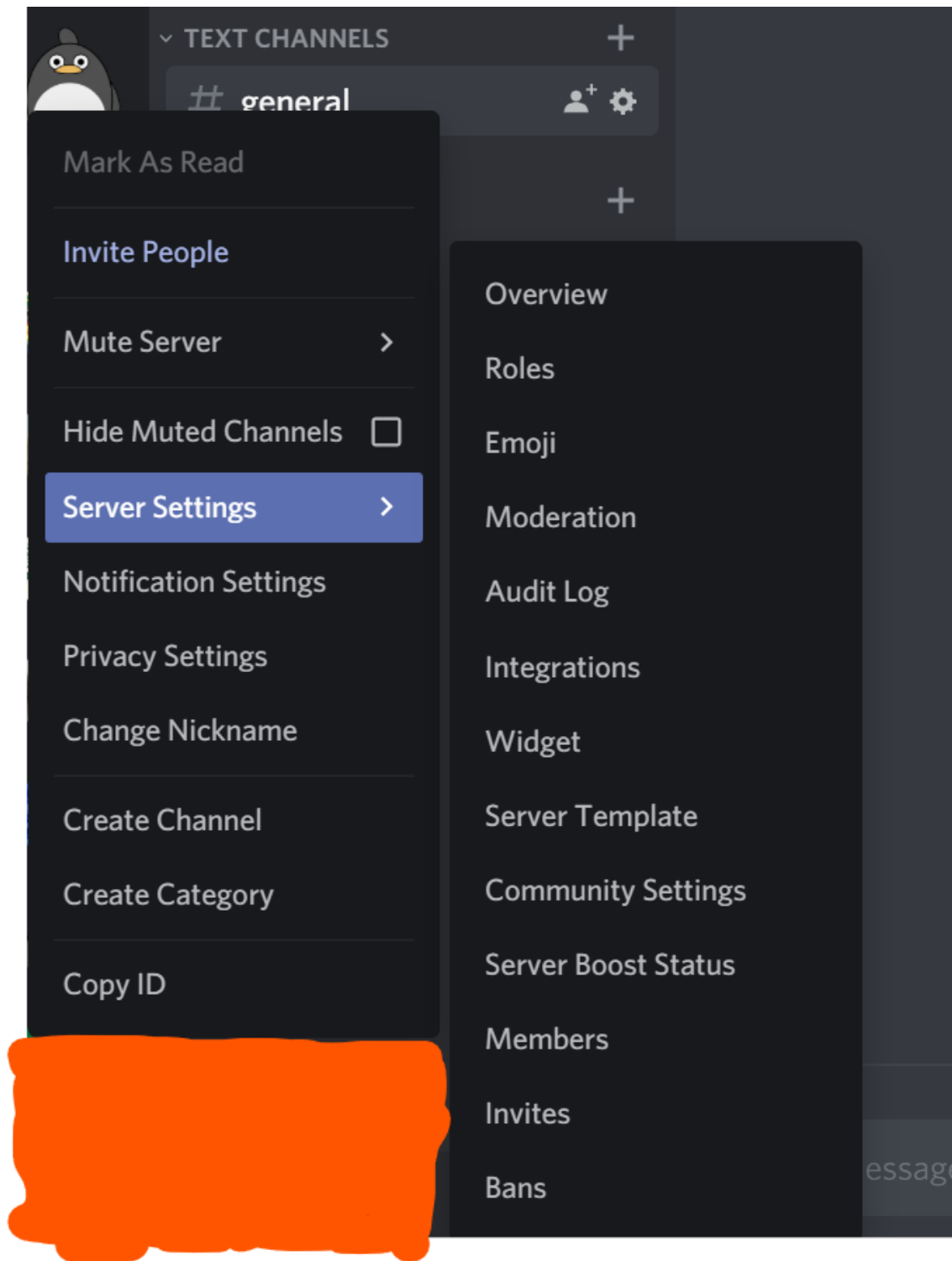
### SERVER NAME

By creating a server, you agree to Discord's [Community Guidelines](#).

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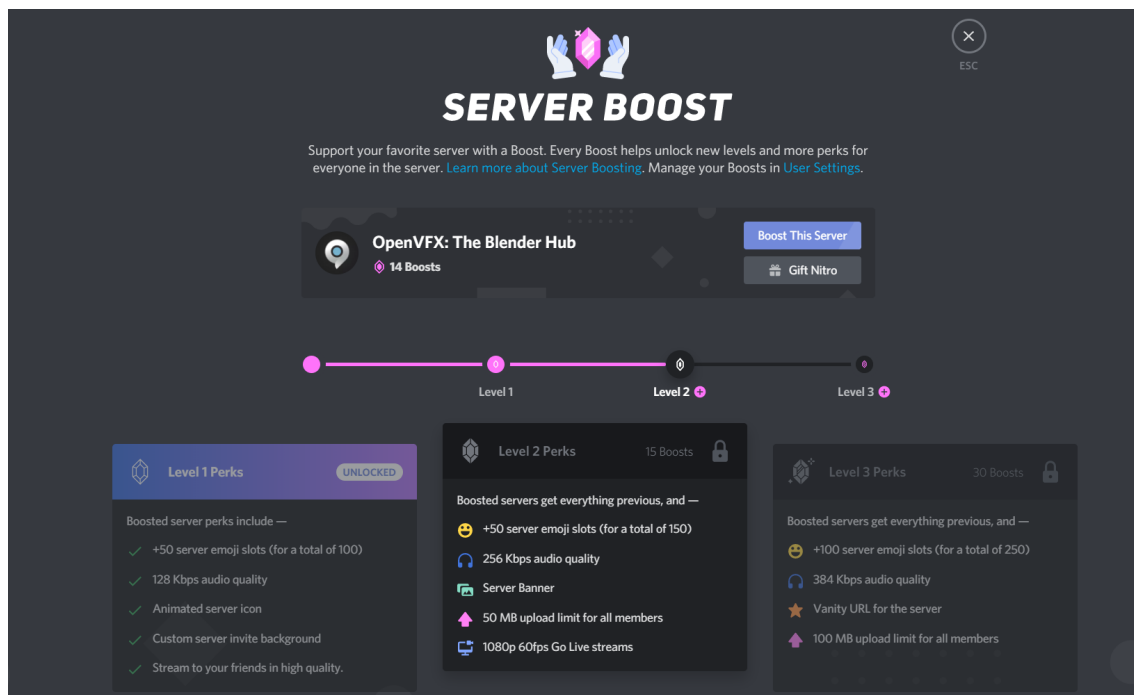
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- Now that your server is created, go to the **Settings** by right clicking on the server icon, Server Setting and clicking on **Overview**

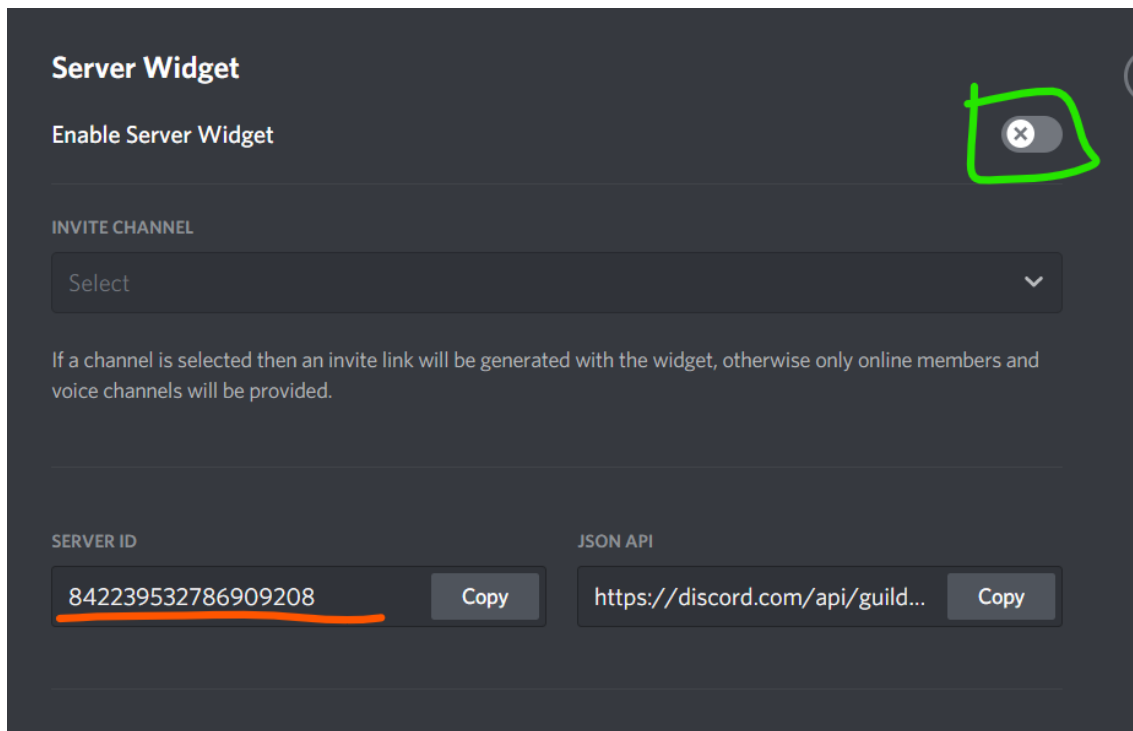


7. Another way to get to settings is by clicking the server name in the server itself and clicking **Server Settings** from there
8. In the overview, you can change the name, server logo image and if and where a message is issued when someone joins the server or boosts the server
9. Note upon every change, you must click **Save Changes** for the change to take effect, otherwise, clicking reset will not commit the changes
10. Next get some roles. Some good ones are **Mod**, **Verified**, and **Super User**. Of course, feel free to modify, change and experiment with these to get the right feel for your server
  - Some things to make sure of is to not assign anyone with the **Admin** permission
  - Mods can have all boxes checked except **Admin** permissions
  - Verified can be done with a bot (will go into more detail in the bot section) and then view more channels
  - Super User can just allow embed links and files

- For **everyone** else, you can change the permissions such that they cannot send embed links or attach files if you are hesitant in handing power to the people
11. Emojis are a great way to spice your server. Remember non boosted servers have only 50 slots for emojis and can be extended to 250 with level 3 boost. In addition, you can add animated (gif) emojis but those can only be accessed by **Nitro** users. See below for boost perks



12. If you are setting up a bigger server with less trusted users, **Moderation** has some great settings for you. You can make it such that every newly joined member must have a certain level of verification before messaging. In addition, there is media content filter if you feel unsafe with images and/or video
- Note if you come in contact with trolls who are annoying and makes new accounts just to troll the server, the Discord recommendation is to do conflict resolutions (see <https://discord.com/moderation/360060487093-443:-Ban-Evasion-and-Advanced-Harassment>)
13. **Audit Log** shows a history of almost all the edits done to the settings
14. Integrations are an advanced feature where you can use API calls to update the server with **Webhooks**. (The most common use of this is with GitHub hooks where it pushes a message on whatever you set with it [see [YouTube Video](#) for more details on setting it up])
15. Server Widgets make it so you can display info (including members online and more) using an embed ifame. Using this, you can also set up a badge to feature the number of active users (see <https://github.com/Nareen/badges#discord>) where the format is `[![Discord](https://img.shields.io/discord/<server-id>.svg?label=&logo=discord&logoColor=ffffff&color=7389D8&labelColor=6A7EC2)]` (<https://discord.gg/<invite-link>>). Note the server ID is found here but you **must** enable the server widget first (see image)



16. Server template allows you to save the current server as a template so you can clone it later and have similar roles, permissions, settings, and channels

## Community


17. This is where the most 🗨 lit part of Discord lives
18. Enable community, because otherwise, you have a plain Discord server instead of a *lit* server. To do this you must be a verified user (email verification on owner account).
19. Follow the steps, noting it will create a rules and community updated channel and agree to the terms and condition after reading over the guidelines\*
20. By default, Discord will create a **rules** channel and a **moderator-only** channel, in addition to sending a message in the moderator-only channel
21. Now with communities enables, we can add channels of a different type including


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# Create Text Channel

## CHANNEL TYPE

☒ # **Text Channel**  
 Post images, GIFs, stickers, opinions, and puns

☐  **Voice Channel**  
 Hang out with voice, video, and screen sharing

☐  **Announcement Channel**  
 A text channel that can post to servers following it

☐  **Stage Channel**  
 A voice channel for hosting events with an audience

## CHANNEL NAME

# new-channel

☒ **Private Channel**

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By making a channel private, only select members and roles will be able to view this channel.

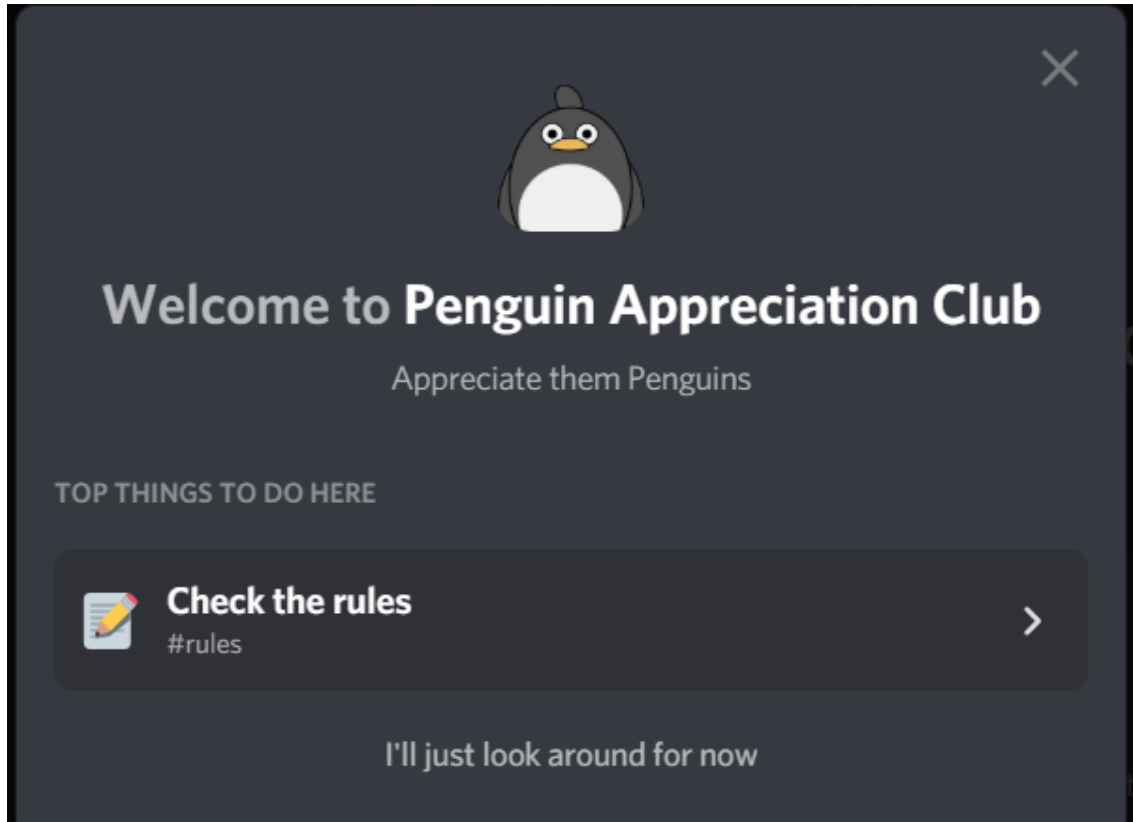
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Create Channel

- **Text Channel** - A general text channel to share your thoughts textually or your dank memes
- **Voice Channel** - a voice room to chat and share video or your screen with. \* note there is a limitation on the number of people allowed to join and this number may be affected by the number of video participants
- **Announcement Channel** - Make announcements and allows people to follow the channel so they get updated (with a ping) once something new gets posted
- **Stage Channel** - Like a voice channel but more for staging events, ie one person talking and everyone else watching

22. Named the channel and decide if it should be public (everyone can see it) or private (only select people can see it)

- 23. Community also provide you some other goodies like viewing stats on the server and joining up for the partner program
- 24. One of the best parts of community is making your own membership screen and welcome screen
- 25. The **Welcome Screen**, is just that. A screen to welcome new users/members. You must chose which channel to bring them to at the start (the rules page would be a great place to start). If you have boost, you can also add a background banner



- 26. Make sure you enable the **Welcome Screen** such that the new users will actually see it (see above image)
- 27. The **Membership Screening** is another set of tools for welcoming new users. This one deals with providing the number with some rules and requirements for them to accept then they can join. (see below)



The screenshot shows a Discord server join interface. On the left is a sidebar for the 'Penguin Appreciation Club' server, featuring a penguin avatar, the name, the tagline 'We love them penguins', '2 SERVER EMOJIS' (a duck and a thinking face), and '1 Members'. The main area is a dark-themed form titled 'Before you can talk in this server...' with a subtitle 'You'll need to complete the required steps below.' and a yellow hand icon. The form includes a 'Verify' button next to the text 'You must verify your email.', a section for 'READ AND AGREE TO THE SERVER RULES' with three numbered rules, a checkbox for 'I have read and agree to the rules', and a green 'Submit' button at the bottom right.

## Bots

28. Another important but lesser known aspects about Discord are the bots. These are programs the 3rd party users provide for server owners to use but be careful! Some bots are **malicious**! To browse through some common Discord bots see [top.gg](https://top.gg)
29. Some common ones are MEE6 for moderation, TeX bot, for LaTeX support, and Groovy, for jamming out to songs on YouTube!
30. Note there are also bots for assigning roles and checking if the user check off on the rules, but since this would already be done the community part, it is optional in this case.
31. Have fun experimenting for different bots, but make sure you stay safe while browsing and testing

## User Management

32. In the user management section, the Mods can change the role of people, change the nickname, or ban/unban members
33. Here you can also revoke invitation links in the **Invites** section

## FIN

34. Now you have a 🍷 lit server! Don't forget to star and share this repo if you found it helpful

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