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# Chat Channels

OpenClaw can talk to you on any chat app you already use. Each channel connects via the Gateway. Text is supported everywhere; media and reactions vary by channel.

## Supported channels

**WhatsApp** – Most popular; uses Baileys and requires QR pairing.

**Telegram** – Bot API via grammY; supports groups.

**Discord** – Discord Bot API + Gateway; supports servers, channels, and DMs.

**IRC** – Classic IRC servers; channels + DMs with pairing/allowlist controls.

**Slack** – Bolt SDK; workspace apps.

**Feishu** – Feishu/Lark bot via WebSocket (plugin, installed separately).

**Google Chat** – Google Chat API app via HTTP webhook.

**Mattermost** – Bot API + WebSocket; channels, groups, DMs (plugin, installed separately).

**Signal** – signal-cli; privacy-focused.

**BlueBubbles** – **Recommended for iMessage**; uses the BlueBubbles macOS server REST API with full feature support (edit, unsend, effects,



reactions, group management – edit currently broken on macOS 26 Tahoe).

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**iMessage (legacy)** – Legacy macOS integration via imsg CLI (deprecated, use BlueBubbles for new setups).

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**Microsoft Teams** – Bot Framework; enterprise support (plugin, installed separately).

**LINE** – LINE Messaging API bot (plugin, installed separately).

**Nextcloud Talk** – Self-hosted chat via Nextcloud Talk (plugin, installed separately).

**Matrix** – Matrix protocol (plugin, installed separately).

**Nostr** – Decentralized DMs via NIP-04 (plugin, installed separately).

**Tlon** – Urbit-based messenger (plugin, installed separately).

**Twitch** – Twitch chat via IRC connection (plugin, installed separately).

**Zalo** – Zalo Bot API; Vietnam's popular messenger (plugin, installed separately).

**Zalo Personal** – Zalo personal account via QR login (plugin, installed separately).

**WebChat** – Gateway WebChat UI over WebSocket.

## Notes

Channels can run simultaneously; configure multiple and OpenClaw will route per chat.

Fastest setup is usually **Telegram** (simple bot token). WhatsApp requires QR pairing and stores more state on disk.

Group behavior varies by channel; see **Groups**.

DM pairing and allowlists are enforced for safety; see **Security**.

Telegram internals: **grammY notes**.



Troubleshooting: **Channel troubleshooting.**

Model providers are documented separately; see **Model Providers.**

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