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CLI commands

message

Single outbound command for sending messages and channel actions (Discord/Google Chat/Slack/Mattermost (plugin)/Telegram/WhatsApp/Signal/iMessage/MS Teams).

Usage

```
openclaw message <subcommand> [flags]
```

Channel selection:

`--channel` required if more than one channel is configured.

If exactly one channel is configured, it becomes the default.

Values:

`whatsapp|telegram|discord|googlechat|slack|mattermost|signal|imessage|msteams`
(Mattermost requires plugin)

Target formats (`--target`):

WhatsApp: E.164 or group JID

Telegram: chat id or `@username`

Discord: `channel:<id>` or `user:<id>` (or `<@id>` mention; raw numeric ids are treated as channels)

Google Chat: `spaces/<spaceId>` or `users/<userId>`



Slack: channel:<id> or user:<id> (raw channel id is accepted)

Mattermost (plugin): channel:<id> , user:<id> , or @username (bare ids are treated as channels)

Signal: +E.164 , group:<id> , signal:+E.164 , signal:group:<id> , or
username:<name> / u:<name>

iMessage: handle, chat_id:<id> , chat_guid:<guid> , or chat_identifier:
<id>

MS Teams: conversation id (19:...@thread.tacv2) or conversation:<id>
or user:<aad-object-id>

Name lookup:

For supported providers (Discord/Slack/etc), channel names like
Help or #help are resolved via the directory cache.

On cache miss, OpenClaw will attempt a live directory lookup when
the provider supports it.

Common flags

```
--channel <name>
--account <id>
--target <dest> (target channel or user for send/poll/read/etc)
--targets <name> (repeat; broadcast only)
--json
--dry-run
--verbose
```

Actions

Core

send



Channels: WhatsApp/Telegram/Discord/Google Chat/Slack/Mattermost (plugin)/Signal/iMessage/MS Teams

Required: --target , plus --message or --media

Optional: --media , --reply-to , --thread-id , --gif-playback

Telegram only: --buttons (requires channels.telegram.capabilities.inlineButtons to allow it)

Telegram only: --thread-id (forum topic id)

Slack only: --thread-id (thread timestamp; --reply-to uses the same field)

WhatsApp only: --gif-playback

poll

Channels: WhatsApp/Telegram/Discord/Matrix/MS Teams

Required: --target , --poll-question , --poll-option (repeat)

Optional: --poll-multi

Discord only: --poll-duration-hours , --silent , --message

Telegram only: --poll-duration-seconds (5-600), --silent , --poll-anonymous / --poll-public , --thread-id

react

Channels: Discord/Google Chat/Slack/Telegram/WhatsApp/Signal

Required: --message-id , --target

Optional: --emoji , --remove , --participant , --from-me , --target-author , --target-author-uuid

Note: --remove requires --emoji (omit --emoji to clear own reactions where supported; see /tools/reactions)

WhatsApp only: --participant , --from-me

Signal group reactions: --target-author or --target-author-uuid required

reactions



Channels: Discord/Google Chat/Slack

Required: --message-id , --target

Optional; --limit

read

Channels: Discord/Slack

Required: --target

Optional: --limit , --before , --after

Discord only: --around

edit

Channels: Discord/Slack

Required: --message-id , --message , --target

delete

Channels: Discord/Slack/Telegram

Required: --message-id , --target

pin / unpin

Channels: Discord/Slack

Required: --message-id , --target

pins (list)

Channels: Discord/Slack

Required: --target

permissions

Channels: Discord

Required: --target

search

Channels: Discord

Required: --guild-id , --query



Optional: --channel-id , --channel-ids (repeat), --author-id , --author-ids (repeat), --limit

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Threads

thread create

Channels: Discord

Required: --thread-name , --target (channel id)

Optional: --message-id , --message , --auto-archive-min

thread list

Channels: Discord

Required: --guild-id

Optional: --channel-id , --include-archived , --before , --limit

thread reply

Channels: Discord

Required: --target (thread id), --message

Optional: --media , --reply-to

Emojis

emoji list

Discord: --guild-id

Slack: no extra flags

emoji upload

Channels: Discord

Required: --guild-id , --emoji-name , --media

Optional: --role-ids (repeat)

Stickers



`sticker send`

Channels: Discord

Required: `--target` , `--sticker-id` (repeat)

Optional: `--message`

`sticker upload`

Channels: Discord

Required: `--guild-id` , `--sticker-name` , `--sticker-desc` , `--sticker-tags` , `--media`

Roles / Channels / Members / Voice

`role info` (Discord): `--guild-id`

`role add` / `role remove` (Discord): `--guild-id` , `--user-id` , `--role-id`

`channel info` (Discord): `--target`

`channel list` (Discord): `--guild-id`

`member info` (Discord/Slack): `--user-id` (+ `--guild-id` for Discord)

`voice status` (Discord): `--guild-id` , `--user-id`

Events

`event list` (Discord): `--guild-id`

`event create` (Discord): `--guild-id` , `--event-name` , `--start-time`

Optional: `--end-time` , `--desc` , `--channel-id` , `--location` , `--event-type`

Moderation (Discord)



```
timeout : --guild-id , --user-id (optional --duration-min or --
until ; omit both to clear timeout)
```

```
kick : --guild-id , --user-id (+ --reason )
```

```
ban : --guild-id , --user-id (+ --delete-days , --reason )
```

timeout also supports --reason

Broadcast

broadcast

Channels: any configured channel; use --channel all to target all providers

Required: --targets (repeat)

Optional: --message , --media , --dry-run

Examples

Send a Discord reply:

```
openclaw message send --channel discord \
--target channel:123 --message "hi" --reply-to 456
```

Send a Discord message with components:

```
openclaw message send --channel discord \
--target channel:123 --message "Choose:" \
--components '{"text":"Choose a path","blocks":[{"type":"actions","buttons":[{"
```

See [here](#) for the full schema.

Create a Discord poll:

```
🤖 openclaw message poll --channel discord \  
  --target channel:123 \  
  --poll-question "Snack?" \  
  --poll-option Pizza --poll-option Sushi \  
  --poll-multi --poll-duration-hours 48
```

Create a Telegram poll (auto-close in 2 minutes):

```
openclaw message poll --channel telegram \  
  --target @mychat \  
  --poll-question "Lunch?" \  
  --poll-option Pizza --poll-option Sushi \  
  --poll-duration-seconds 120 --silent
```

Send a Teams proactive message:

```
openclaw message send --channel msteams \  
  --target conversation:19:abc@thread.tacv2 --message "hi"
```

Create a Teams poll:

```
openclaw message poll --channel msteams \  
  --target conversation:19:abc@thread.tacv2 \  
  --poll-question "Lunch?" \  
  --poll-option Pizza --poll-option Sushi
```

React in Slack:

```
openclaw message react --channel slack \  
  --target C123 --message-id 456 --emoji "✅"
```

React in a Signal group:


```
👾 openclaw message react --channel signal \  
  --target signal:group:abc123 --message-id 1737630212345 \  
  --emoji "✅" --target-author-uuid 123e4567-e89b-12d3-a456-426614174000  
>
```

Send Telegram inline buttons:

```
openclaw message send --channel telegram --target @mychat --message "{  
  --buttons '[ [{"text":"Yes","callback_data":"cmd:yes"}], [{"text":"No","callback_data":"cmd:no"}]'"
```

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