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CLI commands

directory

Directory lookups for channels that support it (contacts/peers, groups, and “me”).

Common flags

- `--channel <name>` : channel id/alias (required when multiple channels are configured; auto when only one is configured)
- `--account <id>` : account id (default: channel default)
- `--json` : output JSON

Notes

`directory` is meant to help you find IDs you can paste into other commands (especially `openclaw message send --target ...`).

For many channels, results are config-backed (allowlists / configured groups) rather than a live provider directory.

Default output is `id` (and sometimes `name`) separated by a tab; use `--json` for scripting.

Using results with `message send`

```

openclaw directory peers list --channel slack --query "U0"
openclaw message send --channel slack --target user:U012ABCDEF --message "hello"

```

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ID formats (by channel)

WhatsApp: +15551234567 (DM), 1234567890-1234567890@g.us (group)

Telegram: @username or numeric chat id; groups are numeric ids

Slack: user:U... and channel:C...

Discord: user:<id> and channel:<id>

Matrix (plugin): user:@user:server , room:!roomId:server , or
#alias:server

Microsoft Teams (plugin): user:<id> and conversation:<id>

Zalo (plugin): user id (Bot API)

Zalo Personal / zalouser (plugin): thread id (DM/group) from zca
(me , friend list , group list)

Self ("me")

```
openclaw directory self --channel zalouser
```

Peers (contacts/users)

```

openclaw directory peers list --channel zalouser
openclaw directory peers list --channel zalouser --query "name"
openclaw directory peers list --channel zalouser --limit 50

```

Groups



```
openclaw directory groups list --channel zalouser  
openclaw directory groups list --channel zalouser --query "work"  
openclaw directory groups members --channel zalouser --group-id <id>  
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```

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