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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
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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 )
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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 [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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