

TXTR vs. other IM services showdown

Feature	TXTR	WhatsApp	Messenger
Accounts type	Disposable lightweight accounts	One cell phone number	One Facebook account
User requirements	None	Valid cell phone number (carrier needed) + Username	Facebook account (email, username, age, gender, etc.)
Max accounts	∞ (unlimited)	1	1
Set-up time	1 click account creation. No input	Cell phone number input and SMS validation	Username and password input
Available platforms	Android	Android (smartphones only), iPhone, Windows Phone & Web	Android, iOS, Windows Phone & Web
Potential platforms	Android, iOS, Windows Phone, PC / Linux / Mac & Web	Max potential achieved	PC / Linux / Mac
Standard IM protocol used	XMPP + API (proprietary)	None (proprietary)	None (proprietary)
Open source	Client	No	No
File transfer	Synchronous (asynchronous not yet available) + LAN direct file transfer support	Asynchronous only	Asynchronous only

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Private group chat	Yes	Yes	Yes
Public group chat	Yes	No	No
Profile picture	Yes, anyone	Yes, anyone	Yes, Facebook account dependent
Profile message	No	Yes	No
Contact's status	Yes	Yes	Yes
Username	User's choose a name for their contacts	Takes names from phonebook	Facebook account name
Sharable accounts	Yes	No	No
Multi log-in	Yes, full	No	Yes, limited
Multi accounts on same device	Yes	No	No
Block contacts	Yes	Yes	Yes
VolP	No, long-term support planned	Yes, Beta state	Yes
Voice messages	Yes, Beta state	Yes	Yes
Encrypted messages	Full (SSL, OTR, OpenPGP)	Basic (SSL)	Basic (SSL)
Push notifications	Yes	Yes	Yes
Message delivery notification	Yes, fully customizable	Yes, partially customizable	Yes (hidden), no customizable
Message read notification	Yes, fully customizable	Yes, partially customizable	Yes, no customizable

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Message received notification	Yes, fully customizable	Yes, partially customizable	Yes, no customizable
QR Code for adding contacts	Yes	No	No
QR Code for adding groups	Yes	No	No
NFC support for adding contacts	Yes	No	No
GEO localization sharing	Yes, plug in required	Yes	Yes
Message historial	Yes, Beta state	Yes, client side	Yes, full support
Quick notifications	Planned	No	No
Quiet hours notifications	Yes	No	No
Cancel message delivery	Planned	No	No
Account recovery (stolen, lost, etc.)	Fast & easy	Very slow	Regular speed, depending on user's security settings
Account access security (log in)	Strong	Strong	Depending on user's password
Password required to see messages	Planned ("magic keyboard")	No	No
Backgrounds	No, planned	Yes, full support	No
Business suitability	Very suitable	Very poor	Facebook "fan page" and "admin" app required
Email account	Planned	No	No

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