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CLI

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"
```



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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