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Tip

Read the [Build a basic LLM chat app](#) tutorial to learn how to use `st.chat_message` and `st.chat_input` to build chat-based apps.

st.chat_message



Streamlit Version

Insert a chat message container.

To add elements to the returned container, you can use `with` notation (preferred) or just call methods directly on the returned object. See the examples below.

Function signature[\[source\]](#)

`st.chat_message(name, *, avatar=None)`

Parameters

name ("user", "assistant", "ai", "human", or str)	<p>The name of the message author. Can be "human"/"user" or "ai"/"assistant" to enable preset styling and avatars.</p> <p>Currently, the name is not shown in the UI but is only set as an accessibility label. For accessibility reasons, you should not use an empty string.</p>
avatar (Anything supported by <code>st.image</code> (except list), str, or None)	<p>The avatar shown next to the message.</p>
	<p>If <code>avatar</code> is <code>None</code> (default), the icon will be determined from <code>name</code> as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If <code>name</code> is "user" or "human", the message will have a default user icon.• If <code>name</code> is "ai" or "assistant", the message will have a default bot icon.• For all other values of <code>name</code>, the message will show the first letter of the name.
	<p>In addition to the types supported by st.image (except list), the following strings are valid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A single-character emoji. For example, you can set <code>avatar="👤"</code> or <code>avatar="🦊"</code>. Emoji short codes are not supported.• An icon from the Material Symbols library (rounded style) in the format <code>":material/icon_name:"</code> where "icon_name" is the name of the icon in snake case. <p>For example, <code>icon=":material/thumb_up:"</code> will display the Thumb Up icon. Find additional icons in the Material Symbols font library.</p>

Returns

(Container)	A single container that can hold multiple elements.
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Examples

You can use `with` notation to insert any element into an expander

```
import streamlit as st
import numpy as np

with st.chat_message("user"):
    st.write("Hello 🙌")
    st.line_chart(np.random.randn(30, 3))
```

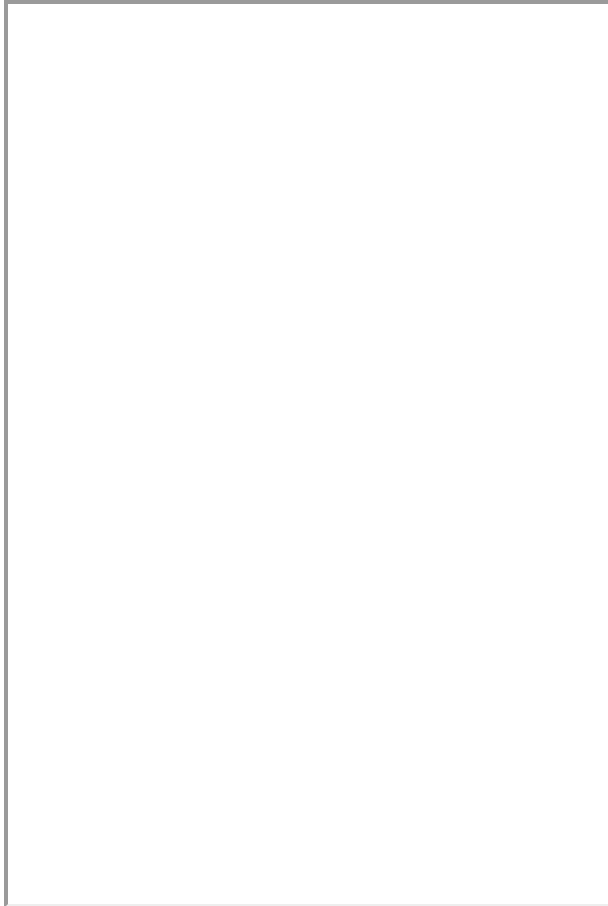



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Or you can just call methods directly in the returned objects:

```
import streamlit as st
import numpy as np

message = st.chat_message("assistant")
message.write("Hello human")
message.bar_chart(np.random.randn(30, 3))
```



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For an overview of the `st.chat_message` and `st.chat_input` API, check out this video tutorial by Chanin Nantasenamat ([@dataprofessor](#)), a Senior Developer Advocate at Streamlit.

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