

Zync — Feature Improvement Suggestions

#	Feature	Seen In	What's Missing Now	Suggestion
1	Profile Info	WhatsApp, Telegram	Users only see a name and profile photo pulled from Google. There is no additional info and no way to update any of it from within the app.	Let users set up a proper profile with a display name, bio, and the option to upload a custom profile picture instead of only using the Google one. WhatsApp and Telegram both have a dedicated profile page where you can update all of this. Clicking on someone's name in the sidebar could open a small profile popup showing their info.
2	Email and Password Login	Slack, Most Apps	Right now the only way to login is through Google. Users who do not have a Google account or prefer not to use it have no other option.	Add a standard email and password login form alongside the existing Google login. This would include a register page where new users enter their name, email and password, and a login page for returning users. Firebase Authentication already supports this so it would not require a completely new auth setup.
3	Typing Indicator	WhatsApp, iMessage	When the other person is typing there is no indication. The chat just sits there with no feedback.	Show a small animated dots indicator at the bottom of the chat when the other person is typing. This makes the app feel much more alive and real time. It can be done easily with a socket event that fires when the user starts and stops typing.
4	Clear Chat	WhatsApp	The clear chat button is currently commented out. Users have no way to clear a conversation from their side.	Bring back the clear chat feature. It should clear the chat only for the person who triggered it, not for both users. WhatsApp does this well by keeping the conversation intact for the other person while removing it locally for you. A confirmation dialog before clearing would also help avoid accidental deletes.
5	Delete Specific Message	WhatsApp, Telegram	Once a message is sent there is no way to remove it. If someone sends the wrong message it stays there permanently.	Allow users to delete a specific message by right clicking or long pressing it. Give two options like delete for me or delete for everyone similar to how WhatsApp handles it. Telegram also lets you delete any message at any time with no time limit which feels even more flexible.
6	Image and File Sharing	WhatsApp, Telegram	Only text messages are supported. You cannot send photos, documents or any kind of file.	Allow users to attach and send images or files in the chat. Telegram even lets you send files up to 2GB. For Zync a basic version with image preview and file download would already be a big improvement.
7	Group Chats	WhatsApp, Slack, Discord	Zync only supports one to one chats. You cannot create a group with multiple people.	Add the ability to create a group, give it a name, add members and chat together. This is one of the most requested features in any chat app. Discord takes this further with channels inside servers which is also worth considering.
8	Message Search	Telegram, Slack	There is no way to search through past messages. If you want to find something someone said earlier you have to scroll all the way up.	Add a search bar inside the chat window that lets you search for keywords in the message history. Telegram highlights the matching messages and lets you jump to them which is very useful.
9	Reply to a Specific Message	WhatsApp, Telegram, iMessage	You can only send a new message. There is no way to reply to a specific message in the conversation.	When you tap or click on a message show a reply option. The reply appears with a small preview of the original message above it. This makes it much easier to follow a conversation especially when multiple topics are being discussed.
10	Read Receipts	WhatsApp, iMessage	The message status shows sent and delivered but there is no clear indication of when the other person has actually read the message.	Show a proper read receipt so the sender knows exactly when their message was read. WhatsApp shows the time each person read the message and turns the ticks blue. iMessage also turns the indicator blue the moment the other person opens the chat. This gives much better feedback to the sender and makes the double tick system feel complete.