

# Introduction to Discord

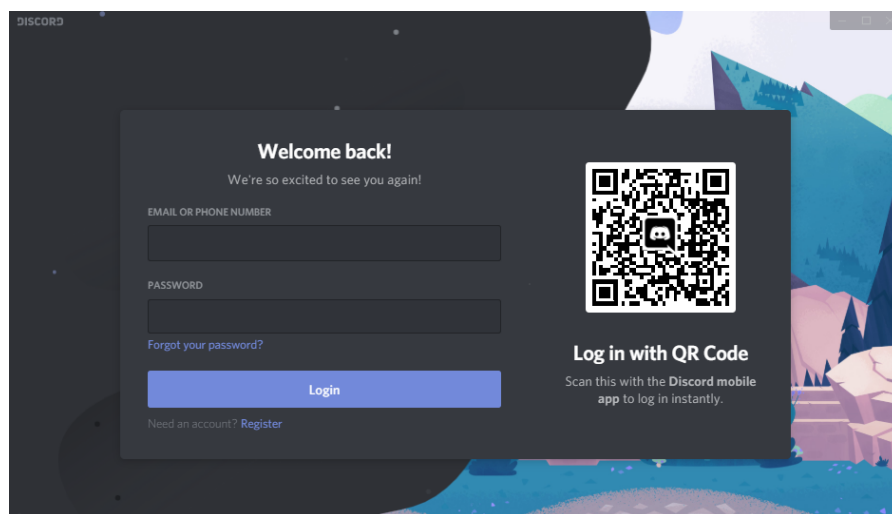
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## Installation and Registration

If you're running **Windows** or **OS X**, you'll want to head over to <https://discord.com/> to download and install the Discord client. You can also use the browser version, but it's a bit less stable.

Once you've installed and launched the client, you'll be greeted with this screen:



Click the **Register** link located below the **Login** button, and fill in the information required.

**Note that you need to be 13 years old to register and use Discord. You cannot join the Prewired Discord server if you are not at least 13 years old. A parent or guardian cannot sign up for you.**

# Verifying

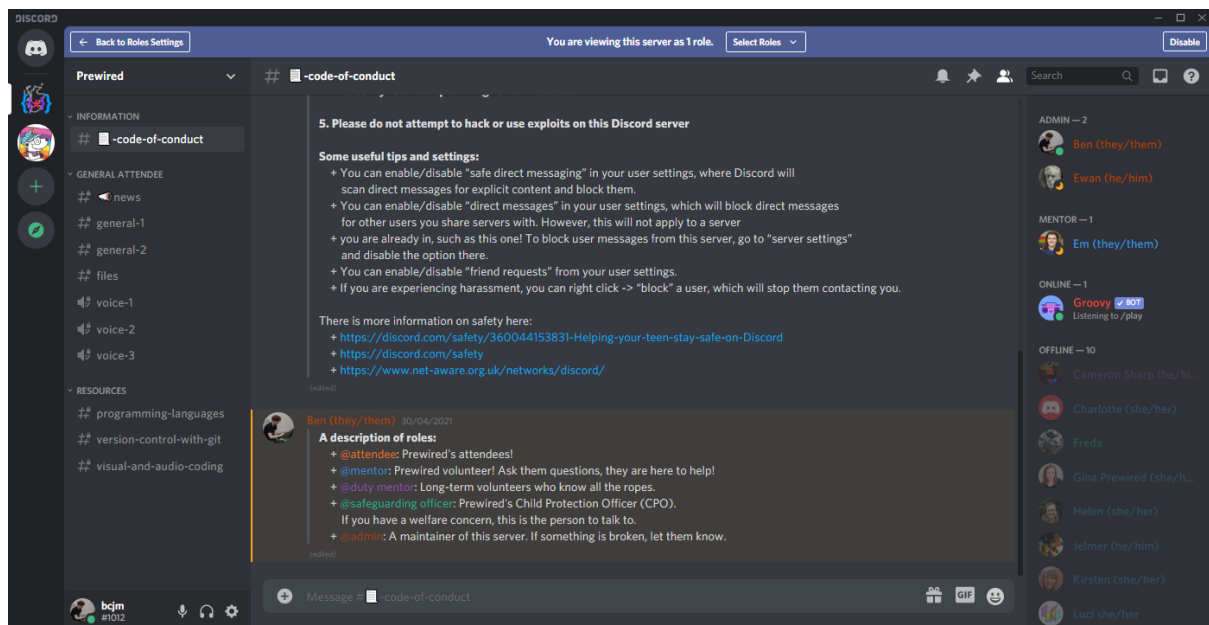
Once you're registered, email your Discord username to [hello@prewired.org](mailto:hello@prewired.org), then click the link below to join the Prewired Discord server:

<https://discord.gg/8p8Qwvwm>

You might need to wait a bit until we verify your account and give you permissions to access the server (it is important that you email your Discord username so we know it is you). We may ask you some questions in the needs-verifying channel.

## Server Structure

Once we've verified you, you'll see a view similar to the image below!



On the left-hand side you'll see a number of **text** and **voice** channels, split into categories. We'll be posting useful resources like tutorials in the channels under **RESOURCES**, but the main channels are under **GENERAL ATTENDEE**. Please take some time to review the **code of conduct** found under the **INFORMATION** category.

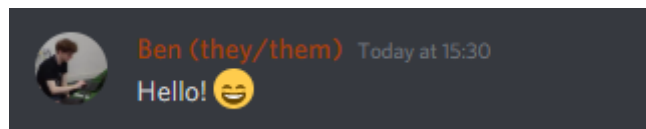
# Using Discord

Discord have put together a comprehensive guide on everything you need to know about the platform, which is available here:

<https://support.discord.com/hc/en-us/articles/360045138571-Beginner-s-Guide-to-Discord>

## 1. Text channels

You can select a text channel to view the messages, and if you have permission, send your own. Say hi in general-1 or general-2!



If you make a mistake, you can **Right click > Edit** a message to fix it. You can also **Right click > Reply** to someone else's message to let them know you're talking to them! You can tag users either by typing @[username] or @[role].

## 2. Voice channels

If you select a voice channel, you'll join the chat and hear any other users in the same channel, and they will hear you. Use the buttons in the **bottom left** beside your name to **mute** or **deafen** yourself during calls.

If you have trouble hearing a user, or they are too loud, you can **Right click** on them and change their volume or mute them. This setting only affects you.

# Safety on Discord

There are a number of settings we encourage you to check out and enable by selecting the **Settings** (the cog) icon in the **bottom left** and heading to **Privacy and Safety**.

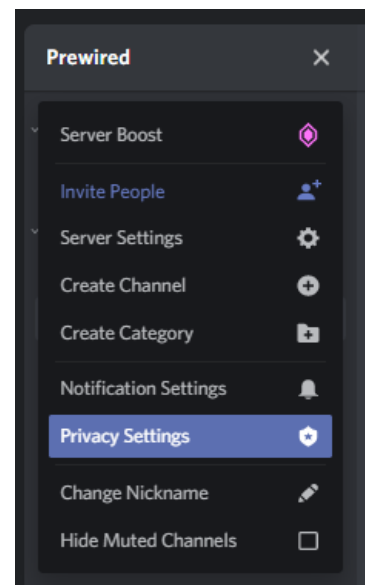
## 1. Safe direct messaging

Discord will scan direct messages for explicit content and block them. We recommend selecting **Keep me safe**.

## 2. Direct messages from server members

This will block direct messages for other users you share servers with. **However**, this will not apply to a server you are already in, such as the Prewired server!

To block messages from users in this server, select **Prewired** from the top left and head to **Privacy Settings**.



## 3. Who can add you as a friend

You can enable/disable **friend requests** from your user settings.

## 4. Blocking a user

If you are experiencing harassment, you can **Right click > Block** a user, which will stop them contacting you.

You can find more information here:

<https://discord.com/safety/360044153831-Helping-your-teen-stay-safe-on-Discord>

<https://discord.com/safety>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/discord/>