# **Application Review: Discord**

Discord is a communication and collaboration-based application founded by Jason Citron and Stanislav Vishnevskiy. It was created to improve communication with friends while still playing online video games, but now has transformed into an app where users can talk and hang out with their friends, communities, and creators. Discord was initially a small feature in a multiplayer game called *Fates Forever* where it was used as a chat service. Unfortunately, the game did not have a successful launch and was subsequently discontinued. Creator Jason Citron decided to turn the game's failed chat feature into a standalone application with a beta version released to the public in May 2015. Today, discord is a free app that is widely available across all platforms such as Windows, macOS, Linux, all web browsers, and mobile devices.

I use Discord almost every day to stay connected with friends who live in different cities and states. On top of what was previously mentioned above, other unique features include; channels for text, voice, and video, screen sharing, in-app games/activities, deafening (muting others in the current call), creating or joining servers, and more. Despite being primarily designed for gaming, discord can also be used by non-gamers as a place to collaborate on projects or just to sit and talk. Because of this app's customization options, compatibility with other popular apps, and overall ease of use, I would highly recommend it.

How To Download: <https://discord.com/download>

You will need to create an account to use this app. When downloading, it will show step-by-step instructions on how to successfully download and set up your account.