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Thread: [Telegram](#)

Omniscient - June 10, 2019, 10:13 am

How many members use Telegram? I'm trying to figure out if integrating Telegram for a chat is a potential benefit. Discord is a risk because they close channels while Telegram would likely not do so.

funtela - June 10, 2019, 10:17 am

Telegram is an awesome app. How would it work integrating it with HF?

Banter. - June 10, 2019, 10:18 am

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S2K - June 10, 2019, 10:19 am

Telegram chat is not smooth as Discord, I never prefer Telegram if there is a Discord

Pyro - June 10, 2019, 10:20 am

Am I the only one who doesnt use Skype/Disc/Telegram?

SUI-3183372 - June 10, 2019, 10:21 am

I support Telegram over Discord any day.

Banter. - June 10, 2019, 10:23 am

(Jun 10, 2019 10:20 AM)Pyro Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Am I the only one who doesnt use Skype/Disc/Telegram?
Still rocking that BBM ? ?

Austin - June 10, 2019, 10:24 am

I use Telegram more than Discord. Discord is more popular among teenagers, but Telegram is definitely more popular for the older demographic.

Telegram is 100% better.

SUI-3183372 - June 10, 2019, 10:24 am

I actually think we'd see some old faces start coming around more as well. I have a few friends from back in the day here who have "outgrown" forums but still actively use Telegram with me, and who I'm sure would participate in an HF Telegram.

martianhax - June 10, 2019, 10:26 am

telegram is so secure, i'll join if you make a group.

Kosmos - June 10, 2019, 10:27 am

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<https://www.dailydot.com/layer8/telegram-isis-encryption-cryptography/>

Bluffer - June 10, 2019, 10:31 am

I don't really use Telegram. From what I can tell it's more used in Europe/Asia than in North America.

Literally 99% of HF members use Discord though so I really think it's the best option.

Vibe - June 10, 2019, 10:33 am

I haven't recently but have before and would use it again if it works with hackforums

Annihilus - June 10, 2019, 10:33 am

I think telegram is amazing I use it myself and from what I've heard it's pretty secure

I think a HF group chat would be a good option

Xerotic - June 10, 2019, 10:34 am

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Bill Gates - June 10, 2019, 10:41 am

Never used telegram in my life tbh, I barely use discord either. I do use Teamspeak lots though.

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flavoral - June 10, 2019, 10:44 am

I personally use Telegram every day. It also supports bots, groups support up to 200k members in them, you can claim your own group link "t.me/username". However, someone already claimed t.me/hackforums a long time ago, and that user hasn't logged in a long time.

The difference between the Discord and Telegram is, on discord, you can have multiple channels and both text and voice channels when on telegram on 1 text channel. Telegram however, support encrypted messaging and you can send voicenotes which you can't on discord.

Both have phone and desktop versions too.

Vitani - June 10, 2019, 10:44 am

I don't use Telegram on a day-to-day basis, but I do use it every now and then. It's easy to use and has all the necessary features.

Not sure if it's still considered an option, but I'd prefer an integration of the XMPP on site. It'll likely be a bigger project, but I believe it does have some useful advantages, especially since you'll have the freedom to create/add/customise everything to be just the way you want it.

Not sure if it's possible, but what if there was a chat system on HF that used XMPP. With its own XMPP server, the login process could be made automatic so members can just chat right away without any issues.

Just an idea. Haven't looked into it extensively.

Kosmos - June 10, 2019, 10:48 am

I prefer Discord solely because every other site I'm involved with has a server or there's just a server without a site. It's a hub for much of my communications and the many communities I associate with. I don't like using more than two services for talking to people. It's inconvenient and there's many windows to work with. It becomes a chore and not a hobby to keep up with all the chats.

Wick. - June 10, 2019, 10:48 am

Won't this decrease forum activity?

People who would usually post a question on the forums could then just use telegram.

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https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/wnx8nq/why-you-dont-roll-your-own-crypto

<https://www.dailydot.com/layer8/telegram-isis-encryption-cryptography/>

All articles are three to four years old, and if you would have asked me to use Telegram in 2015 or 2016 I would have agreed with you and said no. But 3 years is a long time in software development. Telegram has made leaps and bounds in the security and privacy departments, and they are a contender for a quality privacy-minded chat application. It's not the Fort Knox of chat applications, but it's a good middle ground for HF users that doesn't require any complicated or extended set up.

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THIS^ ?

We will always have too much Arguments about which chat service is better, and it will never please anyone there will always be someone to complain and moan

Something that is Exclusive to HF and integrates with HF would be perfect!, imagine even having cool features like the Slots and blackjack game linked into it if possible.

Maybe a featured tab to show new threads etc and have your account linked directly to the Service so your HF account info could be your chat login info.

Linked to the PM's like Xerotic said so if the user is offline you can send them a message that also sends them a pm on HF. With it being 100% custom and linked to HF all your HF features could be linked in with the chat, Code in Helpbot so when in general chat it could send out a message when someone hit a good win on a scratch card etc.

there is so many possibilities to made something special and great doing it yourself, and it would made for a fucking awesome chat service exclusive to HF.

Just a idea ?

BTC - June 10, 2019, 10:54 am

Never liked Telegram personally.

First time I signed up, I guess the person who owned my phone number previously had used Telegram. When I signed up it instantly started loading all their private conversations. Over 100+ conversations I had to delete. I know there is registration lock but the app never seemed worth using when there are so many better alternatives IMO and I never had a reason to use TG

I prefer XMPP. I also use Signal, but Telegram & Whatsapp have always been at the bottom of my list. I would only use them if I really had to, but there would have to be good reason like my boss wanting me to contact him on it, or someone in which I couldn't request them to install a better app to use instead lol

Bill Gates - June 10, 2019, 10:58 am

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I think this would be the best option. Release a beta version and let members use it. It can be developed further through Member's suggestions.

If this actually happens. HF would be the first forum site to implement this and Omni's statement would be still valid.

"I DON'T COPY OTHERS, THEY COPY ME" yeah something along the lines he said on another thread ?

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Yeah I get what you're saying 100%, but I still think the best thing HF could have in terms of a chat service is a custom made service exclusive to HF.

People are lazy and happy with what they use, as much as I think a integrated chat is I dont think it would Suit HF I think a standalone chat service would be better something integrated may just throw off the theme of hack forums and make it look tacky.

they main issue right now is people want different things weather that be Skype/Discord/Tele etc etc, but to have something custom to HF would be so much better imo

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ImperialCheats - June 10, 2019, 11:24 am

Xerotic is 'code god' yet he thinks removing an error message solves an exploit.

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Idk, you'd have to ask the powers the be. It was always dead when I went in so I didn't bother hanging about.

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So, could be a cool system, but definitely has flaws to work out.

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This would be my fear with Discord, but not so much with Telegram. Still a possibility, but based on some of the Telegram groups that I've seen persist for significant amounts of time, I'd wager we'd be just fine.

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Yep, some sort of approval process or being forced to attach the XMPP acc to a HF account could help prevent that sort of abuse.

Lavish Living - June 10, 2019, 11:28 am

I prefer discord over telegram honesty

I'm in both the official hf channels tho! :)

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A reporting system would be great IMO. For example, if there were no way to delete the messages from the users end, then people could report the user and they could get warning on their forums

profile.

Having it integrated in the sense where users can only join the server, if they had a forums account, would ultimately help enforce the rules more as then their account on the chat service is linked to their HF account. The server could block any connections that are not from within the server itself, in which accounts could only be created from the process of registering on the forums

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Very true.

Also, the UID can be stored in the database in which you could easily check the name of the user on the chat service in many different ways. Having it mandatory, or forced account creation on registration to the forums, for example...this means each user could have their name on the chat service appear in their HF profile page. Or depending how advanced the custom chat client is, you could click their name in the chat and see their UID appear, or just appear as a tooltip. Perhaps having it possible to click their name in the chat and bring you to their HF profile could also work

SIM-3257834 - June 10, 2019, 12:11 pm

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BTC - June 10, 2019, 12:13 pm

(Jun 10, 2019 12:11 PM)bAt Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Signal would be a better choice or even riot/matrix.

I second this, riot is pretty awesome I have loved it ever since you first introduced me. Signal is also one of my daily drivers, I use it to contact everybody, even my parents lol.

Pyro - June 10, 2019, 12:49 pm

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I'm a bit oldschool, don't like this new apps, especially discord, everyone used it for gaming when instead I always preferred teamspeak3

cant help myself ?

Practical - June 10, 2019, 12:51 pm

I like it but I don't really use it too much.

The AI - June 10, 2019, 1:00 pm

Telegram is nice. Using it for daily work and communication.

F11 - June 10, 2019, 1:00 pm

God yes! Please do it. Screw discord.

Thrift - June 10, 2019, 1:02 pm

Many websites and programs have started incorporating Telegram. The API is flexible and it is a super smooth experience.

It has gotten exponentially more popular in the last year.

Roytoy - June 10, 2019, 1:07 pm

I use Telegram and I think it would be a nice integration.

luke - June 10, 2019, 2:07 pm

I prefer Discord over it but I wouldn't mind Telegram.

Cammy - June 10, 2019, 2:09 pm

I don't use Telegram but that's only because I don't know anybody else personally who uses it. It seems like a decent enough platform

Omniscient - June 10, 2019, 2:10 pm

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Yes, I use Riot on the daily. I have started introducing it to friends, we generally would use Discord for communicating, many different gaming related servers I was in have started to make the switch now. Have not had any issues within the past couple months of using it.

flavoral - June 10, 2019, 2:12 pm

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Also, with Riot you can create a community with your own custom page and then have multiple rooms/servers for separate purposes kind of like Discord with having separate channels.

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Yes, in my opinion. It is still being worked on actively and I have reported a bug, then they pushed an update fixing the bug within literally 48 hours of me reporting it.

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BTC - June 10, 2019, 2:31 pm

(Jun 10, 2019 02:29 PM)flavoral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) invite should be working now
Nope, not working. You got in the Riot server?

SIM-3257834 - June 10, 2019, 2:33 pm

(Jun 10, 2019 02:29 PM)flavoral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) invite should be working now
Na fam but I was naughty little HF member and copped this
[#hackforums:matrix.org](#)

duplex - June 10, 2019, 2:34 pm

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BTC - June 10, 2019, 2:36 pm

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<https://about.riot.im/features>

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Cheers will have a read now, Discord has always annoyed me, the GUI can be confusing.

Edit: I'm sold!

SUI-3183372 - June 10, 2019, 5:16 pm

(Jun 10, 2019 02:10 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Does anyone use Riot?

I setup a room there to test.

<https://riot.im/app/#/room/#hfriot:matrix.org>

The advantage is we can run our own servers for 100% control.
I spent a long period of time trying to convince people to use Riot before giving up. For offering
close to everything that people want in a chat client, it has surprisingly low adoption (granted usage
can be a little complicated).

Grey Knight365 - June 10, 2019, 5:28 pm

Discord is beast, honestly my go to even if HF only allows whitehat stuff in it?

Telegram I use, it's just not my go-to reach for messaging app, more an after thought.

SIM-3323508 - June 10, 2019, 5:39 pm

How would telegram be used as a chat with HackForums onsite?

I use it for Crypto, if its going to be onsite I would probably prefer a shout box.

Blazin - June 10, 2019, 5:42 pm

Yeah I have the same question. How would it be added to the hf site? Could we get a example? Or two?

mrtrademaster - June 10, 2019, 7:40 pm

The thing about telegram is there are a lot of people spamming and advertising if you dont setup proper bots to mod the server.

People joining then just "forwarding" advertisements. Lots of ctrl c + v too bc telegram doesnt really have a chat limiter. You can also use VoIP's to make accounts, many spammers and advertisers have taken over communities I'm in.

Dorrance - June 10, 2019, 8:55 pm

Make XMPP great again?

I'm my opinion I feel the integration would be more beneficial

Ethical Vox - June 10, 2019, 9:29 pm

Oh Omni please do! I love telegram. It's much more secure. I have even helped my whole family move to it.

tim - June 10, 2019, 9:37 pm

I use telegram and it's amazing

akela4you - June 10, 2019, 10:11 pm

i never used telegram but i can use it if need:)

Omniscient - June 10, 2019, 11:49 pm

<https://t.me/joinchat/J5HdzVBn0BLZ3877m8WJ3A>

Can you join that and post?

Deal - June 10, 2019, 11:51 pm

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Yeah, I just joined. I can post so there's no issues.

Bacardi Cola Lime - June 11, 2019, 12:56 am

I use Telegram every now and then. It's a good app for a group chat. A thing I don't like about Telegram is that it's difficult to organize your server.

Evil - June 11, 2019, 12:58 am

Although, I already commented on the riot thread, I just want to say that telegram or riot are absolutely amazing platforms from my experience and either would be great for communication on HF. Telegram is just a little more popular. But please do not go back to xmpp like some users have suggested. It is just so non-user friendly from my experience when compared to telegram or riot.

ririki - June 11, 2019, 4:04 am

(Jun 10, 2019 10:13 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How many members use Telegram? I'm trying to figure out if integrating Telegram for a chat is a potential benefit. Discord is a risk because they close channels while Telegram would likely not do so.

I have to point that Telegram is closing channels either after several reports, they make them inaccessible if illegal content / adult porn content in it.

But yes, I have telegram account.

Motusora - June 11, 2019, 4:11 am

i used telegram, i think it's much secure than skype / discord .

Hopsin - June 11, 2019, 4:23 am

I also use Telegram. Hopefully, Telegram won't get banned on HF as well.

Reference; <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5967191>

Sigma - June 11, 2019, 4:48 am

I use telegram for business transactions. Also, I have been apart of a few groups for years now. So this would be a better choice than discord I believe.

Skofos - June 11, 2019, 9:45 am

oh damn! never used Telegram before. i just used Discord. what now?! ? ?

iNviZ - June 11, 2019, 1:40 pm

I'd be down to give it a shot, I have heard good things about it.

tim - June 11, 2019, 2:47 pm

Fuck shitcord, I love telegram. Better UI and more HQ people use it

Astrogen - June 11, 2019, 3:58 pm

I don't use it for now, but I can just use it and learn how it works.

Integrating one on hf is really nice.

Unexplained - June 11, 2019, 4:42 pm

Would love to hear ideas about how these chat platforms would be integrated into HF. What API features would be available for HF/myBB?

Grim - June 11, 2019, 8:05 pm

I use it quite a bit to sell my things. Much better then discord for this type of stuff IMO.

OrangeBBQ - June 11, 2019, 8:06 pm

Telegram for overall group messaging doesn't seem as fluid as it would with with say discord. At least from what I've noticed it's much easier to see and manage on discord. However they do tend to just ban accounts or close chats without a lot of reason.

?rescent - June 11, 2019, 8:11 pm

Telegram is great! I use it for off-site business and I love it.

Omniscient - June 12, 2019, 1:30 am

We're going to move towards Riot.

We will setup our own server soon. For now you can view this room:

<https://riot.im/app/#/room/#hfriot:matrix.org>

Telegram seems like a good service but doesn't really have the controls or options I'd like.

Frankey - June 12, 2019, 1:43 am

Telegram is pretty nice! ;) love using it.

Encraft - June 12, 2019, 1:47 am

I use Telegram more than any other popular messaging software.

flavoral - June 12, 2019, 4:46 am

Well that happened...

overlude - June 12, 2019, 6:58 am

Telegram isn't really considered secure, which is somewhat relevant since it promotes itself as being a secure way to communicate (people should use Signal instead for that). Telegram is just about as secure as Skype. I think one issue with promoting it is that people may mistakenly think it's as secure as XMPP clients w/ OTR, Signal or Threema when it isn't.

(Jun 10, 2019 10:41 AM)Banter. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think its just going to be hard to find a Service that we can settle on, we have our discord users/Skype users etc so it really always going to be a all out war on a winning service really. I think most people wont use XMPP because of the sign up process its not made easy enough for them when in reality its easy to setup.

A custom made chat service made exclusively just for HF users would be the best thing imo. XMPP is not very user friendly. You have to go out of your way to use it, and that makes it a pain, especially for trivial tasks.

(Jun 10, 2019 10:43 AM)Xerotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) A custom made chat service (using NodeJS for example) would make it quite easy to integrate the IM chats with the existing PM system.

What's wrong with the existing PM system as it is? If the need is security, you can easily implement some kind of e2e encryption or perhaps gpg support.

(Jun 10, 2019 10:49 AM)BV1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) All articles are three to four years old, and if you would have asked me to use Telegram in 2015 or 2016 I would have agreed with you and said no. But 3 years is a long time in software development. Telegram has made leaps and bounds in the security and privacy departments, and they are a contender for a quality privacy-minded chat application. It's not the Fort Knox of chat applications, but its a good middle ground for HF users that doesn't require any complicated or extended set up.

Telegram has not changed, its underlying protocol is the same. In fact, it was considered more 'OK' in 2016 than it is today. Their protocol is not open source, and they refuse to use existing technologies and instead developed their own e2e encryption tools. Experts who have looked at the available papers suggest the protocol isn't as bulletproof as they claim. The Signal Protocol is considered (one of) the best for secure communications, and is also what Facebook use in WhatsApp, and what Google used in one of their services. Telegram is not even a contender in being a "quality privacy-minded chat application". It should be used like Skype.

Crew - June 12, 2019, 8:10 am

I think Telegram today is the most useful, easy to use and functional.

Winds - June 12, 2019, 8:26 am

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Blogger - June 12, 2019, 1:34 pm

I have Telegram, but I don't use it.

Omniscient - June 12, 2019, 2:12 pm

Quote:XMPP is not very user friendly. You have to go out of your way to use it, and that makes it a pain, especially for trivial tasks.

I think it's super user friendly. It's so simple and it just works. The issue is that it doesn't have voice or video options. But for instant text chat it's perfect imho. I use XMPP everyday.

Quote:We already have an existing Discord server for the community and I'm sure it'll be way more active than Riot, XMPP and Telegram combined. Can't deny the fact that a lot of HF users use Discord on a daily basis.

Already not true. Join the Riot room to find out. Discord has more people idle but I suspect that those in Discord are part of many channels so their activity is split between them and they simply like to idle in channels and not really participate. They may use it to DM others in the channel they know so it's possibly more of a hub than something with good discussion.

jobhip - June 12, 2019, 2:32 pm

Didn't see this till now, but yes I use it. It's pretty good!

Traum - June 13, 2019, 6:38 am

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mrnelly - June 13, 2019, 6:40 am

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mrnelly - June 13, 2019, 6:46 am

(Jun 13, 2019 06:43 AM)Traum Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, I know that, but in the event of a compromised account that wouldn't really help me.

I guess that's fair enough :) I personally wouldn't use a HF chat integration either but that's because I use telegram to chat 1-on-1 with friends/business contacts and nothing else.

lynxmk - June 13, 2019, 7:11 am

I was gonna install telegram. Tbh I didn't even know what's telegram. But after the DDOS attack I was thinking to use it.. Yeah, Add it omni! I use it! Thanks!

Alpha_Coder - June 19, 2019, 10:49 am

Well, I'm with using telegram, as I use telegram nearly for everything

Central Sky - June 19, 2019, 11:02 am

Telegram is the best app and I am using it always, if it will be integrated in HF that will be fantastic:)

Hackbase - June 20, 2019, 3:35 pm

Would really like to see a Hackforums telegram chat group.

Android 17 - June 20, 2019, 3:40 pm

One of the best messengers integrated with my favorite forum? Yes pleas ?

Omniscient - June 20, 2019, 3:40 pm

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ShinyThings - June 20, 2019, 3:41 pm

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Thanks for posting this. Didn't know there was a group on telegram already

Elweth - June 22, 2019, 1:40 am

Telegram sounds great, we can even make a super channel with bots to moderate stuff.