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Thread: [Riot.IM](#)

Omniscient - June 10, 2019, 2:41 pm

<https://riot.im/app/#/group/+hackforums:matrix.org>

Does anyone use Matrix/Riot?

We are testing it for possible HF integration. That's our "Community" link above where we also have rooms setup.

Please note that with Riot we can install and manage our own server so that we have 100% control. We won't get shut down. We can also do a lot of Hf integration under that scenario. The software does text, voice, and video chat. It also has a Dark Theme you can choose.

While I know Discord is very popular, it represents challenges for integration with a platform that can at any moment close our account.

Please try it and provide feedback.

duplex - June 10, 2019, 2:45 pm

It has a dark theme, I'm sold, I've never used Riot before, but everything seems good. The website promises very HQ service, encrypted data etc.

Omniscient - June 10, 2019, 2:50 pm

This is also a good page to read about the features of Riot.

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Wondering if it's possible to integrate colors & themes, I'd prefer a much darker color scheme as the Dark Mode can still be distracting with the multiple colors. A nice HF grey color would be beautiful. Apart from that, I'm liking what I see.

Guys, if you are finding the font size too bulky, I really recommend going into settings in General, and selecting "Use compact timeline layout"

Also, in General, turn on the Dark Theme.

iNviZ - June 10, 2019, 3:03 pm

Definitely going to try it out. It looks clean as well.

SIM-3257834 - June 10, 2019, 3:06 pm

I've been recommending riot for a while, glad to see it on HF

Dorrance - June 10, 2019, 3:09 pm

Thank you for sure, I'm glad you guys have control over the server now.

Unexplained - June 10, 2019, 3:10 pm

I will be downloading and giving it a go. If it's more friendly for integration here on the forums I think that'd be a huge plus.

It'd be nice to see some kind of link attached to profiles linking users to the riot/instant messaging side of HF that is user friendly and private. Would greatly prevent people from getting scammed by fake imposters on skype/disk cords/etc.

kawaii - June 10, 2019, 3:17 pm

Matrix is one of the newer open protocols in the IM scene. It's far less battle-tested than XMPP (which sees millions of users around the world concurrently) and you'll have far less luck integrating it into the site since software libraries are far less mature at this point.

Banter. - June 10, 2019, 4:23 pm

Going to check this out now, looks pretty decent!

duplex - June 10, 2019, 4:27 pm

(Jun 10, 2019 04:23 PM)Banter. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Going to check this out now, looks pretty decent! There's far too many inconsistencies for it to be decent atm, it's promising but the DM system is trash, like unbelievably so.

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Yeah so tried registering like 5 times and the Username selection is fucked saying I have invalid shit in it when I am just typing 'Banter' lol ?

Bossk - June 10, 2019, 4:30 pm

Joined, this will probably attract more members than the XMPP

Nuworld - June 10, 2019, 4:38 pm

This looks interesting and I'll be there shortly after I get home.

Omniscient - June 10, 2019, 4:43 pm

Quote:you'll have far less luck integrating it into the site since software libraries are far less mature at this point.

Not so sure about that. It seems to immediately come with a more robust API than XMPP does.

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EDIT: Looks like it doesn't accept capital letters of any kind. thebanker worked. from there you can change your name to whatever it seems.

Banter. - June 10, 2019, 4:46 pm

(Jun 10, 2019 04:46 PM)TheBanker Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The fuck??

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Bossk - June 10, 2019, 4:46 pm

(Jun 10, 2019 04:46 PM)TheBanker Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The fuck??

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duplex - June 10, 2019, 4:47 pm

(Jun 10, 2019 04:46 PM)TheBanker Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The fuck??

Lmao, guess someone beat you to it, wtf tho lol

Banter. - June 10, 2019, 4:48 pm

(Jun 10, 2019 04:46 PM)Bossk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) They don't allow uppercase for some fucked reason are you serious ? ?

Omniscient - June 10, 2019, 4:53 pm

Quote:They don't allow uppercase for some fucked reason

Correct, and the error message doesn't really state that fact well either.

SoulZeh - June 10, 2019, 5:01 pm

(Jun 10, 2019 04:53 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Correct, and the error message doesn't really state that fact well either.

I agree, not even going to lie I spent like 15 minutes trying to figure out how to have my username, I was getting so triggered I nearly ALT + F4'd life.

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Got bricked on loading screen after restarting the program. These guys need to optimize their client a good bit, I can only speak for the Windows version atm though.

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I do feel things are sluggish.

When I click to open a private room/chat it takes 5 secs to load with a spinning circle.

ETH - June 10, 2019, 5:48 pm

I'll test that waiting for more users to switch to riot

?rescent - June 10, 2019, 6:00 pm

Didn't riot get breached?

mrtrademaster - June 10, 2019, 7:37 pm

Tried Riot and so did some friends of mine.

Was pretty buggy and broken when we used it.

Idk how it is now.

Eagle 95 - June 10, 2019, 10:33 pm

Black theme ftw! My eyes hurt from that light theme, you can't see a thing.

Evil - June 11, 2019, 12:39 am

I absolutely loved Riot when I used to use it. I honestly prefer it over discord as well, but it is rarely used for non-commercial purposes. This or telegram would be a great idea to implement.

Bacardi Cola Lime - June 11, 2019, 12:52 am

Just joined the server. The environment looks pretty decent. Let's see how it performs now. Thank God it has a Dark Theme, which made it already a good option.

S2K - June 11, 2019, 3:41 am

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SIM-3257834 - June 11, 2019, 4:04 am

(Jun 11, 2019 03:41 AM)Ms-DOs Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) it's garbage, why riot but not discord
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Vibe - June 11, 2019, 4:24 am

If it integrates better then discord I would use Riot just to communicate more with the community here.

The AI - June 11, 2019, 4:24 am

Wew, this one feels buggy as hell.. Just joined the test HF room.
They should definitely do something with their web version icons in FF.

ririki - June 11, 2019, 4:25 am

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"Like discord oriented", I can't think about one right now.

The way discord do that is like facebook v2.

They also have zero encryption.

Banter - June 11, 2019, 6:09 am

to be fair its not actually that bad, seems to be working okay for me as of now

Cammy - June 11, 2019, 7:02 am

Hf chat is already booming and it's not even implemented yet

I'm all for riot omni lets make it happen

Prince™ - June 11, 2019, 8:00 am

I like the simple interface and features of Riot. Never been a fan of Discord.

So yeah, I'm up for this.

Omniscient - June 11, 2019, 6:35 pm

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SoulZeh - June 11, 2019, 6:55 pm

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I also like this idea about emailing them if you've not already.

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I really like these ideas and the goal of integration. Need to investigate Riot more but have mostly heard good things and have used it briefly. Discord also gets tons of spam sent through (particularly shilling pump and dump crypto channels ?)

Although I'm not the most active member lately, defs supportive of this initiative. Would be dope.

BTC - June 11, 2019, 7:11 pm

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They never just randomly ban servers, but they take their ROC very seriously and enforce it constantly.

Even if they approved the discussion topics that generally take place in the forums to be discussed in the server, seemingly that it fits with their terms of use policies...they are a growing company and their policies are subject to change at any point. Leaving Omni responsible to make sure at all times the server is following their terms. In reality hosting the chat service himself allows him to outline his own terms and enforce them as he sees necessary. Much easier to work with and much less work. Speaking in terms of the possibility if the server were to ever be closed down one day because of a misunderstanding from one of the moderators over at Discord. In my opinion it's better to remove that contingency as a hole, Discord is great but they are very strict on their "rules" so to speak. I am speaking from experience being somebody on the receiving end of having my server deleted because of misunderstanding their rules of conduct on their terms page.

Omniscient - June 11, 2019, 7:30 pm

Quote:Why not email discord support and ask them?

Ask them what exactly? And doesn't even matter if they say it's okay and I won't get closed because that doesn't mean a policy won't change or someone else won't decide to close the channel. IMHO sending them a PM is simply just asking them to close us now.

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Ever read their terms?

<https://discordapp.com/terms>

Quote:exploit, distribute or publicly inform other members of any game error, miscue or bug which gives an unintended advantage; violate any applicable laws or regulations; or promote or encourage illegal activity including, but not limited to, hacking, cracking or distribution of counterfeit software, compromised accounts, or cheats or hacks for the Service.

The channel name just like this site is "hack forums" which normally leads to a conclusion. They can just do it based on our channel name or association to the forum. Trust me, they can and will do it.

The Discord rules are written for gamers, not for technical experts.

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I wonder about the Riot.im servers if they are the issue for that slight lag. It's not bad though. But it might go away when we run our own server.

DOG - June 11, 2019, 7:40 pm

Yeah, then forget discord. I think it will be the safest way!

Personally I don't mind using riot or telegram. :)

Brofist - June 11, 2019, 7:51 pm

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Brofist - June 12, 2019, 6:55 am

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I was one of the developers on the project so a little bias.

Still unsure why you could not just do an onsite chat system via Shoutbox or something Xerotic makes. Would bring activity and keep people on the site.

overlude - June 12, 2019, 7:10 am

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Could send them an email describing the intended server and ask if it'd be OK in advance. Discord's support are relatively good, so if something icky does happen later I would expect they'd be down to clear it up if they OK'd it earlier. But you always will run the risk of being terminated with minimal notice: this is the price for convenience, though.

Re. riot.im, eh... It's a bit like Slack but with more autonomy (and hence less uncertainty) which is good, but it's very slow for me personally though, and UI is a bit clunky.

Honestly, riot seems like one of those things that sounds very cool to make and has some issues in practice. There's a lot of friction using this in the last 5-10 minutes I've tried to use it. I would personally rather just use PMs than use this. If you're going for chat, imo, it should either be a service most people already use (hence convenient), or integrated into the site (hence convenient). The former lacks autonomy, so it's only suitable if you're willing to deal with future uncertainty, but it

offers the most convenience.

Supplementing a community with an external service is rarely going to be successful imho. And one issue here may be that this sees high initial adoption but dies down with time, which would make development time and efforts wasted in the long run. Of course, I don't know whether adoption will stay high, but with short usage of the app I personally can say I wouldn't want to use Riot.im. It's way too painful to use.

Omniscient - June 12, 2019, 11:33 am

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I mostly agree with that.

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Almost certainly. But I have a plan which might work if we can implement it how I see it.

SUI-3183372 - June 12, 2019, 11:51 am

(Jun 12, 2019 11:33 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But I have a plan which might work if we can implement it how I see it.

Helping Riot/Matrix adoption while creating new features for the forum. I like where this is heading.

ImperialCheats - June 12, 2019, 11:58 am

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and who uses it now... GAMERS

Omniscient - June 12, 2019, 1:10 pm

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What bugs? I have yet to see a valid remark on a bug. Also the riot room has over 40 members in it. So that's not too bad really. Have you tried Riot yet? Really not that bad. It's not amazing but it's better than the XMPP experience.

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Maybe you haven't read the thread. We can run our own riot server hardware. It's an open source project. They would not be able to shut us down.

Traum - June 13, 2019, 6:39 am

That looks really good, I'm going to check it out! Never heard of it before.

Happeh - June 14, 2019, 12:08 am

Echoing these thoughts here:

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And then you can't be bothered getting in the loop again...

I agree with this.

HF is fairly big community.

Evanescant - June 14, 2019, 9:59 am

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I think it's being implemented to have a one to one conversation in real time within forums like mpgh.

Ofcourse there will be group conversation too but it's secondary I guess.

Bossk - June 14, 2019, 10:12 am

Damn their client is pissing me off, I'm completely locked out even after a reinstall. Wont bother tracking down their local files..

Super - June 14, 2019, 11:01 am

I saw this on Hacker News the other day. I love that the protocol is open source, it would be a great integration with HF.

Pikachu - June 14, 2019, 1:06 pm

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GnosticPlayers - June 14, 2019, 1:36 pm

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