Orientation for all members
Introducing the new Slack experience

History & navigation
To get back to where you were

Switch Slack orgs
Or add a new org

Home tab
Formerly the sidebar

Direct messages tab
Internal and external conversations

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Mentions, threads, reactions and apps

Later tab
Reminders and saved messages

More menu
Canvases, workflows, apps, files, people, channels and Slack Connect

Settings & tools
For admins and those with access

Search
Anything in Slack, powered by AI

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A message, huddle, canvas or channel

Your status
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Filter home
Workspaces (Grid), conversations, Slack Connect

Help & learning
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Introducing the new Slack mobile experience

* Minimum version required as of Aug 7: **23.08.30**
The sidebar is now Home, showing all of your channels, direct messages, and apps in a single view—just as it always has.
Filter your conversations in home

Focus on what is most important:

- Only external conversations, including in Slack Connect
- Only internal conversations
- Unreads
- Conversations with mentions
- Per your custom section settings

Note: The default Connections section for Slack Connect conversations will no longer be available. Instead Home and many other views allow you to filter on external conversations. Wherever you are working external awareness signals will still be provided on avatars, in conversations, and when hovering over channel names.
Direct messages

DMs now live in a dedicated tab so you can choose when you want to engage in conversations and when you want to be heads down.

Now you can filter DMs:

- by external
- by unread

Tip! Hide DMs from home for even more focus there. Head to Preferences > Home tab.
Take a peek at your direct messages

Before you leave a conversation for another, **hover over DMs** to see a snippet and decide what to do.

Stay focused

- Mark as read
- Save for later
- Set a reminder

If needed, click to go read in context.

Or open in a new window to reference side-by-side with the task at hand.
The new Activity tab centralizes your mentions, threads, reactions, app notifications and more so you can quickly identify the collaborative work that requires your attention.
Take a peek at your activity

Quickly view and act on your updates before navigating to a new conversation.

- Mark as read
- Add a reaction
- Set a reminder
- Save for later

Tip: If you need to keep the latest updates in view you’ll be able to pop your Activity feed out into its own window soon!
Filter activity to streamline work

Filter by unread to see what still needs attention.

View by type of update.
Take action directly from your activity feed

From the peek or feed itself you have options for each type of update to act quickly and move on review further when more attention is needed.
Accept Slack Connect invitations from your activity feed

Invitations from external people to collaborate in Slack Connect can be accepted right from the activity feed if your organization settings allow.

Note, invitations for some users or scenarios may still need to be accepted from an email invite.
Later lets you collect your reminders and saved messages to help you manage your important messages to reference or create a working to-do list.

Keep track of your tasks with due dates, and quickly jump back into the conversation to pick up where you left off:

Tip: Right click on any saved message for the full set of available actions.

Note: Later will only appear for users who have saved at least one item for later.
Take a peek at your saved messages & reminders

From the peek:

- Mark complete or snooze
- Pop a message out to its own window to keep in view while you gather information to complete it
- Pop out Later to its own window to keep as a task list or reference list
- Go to the message
Search

AI-powered search and advanced filters help you find what you are looking for quickly.

Start a search by clicking on the magnifying glass button or with keyboard shortcuts:

- **CMD/⌘+G** for a global keyword search
- **CMD/⌘+F** to search where you are
- **CMD/⌘+K** opens the quick switcher to navigate instantly through Slack
Search to act or respond directly

From the results of a keyword search you can:

- **New!** Click to see the message in its conversation and respond directly without leaving search
- Apply advanced filters
- React, forward, save and any other standard action
- Act with a shortcut for your favorite apps
Messaging is still the core of Slack, but these days there are so many more ways to collaborate with your team.

From the new create menu, you can start:

- messages
- huddles
- canvases
- channels
- add new internal or external people if your permissions allow
Quickly browse and access all your most important tools, data and collaborators easily from the More menu to launch dedicated views for:

- Canvases
- Workflow and app automations
- External connections in Slack Connect
- Channels
- People and user groups
- Files and clips
More menu: canvases

Browse, filter and search for the canvas you are looking for.
More menu: workflow and app automations

Find your recently used workflows or create a new automate your teams processes with Workflow Builder.

Browse available workflows other teammates have made to streamline your day.
More menu: workflow and app automations

Browse apps installed in your org.

Search the Slack app directory to bring the best tool for the job right into the flow of work, in Slack.
Find all your external, organizations, people, channels, and invitations in one place in the More menu.

From here you can create new external direct messages or channels and accept or manage Slack Connect invitations if your permissions allow.
More menu: channels

For a focused view on the channels that make up your organization’s productivity platform on Slack.

Filter, sort and search to find where your colleagues are driving alignment and getting it done.
More menu: external channels

To find Slack Connect channels you or your org are part of, navigate to ‘Channels’ in the ‘More’ menu to view a list of your external channels.

From here filter, sort or search to the right external channels.

This replaces the former default “Connections” sidebar section.

The Home view can also be filtered to only show external conversations.
More menu: people

Browse, filter and search for colleagues and collaborators from other orgs.

Grid customers with Atlas will see org charts here.

Invite people to your workspace.

Find, create and manage user groups.
More menu: files

Find files and audio-video clips you created or have access to.
Changing organizations

Chances are you are part of more than one Slack organization.

To switch to a different org, click the current workspace logo at the top of the sidebar to see other workspaces you are part of and add others.

Soon: Preview activity in background workspaces via a peek before fully switching by hovering over their logo.
FAQ for all members

Some Slack orgs I’m part of have the new experience and others don’t. Can I have it for all of them or wait until it’s available for all of them to switch personally?
We investigated this, however it is not possible from a technical or logistical standpoint with our systems. This should be a short lived scenario for most people.

Can I customize the views at the top of the home tab like we could in the sidebar?
These views are either tabs on the left or still quick to access from the More menu. We are considering customization to allow users to level up features that they use every day. Today, you can quickly access most features that were available at the top of the sidebar by hovering over a tab to peak into recent updates.

Why can I no longer enter a search term directly without clicking into the new search icon?
By putting all of the core actions of Slack in one menu, we’ve were able to improve keyboard navigability and accessibility. In our research, we found that users were still able to find and successfully complete a search with the new placement. If you want to quickly kick off a search, you can still use CMD+G, CMD+F, or CMD+K.

Will any minimum versions of the apps be required?
For mobile, the minimum version will be 23.08.30 or higher. For desktop we do not currently anticipate a requirement for a minimum version. However we strongly recommend all users update to the latest available desktop app release, 4.33.x expected reach 100% availability on Aug 23rd. Otherwise, users may have a suboptimal experience.