

Private group direct messaging

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Private group direct messages on Heylo offer a way to engage in more personal and focused conversations that are not limited to members of a single group. These private group direct message chats can include members from the same group or even individuals from different groups.

Private group direct messages are not discoverable by members - they are invite-only. No one else can see a private group direct messages, including admins of the group.

To start a private group direct message:

1. Navigate to private messages by selecting the "message" icon in the top right corner.
2. Click on the "New" button to create a new private chat.
3. Invite the desired individuals to join the private group direct message.
4. Begin the conversation by sending the first message.

Invited participants are instantly added to the private chat and can start receiving notifications and messages right away. The private group direct message will appear in their private direct messages.

Private group direct messages are not discoverable by other members. They are invite-only, ensuring that only those who are specifically invited can join and participate.

In a private group direct message chat, any participant has the option to leave the chat by navigating to the arrow icon in the top right corner of the chat and selecting the "leave" option. While others are not directly notified, a system notification is displayed in the chat to inform everyone about the departure ([unlike leaving a group chat](#)). If someone leaves, they cannot rejoin unless they are re-invited by another participant.

Any participant can invite new individuals or remove existing ones as needed.

When someone joins a private group direct message chat, a system notification is displayed in the chat to indicate when someone is added to the conversation. New participants can access message history.
