









# Beginners Guide to Discord

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## What is Discord?

**Discord** is a popular communication platform that allows users to interact through text, voice, and video. Users can join or create their own communities, which can be organized around various topics, interests, or gaming groups.

## How will Ignite use Discord?

**Ignite** will use Discord to host an exclusive, members-only online community, allowing our members to connect and collaborate outside of physical social events. It also provides a platform for others to share their work in a friendly, creative environment. It also allows us to get information to you directly, without getting bogged down with unread newsletters or a flood of social media posts - With Discord, you choose what you want to hear about, and you can switch off everything else!

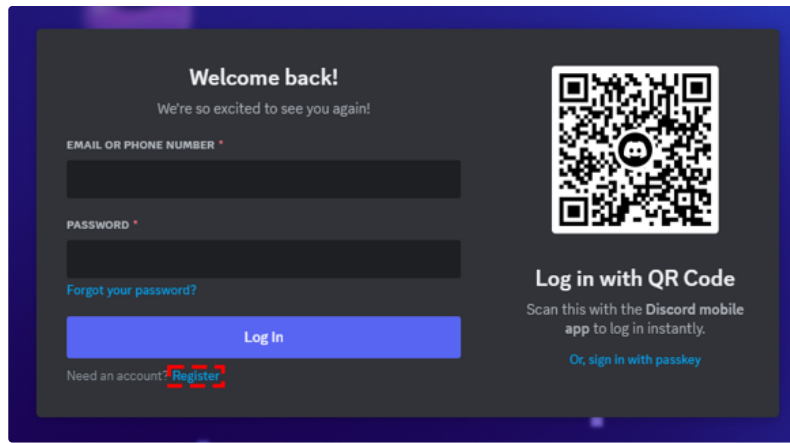
## How do I set up a Discord account?

You can register a Discord account through the desktop app, your mobile device, or through a browser. Guides for each of these methods are available below.

### Desktop/Browser

#### ▼ Desktop/Browser

1. Open the Discord desktop app or visit <https://discord.com/login> in your browser to create an account. Click on **Register**.



2. Enter your account registration information including your email, username, password, and date of birth.

⚠ Double-check that your email address is spelled correctly—otherwise, you won't be able to change it after registration!

Press **Continue** once you're finished.

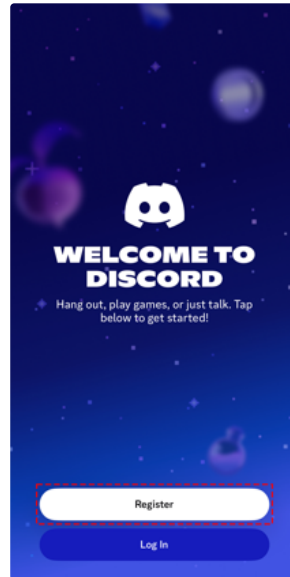
3. Complete the CAPTCHA if prompted. Then you'll be logged in and ready to use your new Discord account!

## Mobile

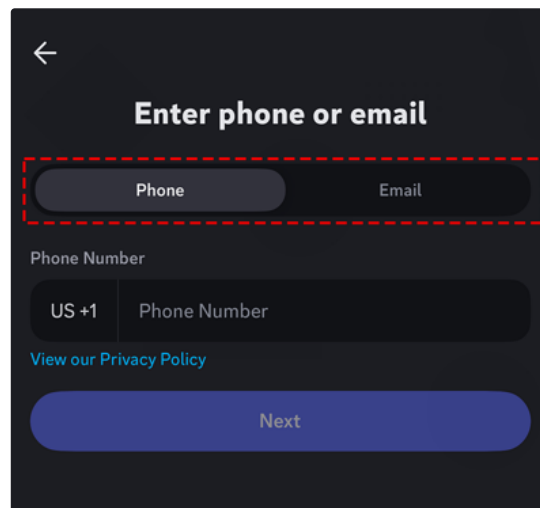
### Mobile

1. Download Discord from your app store and then open the Discord app.

2. Tap **Register** to begin creating an account.



3. Enter your phone number or email address.



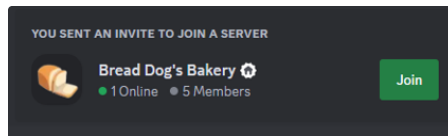
4. Follow the on-screen prompts and enter the required registration information. Tap **Register** after entering your date of birth.

5. You're now logged in and ready to enjoy your new Discord account!

#### Via Invite or Link

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If someone sends you a Discord **invite link** to join a server, or you click a 'Join Ignite Discord Server' link and you don't already have a Discord account, you'll be prompted to create one.



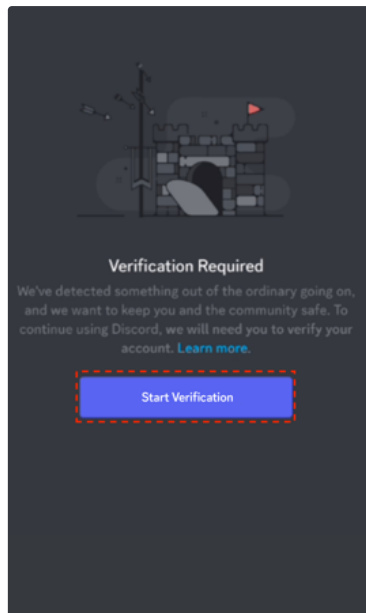
If you tap on the invite link to join, you'll be redirected to the login page. Depending on the device you're using, follow the above instructions for either Desktop/Browser or Mobile. 🙌

### 🔒 Why do I need to 'verify' my account?

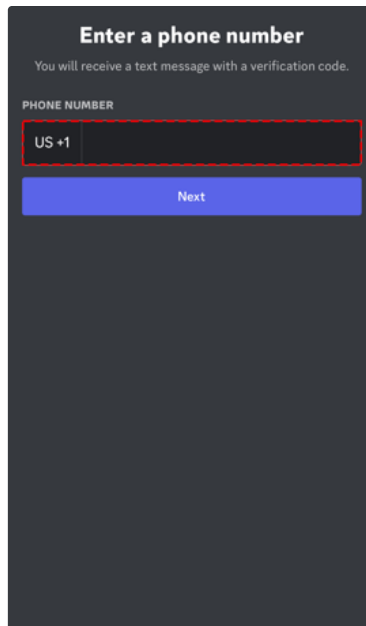
In order to use Discord and check out Discord servers, you will be required to verify your email and phone number as part of our safety system to keep users and communities safe. To verify your account, complete the following steps:

Verification typically asks for a phone number. Discord uses your phone number for safety and security purposes, and does **not** publicly release this information.

1. Press on the **Start Verification** button.



2. Here is where you will need to provide a **valid mobile phone number**. Remember that it cannot be attached to an existing Discord account.




3. Wait for the SMS to be sent to your mobile phone and follow the instructions to input the verification code. This should complete the phone verification process!

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### 🔥 Joining Ignite's server

Now you're signed up with Discord, it's time to join the **Ignite Members Club**.

1. Go to this link → <https://discord.gg/MBQqgKTzFS>
2. A pop up will invite you to 'Accept Invite' or 'Join Ignite Chelmsford Members Club.'
3. Accept the invite.
4. You should then gain access to our entry questionnaire! This consists of a box to enter your profile link from the Ignite website (so we can make sure you're an Ignite member!) and a brief rundown of our server rules. At the bottom, you tick a box to confirm that you have read and will abide by the rules.



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## Answer a few questions to join Ignite Chelmsford Members Club

The server admin will get back to you shortly after you submit.

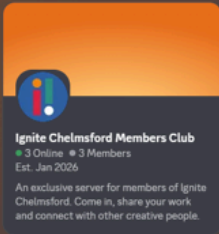
You must join Ignite Chelmsford to access this server. Please do so here: <https://ignitechelmsford.org.uk/join/> and paste your profile link below to confirm

**Agree to rules**

1. This member server is an exclusive perk for members of Ignite Chelmsford. If you want to invite a friend, please get them to sign up as a member via our website (<https://ignitechelmsford.org.uk/join/>).
2. Ignite Chelmsford exists primarily to connect local creatives. Vibes within the server should be encouraging, welcoming and creative-focused.
3. Be kind and courteous to other members in the server. In the immortal words of Bill S. Preston Esquire and Ted Theodore Logan, "be excellent to each other!"
4. We have a zero tolerance policy for harassment, abuse or hate speech of any kind, discussion of, or participation in illegal activities, or any other violations of Discord Terms of Service & Guidelines.
5. ALL artist opportunities listed MUST be paid roles and adhere to our Fair Pay Policy (Industry Standard). No volunteer roles allowed.

Please keep relevant chat to it's designated channels in the server and do not

Make sure you have not entered your password or any other sensitive information.  
 By applying, you give the server admins permission to message you regarding your application.



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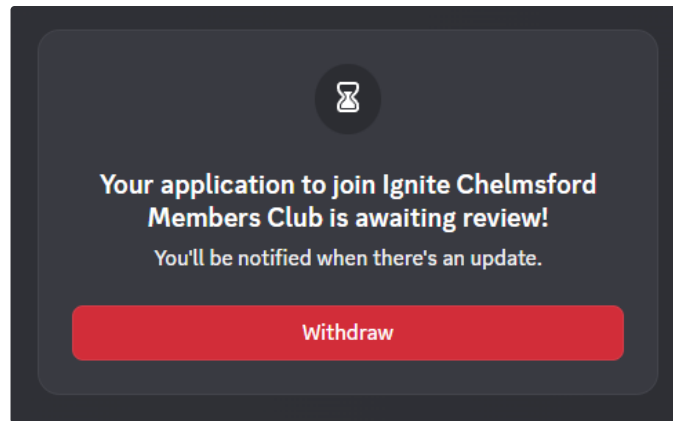
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6. Be respectful of names and handle nicknames. Your chosen name is determined by the mod team, and is not for personal interpretation. Abusive or insulting behaviour towards mods will not be tolerated in the server.
8. Allow mods time to answer questions and to moderate. Refrain from engaging or arguing with a rulebreaker, please instead flag to a mod instead.
9. Please avoid NSFW/18+ topics. This extends to profile pictures and custom statuses when used in the server. Posting NSFW content will result in a mute or ban from the server.
10. Flashing images, emotes, gifs or videos will be deleted for the safety of photosensitive members.
11. Do not post suspicious links such as free gifts/gift cards/discord nitro/code links. Links are the fastest way to spread malware and you will be banned. Please report spam.
12. No creeps allowed! Don't use this server to look for dates, hit on other people, or engage in flirtatious behaviour. Likewise, don't send suggestive or flirty DM's, or inappropriate content.
13. Respect everyone's privacy. Being part of this group requires mutual trust. Authentic, expressive discussions make groups great, but may also be sensitive and private. What's shared in the group should stay in the group.
14. The following topics are prohibited. Attempting to get around server filters or repeated posting of prohibited words/topics will result in a timeout/ban: Medical advice/gore, real life violence, content intended to shock or offend, flashing imagery.

I have read and agree to the rules

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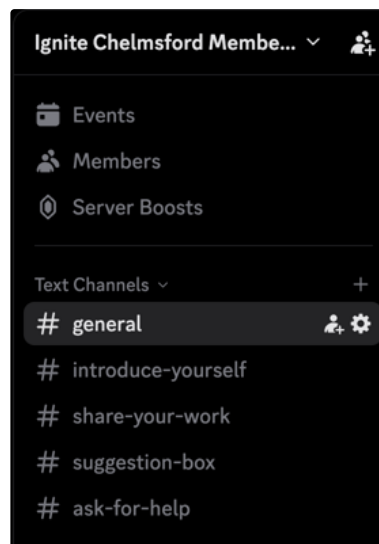
5. Your completed questionnaire then comes through to Bucky, who will check it and approve it to allow you entry to the group.



6. You're in! Keep reading for how to navigate your exciting new channels! 🙌👀

### ✅ I'm in! Now what?

The Ignite server is made up of text channels. This allows you to communicate with the other members of the server. Text channels provide dedicated spaces for written conversations, helping to keep discussions organized and ensuring everyone has room to participate. There are individual channels for each topic —whether that's sharing your art, discussing collaborations, local events, or even Action Circles!



It is also possible to set up voice channels - But we'll set those up on a case-by-case basis as requested by members, no need to worry about them now.

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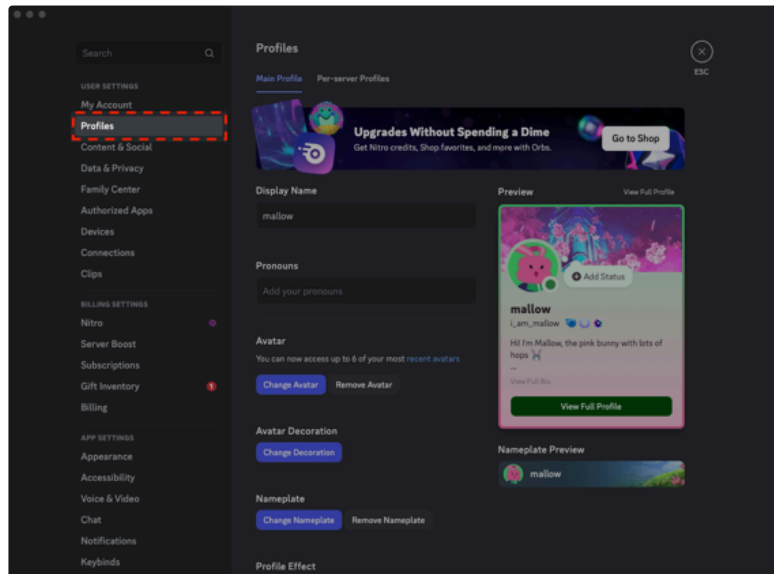
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In order to change anything in your User Profile, you first need to access **User Settings**.

## Desktop/Browser

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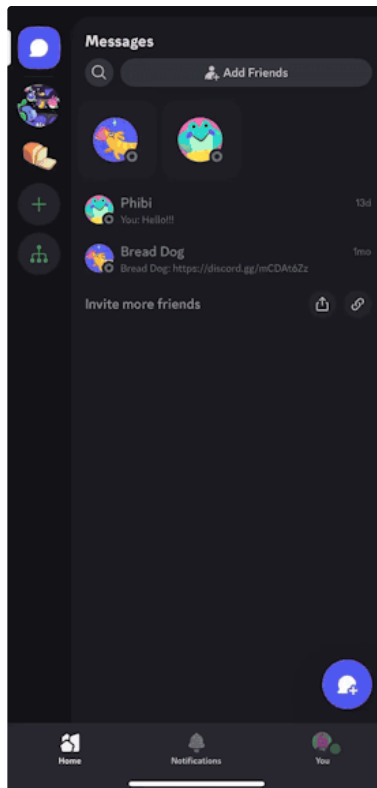
1. Tap on the **cogwheel [⚙️]** located at the bottom-left of the app to open **User Settings**.
2. Next tap on the **Profiles** tab to access and update anything within your Profile.



## Mobile

### Mobile

1. Tap on your Avatar in the bottom-right corner of your mobile app.
2. Next tap on **Edit Profile**.
3. And now you can customize your display name, avatar, and more.



### 🗨️ How do I turn off notifications/mute certain chats/etc?

The great thing about Discord is just how **uniquely customisable** it is in terms of notifications. You can mute the entire server to stop all notifications, or silence certain channels that you're not interested in. Alternatively, you can change the frequency of existing notifications, or keep them all on!

To customise your notification settings, please follow this guide by Discord: [🔗 Notifications Settings 101](#)

For any other issues, or troubleshooting, please check [Discord's Help Centre](#). If you are unable to find a solution there, then contact [hello@ignitehelmsford.org.uk](mailto:hello@ignitehelmsford.org.uk) and we'll help you!