

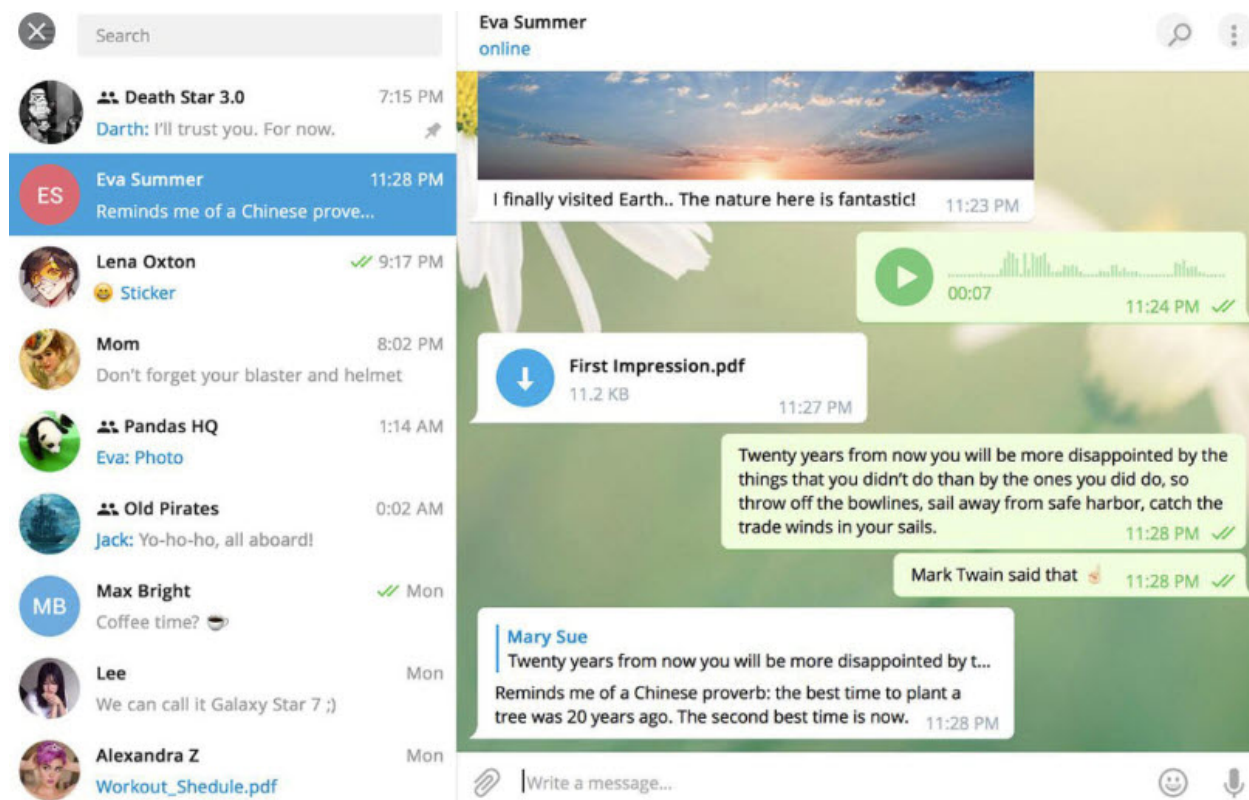
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### Secure or Public Web Chat: Telegram

It's nice to have an open line of communication with employees, vendors and customers. There are 3 great, free platforms you can use to keep your people up to date and share resources. Slack, Discord and Telegram. Each of these platforms has pros and cons - so worth exploring. They're easy to setup and use. We'll focus on the one I prefer: Telegram.

Telegram is free - always a great price. Telegram can make use of good strong encryption - which is our primary reason for using it.



To start we need to visit [www.telegram.org](http://www.telegram.org) [1], download the application and install it. You'll create your account after which you can then create a chat room for your company/group.

Creating a Private Group for your company/employees takes a few seconds. Random people can't join, as it's by invitation. To do that

1. Click the 3 bars in the upper left
2. Click New Channel

3. Give it a name - then Next
4. Choose Public or Private Channel
5. Click Save
6. From there you can invite employees to the chat

Notifications and alerts can be pinned, 1 on 1 chats can be initiated between employees and files can be shared securely with Telegram. Administrators can also boot unruly people.

While you're at it, pop in on the [PC Computer Guy Telegram Channel](#) [2] and say hi!

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