

# Slack for Open edX? Using Rocket Chat as an alternative to discussion groups

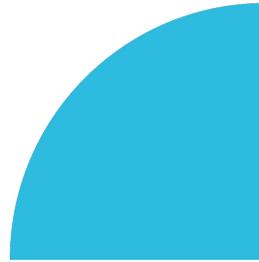
How we're implementing a new slack-style discussion integration "Rocket chat" within Open edX



# Agenda

This session is about...

- Why Open edX discussion groups needed to be improved upon
- What makes a good instant messenger
- Our answer: Rocket Chat and its features / functionalities



**Why Open edX discussion  
groups needed to be improved  
upon?**



- **Collaborative learning**
- **Experiential**
- **Asynchronously**



**What makes a good instant messenger for Open edX?**



- **Open source**
- **Video / audio call capabilities**
- **Channels**
- **API**
- **Platform agnostic**



**Our answer: Rocket Chat and its features / functionalities.**



- **Channels and private messages**
- **File sharing**
- **Sending images and GIFs**
- **Hashtagging**



**Rocket Chat Xblock.**



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**Adam Bertelsen** 2:55 PM

@ryangadams Looks great - really like how you've connected blockchain to the workforce. I would maybe have also looked at how this would impact your target market



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The future of work from 2014 by PWC.



@ryangadams Thanks!



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@AdamBertelsen This is lovely.



**Adam Bertelsen** May 3, 2018 2:51 PM

This is worth a watch too: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPkNtN8G7q8>

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