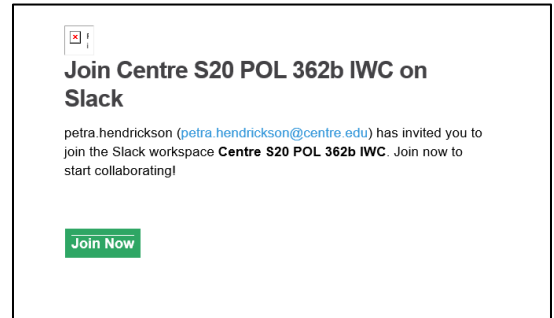


## Using Slack in Communicating with Classmates

Slack is a web-based program that allows you to communicate and interact with members within the same Slack workspace. Slack is available on a web-browser or app on your mobile device.

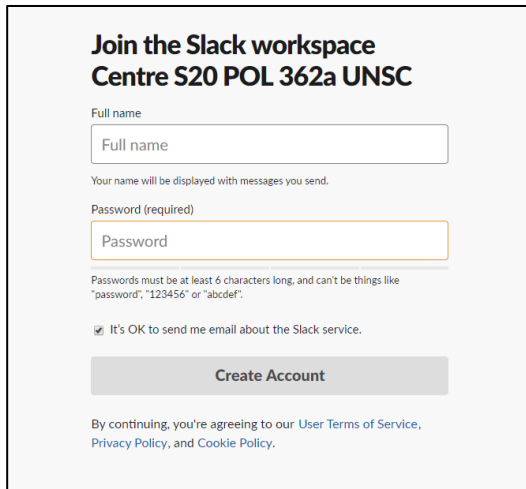
### Getting started using Slack

1. You will receive an invitation link from your professor. Click the **Join Now button** (*Image 1*)
2. A web browser window will open, please **include both your country name and your real name** in the full name field



*Image 1*

3. Create a password and click the **Create Account button** (*Image 2*)

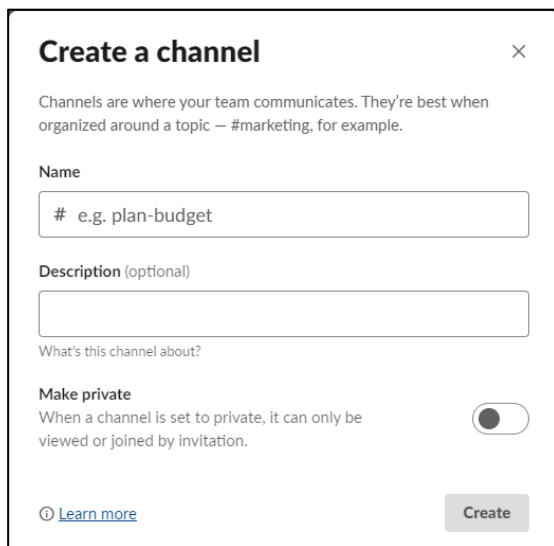
A screenshot of the Slack account creation form. The title is "Join the Slack workspace Centre S20 POL 362a UNSC". There are two input fields: "Full name" and "Password (required)". Below the "Full name" field, it says "Your name will be displayed with messages you send." Below the "Password" field, it says "Passwords must be at least 6 characters long, and can't be things like 'password', '123456' or 'abcdef'." There is a checkbox labeled "It's OK to send me email about the Slack service." which is checked. At the bottom, there is a grey button labeled "Create Account". Below the button, it says "By continuing, you're agreeing to our User Terms of Service, Privacy Policy, and Cookie Policy."

*Image 2*

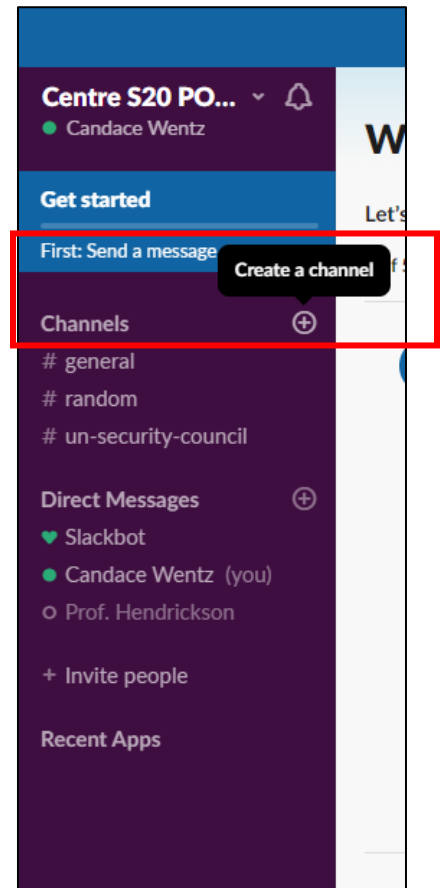
## Creating a channel to communicate with other members of your class

Before you start communicating with other members of your class, you need to create a separate channel for your group to communicate. A slack channel is where your group can share files, messages, and tools. You can create multiple channels for different topics and invite different members to join different channels.

1. On the left sidebar of the Slack window you will notice a **Channels category** (*Image 3*)
2. Click the **+ sign** and select **Create a channel**
3. **Name your channel** and add a description (*Image 4*)
4. Then, select if you want your channel to be **private or public**
  - A private channel is where members have to be invited to join the channel
  - A public channel allows anyone within the Slack workspace to view and join
5. Click the **Create button**



*Image 4*



*Image 3*

6. You are now ready to add members to your channel. Remember, if you create a private channel, you will need to **add your professor to that channel**.

## Direct Messaging

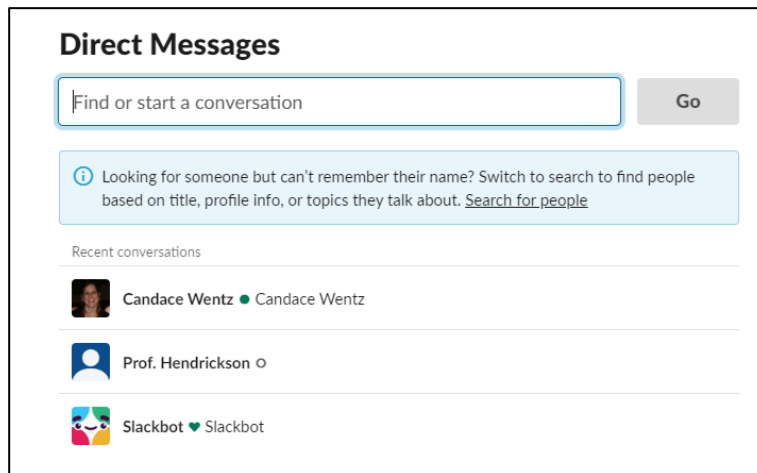
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There are two types of direct messaging within Slack.

- Direct messaging is a one-to-one conversation between you and another member of your Slack workspace.
- Group direct messaging is smaller discussions (not within a channel) between you and up to eight other members of your Slack workspace.

### Creating a group direct message

1. Click the **+** icon next to the Direct Message category on the left sidebar
2. **Search for the individuals** and **click their names** to add (*Image 5*)



*Image 5*

3. Click the **Go** button
4. You are now ready to type your message to the group