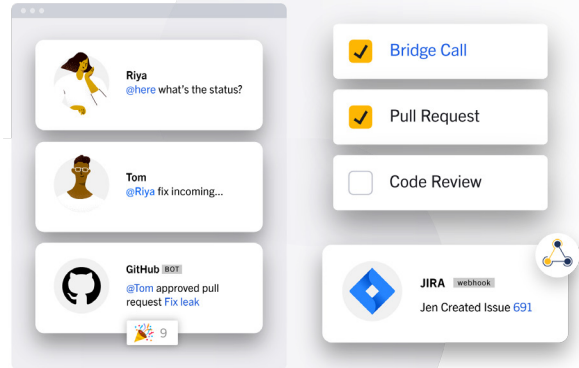# Mattermost vs. Slack

Find out why the world's best technical teams rely on Mattermost for flexible, secure, and workflow-centric collaboration.

Stay Aligned and Achieve Your Mission

Technical teams are under constant pressure to maintain a high level of productivity while reducing error rates and ensuring that sensitive data stays secure. Mission-critical processes in adjacent organizations also need innovative ideas, teamwork, and collaboration around shared goals.

Mattermost helps technical teams accelerate productivity with workflow-centric collaboration tools that can be adapted to their needs. And with on-prem and single-tenant private cloud deployment options, your data always stays in your control.

One Platform, Three Integrated Productivity Solutions

Remove obstacles from essential workflows and give teams the visibility and control they need to manage daily processes through a single user interface with minimal context switching.

Channels `Stay connected`

Channel-based team communication with dedicated channels, direct messaging, group messaging, and more

Playbooks `Trust the process`

Structured processes built around checklists and accountability

Calls `Bridge communication gaps`

Voice calling and screen sharing made easy

Customers

Mattermost vs. Slack Platform Comparison

	Mattermost	**Slack**
Software type	**Open source software** Open source codebase is supported by community contributors and is publicly available.	**Proprietary software** Proprietary software can only be modified by Slack; source code is not publicly available.
Deployment options	**On-prem and private SaaS** Deploy on-prem to your own private cloud environment, behind your firewall. Maintain complete control over data, compliance, and security.	**Publicly hosted SaaS** Available as a SaaS solution delivered via the public cloud. There aren't any on-prem or private cloud deployment options.
Features	**Feature-rich technical collaboration tools** Everything technical teams need to collaborate — including messaging, voice calling, screen sharing, and runbooks — delivered through a unified collaboration suite with unlimited integrations.	**Business messaging** Users have messaging functionality out of the box; third-party tools are available for other purposes, but lack tight integration with messaging and require additional licensing and admin fees.
Usability	**Designed for technical teams** Built for technical and operational collaboration, including DevOps, incident resolution, and release management.	**Designed for general business users** Designed for general collaboration for day-to-day activities.
Customizability	**Fully customizable** Extend Mattermost through free existing and custom apps. Use custom commands and webhooks to extend functionality, add integrations, and implement custom branding.	**Some customization** Slack offers an app marketplace that enables you to connect to some other tools. But without access to source code, you can't customize the app to make it truly yours.
Security	**Enterprise-grade security** Keep your environment safe with advanced team permissions, AD/LDAP group sync, complete access to source code, logs of all server records, infrastructure changes, and user activity, and more.	**Less control over security** As a SaaS solution delivered through the public cloud, organizations won't have access to Slack's source code, which means they have to trust the platform's security protocols.

Choose your deployment option

Unite your people, tools, and processes. Secure, open source, and made for developers. Get started with Mattermost today »