Platform Overview

Collaboration Built for Developers
About Mattermost

Mattermost is an open source platform for secure collaboration across the entire software development lifecycle. Hundreds of thousands of developers around the globe trust Mattermost to increase their productivity by bringing together team communication, collaboration, and workflow orchestration into a unified platform for agile software development.

Founded in 2016, Mattermost’s open source platform powers over 800,000 workspaces worldwide with the support of over 4,000 contributors from across the developer community. The company serves over 800 customers, including Affirm, European Parliament, Nasdaq, Samsung, SAP, and the United States Air Force, and is backed by world-class investors including Battery Ventures, Redpoint, S28 Capital, and YC Continuity.

To learn more, visit www.mattermost.com.

“We believe that open source will drive innovation in enterprise messaging and collaboration just as it has for the infrastructure stack that powers the world’s largest companies.”

Ali Rowghani
YC Managing Partner
Continuity

A note from the CEO

As organizations navigate the shift to always-on digital operations, teams that effectively align their people, tools, and processes across each stage of the development lifecycle are increasing their velocity, with improving delivery and gaining a strategic advantage.

With developers reporting that nearly 40% of their workweek is wasted due to tool fragmentation, manual tasks, fragile workflows, and service-impacting incidents and outages, we see a huge opportunity to help every R&D team in the world improve their operations and productivity with collaboration solutions built specifically for the way they work.

We’ve prepared this overview to explain exactly how we help R&D teams establish a collaboration layer that enables agile software development and improves their DevOps, Incident Response, CI/CD, and even Service Desk operations. But nothing beats experiencing it for yourself. We invite you to try the Mattermost platform and see how we can help increase your team’s productivity. Simply head to mattermost.com/sign-up/ to experience the full platform for free.

With gratitude,
Ian Tien
Co-Founder and CEO of Mattermost
Mastering digital operations is hard... and it’s only getting harder

R&D teams continue to lead the shift to the agile, digital enterprise, but doing so is no easy feat. Companies recognize the critical role that these developers play. Still, mastering digital operations requires alignment across teams, tools, and processes across each stage of the development lifecycle — from planning and building software to releasing and maintaining it.

But most of the existing tools are fragmented and sliced, while workflows are fragile and developers are frustrated by friction and misalignment. The numbers speak for themselves:

Research shows that up to 16 hours a week — equivalent to 39% of a developer’s salaried time — is wasted due to tool fragmentation, manual tasks, and managing weakly defined workflows.

Add to this the mounting pressure of incidents, emergencies, and shifting priorities, and it’s no wonder that fewer than 18% of software leaders say their teams are truly agile.

Developers have tried using general-purpose collaboration tools to stitch together their digital operations, but it hasn’t worked. Constant workarounds lead to fragile processes and siloed data that keeps teams from optimizing production efforts while pulling resources away from development work.

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Make your work flow with Mattermost

Unlike other solutions, Mattermost is explicitly built for R&D use cases. Our platform brings together team communication, collaboration, and workflow orchestration into a unified platform for agile software development.

With Mattermost, developers can communicate, collaborate, and operate across tools and teams. We help you stay productive and collaborate outside of code by aligning your tools, people, and processes — all in one place.

Mattermost has deep integrations with the tools you use every day, providing you with a single point of collaboration, so you have greater visibility and control of your team’s work. We provide open access to our source code, so your team has the power to customize solutions based upon their specific use cases, as well as playbooks and automation that you can define and adapt.

We’re also the only solution that offers self-hosted and secure cloud deployment options so that you always have complete control over your data to meet the strictest security, privacy, and compliance requirements.

"Mattermost has brought modern collaboration to the whole organization."

David Rowe
Manager of IT Systems Support

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Why Developers ❤ Mattermost

We’re committed to helping the world build better software by aligning teams, tools, and processes at every time scale.

Secure
Protecting your data is our #1 priority
From safeguarding intellectual property to ensuring national security, Mattermost is designed to help developers work faster and smarter while maintaining security and compliance.

Developer-Centric
Built for the way you work
Mattermost is purpose-built to help development teams bring together communication, collaboration, and workflow management across your tools with features that help you collaborate when coding, sprint planning, deploying, and during outages and support escalations.

Integrated
Designed to eliminate context switching
Mattermost provides a single point of collaboration that connects the best-of-breed developer tools your team uses every day and can be customized to fit your specific needs. Spend less time toggling between tools and more time coding and building.

Open Source
Innovation starts with open source
We’re committed to open source and our community of over 4,000 contributors worldwide. We strive to be open and transparent in community engagement, including public visibility into the product roadmap and the ability to nominate features.

Mattermost by the Numbers

- 800+ Global Customers
- 800,000+ Downloads & Workspaces
- 30,000+ Code Contributions
- 4,000+ Open Source Contributors
- 25,000+ GitHub Stars

Teams That Ship Fast Trust Mattermost

- U.S. Air Force
- Affirm
- AIG
- Blue Origin
- Canonical
- Nasdaq
- Qualcomm
- Bosch
- Nasa
- Bristol Myers Squibb
- Fastly
- MedinCell
- Quick兴起
- Samsung
- LAIKA
- Tesla
- 20 Languages / 1.5 million+ words translated
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Whether you’re building Mars Rovers, designing popular video games, protecting sensitive patient data, or developing the next big software innovation, Mattermost helps your team collaborate efficiently while keeping your data safe in your hands — and yours alone. Join teams around the world who have accelerated development and optimized production with Mattermost.

### Keeping Developers Agile and Aligned Across Industries

#### Incident Resolution

Whether you’re rolling back a release or recovering from a security breach, every second counts. But information silos and weak processes can drag down your response time and leave customers at risk.

Mattermost is the only team collaboration platform purpose-built for rapid incident response, with customizable playbooks designed to help your team automate incident response and keep your business running smoothly.

#### CI/CD

Collaborating on thousands — or millions — of lines of code requires tight alignment and coordination across teams and tools. Get visibility and control across your entire CI/CD pipeline with channel-based collaboration, tool integrations with two-way communication, and bots to cut manual tasks.

Document best practices and give teams checklist-based playbooks with clear accountability and automation for speed and accuracy. Centralize and automate notifications across your toolchain.

#### Test & QA

Testing teams that support large, fast-moving dev teams are always stretched thin. Juggling different tools wastes time and increases the chances of bugs finding their way into production. Accelerate and simplify your QA with a collaboration platform for keeping QA and dev agile and aligned across the entire development cycle.

Bring your testing tools, team, and workflows together for faster, more efficient testing and easily automate repetitive tasks to keep your team focused on shipping high-quality software.

#### DevOps

Track your product roadmap, plan features, and assigned sprint tasks with ease and flexibility. Code socially, review PRs quickly with repository integrations, get input from peer groups, and build a community of practice to improve the quality of your code.

Release with confidence — and on time — with process checklists, CI/CD monitoring, and automation. And when production incidents happen, prescribed processes help you resolve them quickly and make sure they don’t happen again.

#### IT Service Desk

IT teams handle tons of requests every day. But while the tools you have may be great for ticketing and tracking, they just weren’t made for team collaboration when an incident arises. With so many manual processes, disparate tools, and communications flying around channels like email, text, and phone, issues can go unaddressed and easily reoccur.

Mattermost brings all your IT collaboration needs together into one platform. Your team stays aligned so you never miss a ticket, and your team gets the help they need faster than ever.

#### APM & NPM

Monitoring the health and performance of your environment will only get you so far without taking the proper action. Fix issues faster with a collaboration solution that integrates deeply with your APM and NPM tools.

Now you can improve your response time with embedded alerts and notifications in a single space that gives teams full control and visibility without toggling between tools.

#### Workflow Orchestration

Digital operations make communication, visibility, and control easier across teams, processes, and tools. But fragmented workflows kill productivity. You need a solution built for real-time collaboration all the way through to long-term planning because different workflows span multiple time frames.

Mattermost is your modern productivity stack for team alignment from end to end across the development lifecycle.
One Platform to Unite Devs, Ops, and Everything in Between

The Mattermost platform brings team messaging, collaboration, and workflow management into a single collaboration platform with a unified user interface and familiar user experience. Through custom apps, plugins, open API, and webhooks, Mattermost integrates with your entire developer toolchain, enabling you to orchestrate sophisticated workflows and automate manual processes across your teams and tech. Our military-grade security, privacy, and compliance controls give you the highest protection from data breaches.

**More than just messaging**
Go beyond chat with a suite of tightly integrated productivity tools matched to common R&D processes – from planning sprints to managing releases to resolving production incidents.

**Communicate and collaborate any time, anywhere**
The only unified solution with a shared set of platform services and a powerful UI structured around channel-based communications, checklist-based process execution, and cross-team collaboration.

**Open source and extensible by design**
Supported by a rich ecosystem of community-driven apps, an open API, and a developer framework so you can customize and enhance the platform to meet your unique needs.

**Built for your security, privacy, and compliance needs**
Choose from self-hosted or secure cloud deployment options that give you the controls you need when you need them.
The foundation of the Mattermost platform is channel-based collaboration. Channels are a seamless part of our platform architecture that is intuitive and easy to use. Channels bring all of your team’s communication together so you have full visibility and control.

Mattermost Channels go beyond team messaging and connect your R&D tools and processes. With features like slash commands, code syntax highlighting, rich Markdown formatting, code snippets, and bot integrations, Channels are built specifically for developer collaboration and can be customized from the UI down to the extensions that developers rely on to work effectively.

### Channels

All of your team’s communication in one place

Stay connected, wherever you are
Persistent channels and 1:1 group messaging, audio calls, screensharing, and file sharing works seamlessly across web, desktop, and mobile.

An all-in-one productivity solution
Channels are tightly integrated with Mattermost Playbooks and Calls so you can move easily from pushing releases into production to automating rollback when incidents arise and triaging issues over quick voice conversations.

Designed for the way developers work
More than just messaging, Mattermost Channels allow developers to interface directly with third-party developer tools and use CLI-style commands, automation, and integrations to help you reduce context switching and stay in flow.

Gain agility without sacrificing security
Compliant with the strictest data privacy and regulatory policies, Mattermost gives you full control of your data with granular user and admin settings to keep your data safe and secure.
Build it. Ship it. Fix it. Faster.

Playbooks streamline complex, recurring processes that enable teams to achieve specific, predictable outcomes. Playbooks make any structured processes repeatable and predictable using checklists, triggers, automation, and tool integrations. But structured doesn’t mean inflexible; your playbooks are highly customizable to align with organizational practices. Use templates to quickly codify best practices, or build a playbook from scratch with capabilities to adjust on the fly during dynamic situations.

Playbooks run side-by-side with Channels and increase stakeholder visibility. The dashboard provides status updates, identifies the commander, and clearly defines stakeholders and accountability. Continuous improvement is built into each playbook with learnings and retrospectives. Compliance requirements are addressed with programmatic history archive and export. Playbooks are critical in incident resolution to avoid and minimize costly business disruptions or software release processes to ship high-quality software on time.

Orchestrate complex processes that span tools and teams

Use configurable playbooks with built-in task checklists alongside real-time messaging so everyone knows what’s happening now and what to do next.

Ensure quality and visibility

Streamline and prescribe checklists so that each person follows best practices every time. Status updates take away the guesswork to make sure that stakeholders are kept informed without the noise.

Streamline with triggers and actions

Automate repetitive work with a no-code framework so that your team can focus on the tasks that matter most – especially during critical workflows when the clock is ticking.

Improve with every iteration

Retrace what happened and recognize takeaways with retrospective reports and timelines. Incorporate your learnings back into the playbook to make best practices repeatable and scalable.
Integrates Seamlessly with the Tools You Love

Context switching can slow down even the fastest moving development teams. With powerful functionality and flexible developer options to integrate, connect, customize and extend the platform to fit your environments and unique workflows, Mattermost helps keep your team focused on the work, not toggling between tools.

**Apps Framework**

Developer toolkit to customize the user experience with lightweight add-ons that support complex user interactions via simple HTTP commands.

**Custom Bots**

Deploy interactive bots to issue commands and receive responses directly in a channel. Build your own bot or browse what the community has to offer.

**Interactive Messages**

Use interactive message buttons and menus directly in a channel with webhooks, custom slash commands, and plugins.

**Slash Commands**

Turn any channel into a CLI — use built-in or custom slash commands to execute custom actions directly in the Mattermost UI.

**Plugins**

Completely customize the user experience with deep, fully integrated plugins written in Go.

**Modify Source Code**

Modify source code to customize Mattermost to meet your specific needs.

**Webhooks**

Post to channels or listen for new messages with incoming & outgoing webhooks.

**Zapier Support**

Mattermost supports Zapier to enable connection to over 700 public cloud services, like Email, Gmail, GitHub, Jira, BitBucket, and Confluence.
Meet the Strictest Security, Privacy, and Compliance Requirements

Mattermost is the only solution that offers self-hosted and secure cloud deployment options. You always have complete control over your data, so you can meet the most demanding security, privacy, and compliance requirements — even the ability to deploy in an air-gapped environment.

Mattermost is easily customized to meet your specific compliance requirements with fine-grained data retention, audit logs, and the ability to programmatically archive and export records. We provide full access controls and give teams the ability to set granular permissions to control access to sensitive data.

**Self-hosted Deployment & Database Ownership**
Retain full control over your company’s sensitive data with no third-party monitoring.

- Get a secure, on-premises installation in your data center with layered security options (SSL, VPN and DMZ)
- You own the database (MySQL or PostgreSQL) and manage all internal controls
- Keep integration connections completely private for tools like Jenkins, Git, and Zoom
- Host on the secure cloud of your choice such as Azure or AWS — no need to send Active Directory data over a public network

**Advanced Mobile Security**
Our mobile apps work with EMM solutions. Full source code is available for custom solutions.

**Built-in Identity & Access Controls**
Define granular controls for enterprise data archiving to keep data properly secured and accessed.

- Multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- Session duration configuration
- User and group provisioning via Active Directory and LDAP
- SAML-based single sign-on (SSO)
- Certificate-based authentication (CBA)
- Enterprise mobile management (EMM)
- Block message copy and file download
- Minimum app version

**Information Governance & Compliance**
Pull compliance reports on user conversations and behaviors. Audit logging enables oversight and protection of ethical boundaries.

- Global retention policies
- Compliance exports
- Role-based access control with custom permissions
- Custom terms of service (TOS)
- Block message contents from appearing in mobile application notifications

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**Our Security Architecture & Practices**

- Encryption in transit
- Encryption at rest
- Network and security hardening
- System monitoring
- Annual penetration testing
- Manual and automated source code reviews
- Regular security updates delivered to the community prior to public disclosure
- Continual Commitment to the principles of GDPR and CCPA
- CVE Numbering Authority (CNA)
- Bug bounty program and Responsible Disclosure Policy
Fairphone makes phones designed for lower environmental impact. They needed a collaboration solution that could meet their strict security and data retention requirements, while also aligning with their open source philosophy. Mattermost has become a seamless part of the company’s workflows, improving both productivity and morale across the organization.

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Health-ISAC is a global, non-profit organization offering members a trusted community and forum for coordinating and sharing vital physical and cyber threat intelligence. But security concerns about many of the collaboration platforms on the market led to reduced usage and engagement among members.

Mattermost offered the solution with the security profile that the H-ISAC community needed to confidently adopt it, including an Okta integration for SSO. Now, nearly all 4,000 list members actively communicate in Mattermost regularly. The platform has played an essential role in coordinating responses to wide-scale security incidents such as WannaCry and NotPetya.

Crossover Health provides accessible, affordable healthcare services to companies and individuals. With a distributed team spread across more than 44 locations throughout the United States, keeping patient data private and secure while enabling the team to collaborate is essential.

Crossover rolled out Mattermost as a secure, HIPAA-compliant collaboration platform to keep teams connected. By using Mattermost to streamline IT support management and automate repetitive processes, the Crossover team has increased average support ticket resolution time by 99%.

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Create a Mattermost Workspace Today

Within minutes you can unite your people, tools, and processes. Secure, open source, and made for developers.

Cloud
Get up and running immediately in your own private cloud instance.

Self-Hosted
Host Mattermost on your own infrastructure.

func (a *App) CreateChannel(c *request.Context, channel *model.Channel, addMember bool) (*model.Channel, *model.AppError) {
    channel.DisplayName = strings.TrimSpace(channel.DisplayName)
    if nErr != nil {
        var invErr *store.ErrInvalidInput
        var cErr *store.ErrConflict
        var ltErr *store.ErrLimitExceeded
        var appErr *model.AppError
        switch {
        case errors.As(nErr, &invErr):
            switch {
            case invErr.Entity == "Channel" && invErr.Field == "DeleteAt":
                return nil, model.NewAppError("CreateChannel", "store.sql_channel.save.archived_channel.app_error", nil, ", http.StatusBadRequest)
            case invErr.Entity == "Channel" && invErr.Field == "Type":
                return nil, model.NewAppError("CreateChannel", "store.sql_channel.save.direct_channel.app_error", nil, ", http.StatusBadRequest)
            case invErr.Entity == "Channel" && invErr.Field == "Id":
                return nil, model.NewAppError("CreateChannel", "store.sql_channel.save_channel.existing.app_error", nil, "id="+invErr.Value.(string), http.StatusBadRequest)
            }
        case errors.As(nErr, &cErr):
        case errors.As(nErr, &ltErr):
        case errors.As(nErr, &appErr):
            // in case we haven't converted to plain error.
            return nil, appErr
        default:
            // last fallback in case it doesn't map to an existing app error.
        }
    }
}