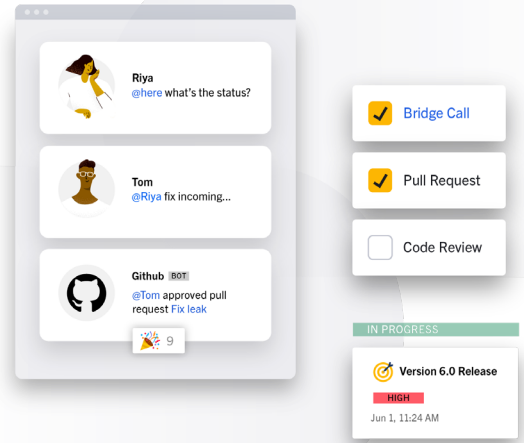# Mattermost vs. Microsoft Teams for Public Sector and Defense

Learn why governments worldwide prefer Mattermost for secure communication, collaboration and operations — from public agencies to defense and intelligence organizations.

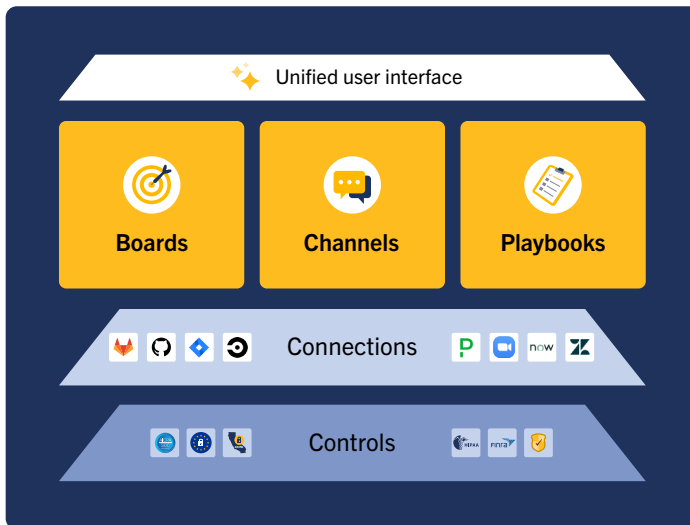## Stay Aligned and Achieve Your Mission

Government agencies are under constant pressure to do more with less. Mission-oriented organizations need innovative ideas, teamwork, and alignment around shared goals. Mattermost aligns teams, tools, and processes with frictionless collaboration for a command and control center that can be adapted to workflows of any type.

Unlike Teams, Mattermost is open source and yours to customize. With on-prem and single-tenant private cloud deployment options, your data always stays in your control.

One Platform, Three Productivity Solutions

Remove obstacles across the entire development lifecycle and give teams the visibility and control they need to manage daily processes through a single user interface with minimal context switching.

Unified user interface

Boards

Channels

Playbooks

Connections

Controls

Channels `Stay connected`

Channel-based team communication with real-time messaging, audio calls, and screenshare

Playbooks `Trust the process`

Structure processes built around checklists and accountability

Boards `Hit your milestones`

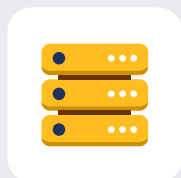Kanban-style boards to manage products and projects of any size

Customers

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Mattermost vs. Microsoft Teams

Learn why mission-focused teams choose Mattermost for high security, high availability collaboration.

	Mattermost	Microsoft Teams
Software Type	**Open source** Source code is publicly available and supported by community contributors.	**Proprietary software** Source code is not publicly not available.
Impact Levels	**Can be deployed at any Impact Level**	**Only deployed at IL5 and GCC High**
Deployment	**On-premise and private cloud** Deploy on-premise behind your firewall. No FedRAMP required.	**Publicly-hosted SaaS** No on-prem or private-cloud option. FedRAMP required.
Compliance and Data Access	**Your data stays in your hands** All data can be backed up and exported.	**Data managed by Microsoft** Requires FedRAMP to implement compliance and retention policies.
Flexibility and Extensibility	**Fully customizable and extensible** Extensible through various existing and custom plugins.	**Limited extensibility; additional purchases required** Extensible through prebuilt apps; some require additional purchases.
Usability	**Designed for technical team workflows** Best suited for developers and mission-focused team collaboration.	**Designed for general collaboration** Best suited for general collaboration for day-to-day activities.
Mobile	**Customizable** Supports chat and voice calls (beta) for a single server, no plugins or file management. Customize via API.	**Not customizable** Video calls, calendar views, chat, integrated cloud storage, dashboards, support for multiple team accounts, etc. No ability to customize the mobile app.

Choose your deployment option

Unite your people, tools, and processes. Secure, open-source, and made for developers. Get started for free with Mattermost Cloud or Self-Hosted »