

Slash Commands

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What is a slash command?

Slash commands can be used by your users to send a command to your app. For example,

- The Appear.in app has a `/video` slash command which sends a notification to the [Appear.in](#) app to generate a video conference URL within that chat tab
- The Todo app has a `/todo` slash command which provides the user a quick way to create to-dos from a conversation

Your app can use a slash command when you want to provide your user a CLI to perform some action. Note that the user can perform the same action using a [chat tab button](#) or [widget](#). However power users may prefer using a slash command. A user can always see the entire list of slash commands available from various apps by typing `"/` -



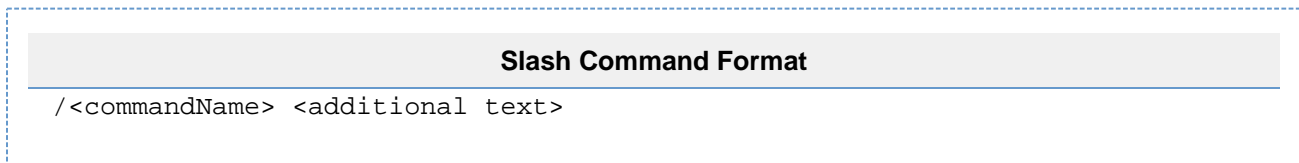
The screenshot shows a chat interface with a list of slash commands. The list is titled "/ COMMANDS" and contains the following entries:

<code>/add @name</code>	add people to this conversation
<code>/mute @groupname</code>	mute a group
<code>/unmute @groupname</code>	unmute a group
<code>/status status message</code>	set your status
<code>/shortcuts</code>	see all keyboard shortcuts
<code>/leave</code>	leave group
<code>/clone</code>	clone the current group
<code>/remind [me or all] in [time eg: 30 mins] to [message]</code>	create new reminders
<code>/poll question o:option 1, option 2, ...</code>	create a poll
<code>/todo to-do text</code>	create a shared to-do
<code>/giphy name</code>	share a random gif
<code>/video optional room name</code>	start a video conference

Below the list is a text input field containing `/|`. At the bottom of the interface, there is a note: "Type '/' for quick commands".

What is the format of a slash command?

A slash command comprises of a forward slash followed by the command name. Your slash command may also accept additional text.



The diagram shows a dashed blue box containing a grey header with the text "Slash Command Format". Below the header, the format is shown as `/<commandName> <additional text>`.

- *commandName* should be a string comprising of alphanumeric characters, or the symbols underscore or hyphen. It *must* begin with an alphanumeric character.
- There should be no spaces between the slash and the command name.
- There must be one or more spaces between the command name and the additional text that follows it.

How do I create a slash command?

1. Go through [Creating an App](#) to setup your app in the developer dashboard.
2. In the *Advanced Info* section, enable the slash command.

Slash command



Enable to configure a slash command for your app

Name of the command (required)

Short description (required)

Syntax hint

Select action for Slash command (required)

Action URL (required)

Fill in the info below:

Field	Mandatory	Description
<i>Name of command</i>	Yes	The name of the slash command
<i>Short description</i>	Yes	A short description of what the slash command does. This will be shown to the user against the slash command.
<i>Syntax hint</i>	No	A hint to the user on how to use the command
<i>Select action for Slash command</i>	Yes	Select an appropriate client action for this slash command.

3. Save these changes, then follow the steps in [app installation](#) and install this app into your own Flock account.
4. Once the app is installed, whenever a user enters a slash command, the event `client.slashCommand` will either be [sent to the event listener URL](#) or appended to the [widget or browser URL](#), depending on the client action you selected in step 2.
5. If you want to send a message back to the user upon receiving the event or opening the widget or browser URL, see [Sending Messages](#).