What’s new in Google Chat vs. classic Hangouts?

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Google Chat introduces features, such as:

- **Rooms** where teams can collaborate and hold conversations
- Share documents and files from Drive or your computer/mobile device
- Search for people and rooms, with filtering
- Rich previews for web links
- Support for **bots**, including letting third parties develop bots
- Expand rooms and direct messages to use the full Gmail window

Previously, group messages in classic Hangouts were not visible in Google Chat. Now, all messages are viewable in the Gmail Chat interface, in the Chat browser app, or through the Chat app installed on a mobile device.

Related FAQs

- What Google Apps are available at UNC Charlotte?
- How do I turn on/off history in a Google Chat?
- How do I create a room in Chat?
- Can I change the position of the Chat panel in Gmail?
- How do I turn on/off Google Chat in Gmail?