

IFISC joins the matrix

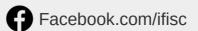


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### What will I talk about?



### What is [matrix]?

An open network for secure, decentralised communication

### How does it compare to similar services

Has common features with e-mail, I.M. services and collaborative frameworks

### Why you'll enjoy it

Security and privacy focused.

#### How to start using it

You all have an account already... and no need to install anything...

#### Limitations we've found

Some, but they/we are working on it.

### Share your thougts

Some have been using it for weeks...





# What is [matrix]?

- An open network [protocol] for secure, decentralised communication (matrix.org)
  - Matrix is not a program, it is a Protocol (like HTTP, SMTP or FTP).
  - It's Open: well known, free to use, so anyone can create a program to use it.
    No need to tie to just one.
  - A very complete and modern communication protocol for managing comunities.
  - Focused arround security and privacy. You really know who you're talking to...
  - Decentralised: you can use matrix.org server, or your company server, or your own (like email servers).
    - What happens if matrix.org fails?



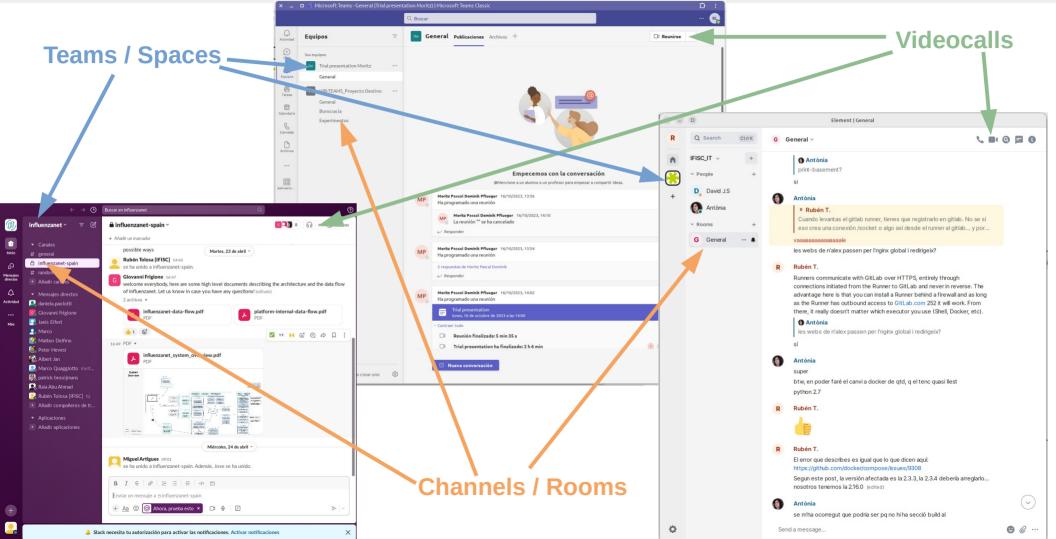
# How does it compare to similar services?



- Communicating is much more than 1 to 1 chatting by text
- Are you familiar with...?
  - Slack
    - Huddles (juntas), Spaces, Channels...
  - Teams
    - Meetings, Teams, Channels...
- In matrix (at least in Element client) they are called:
  - Videocalls, Spaces, and Rooms





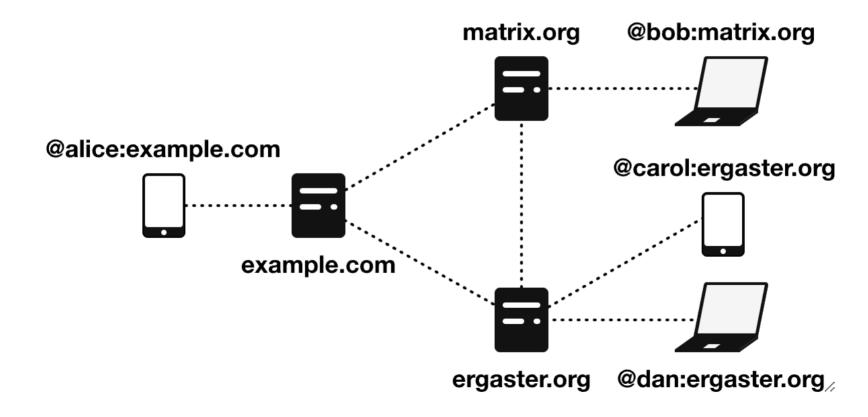




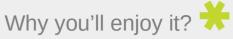
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Hydrogen



FluffyChat Thunderbird



**NeoChat** 



**SchildiChat** 



Quaternion

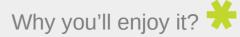












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- High quality video-calls. Specially 1 to 1 calls in local network.
- You don't have to register... IFISC users already have an account





## How to start using it?

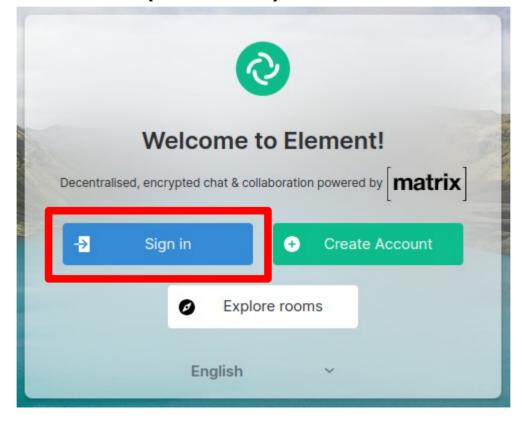


- Install Element (or not):
  - Windows, MacOS [and also Linux]:
    - https://element.io/download
  - Linux:
    - ~\$ snap install element-desktop
  - Android, iPhone stores:
    - Search for "Element" [Not Element X]
  - Use it just on the browser:
    - https://app.element.io



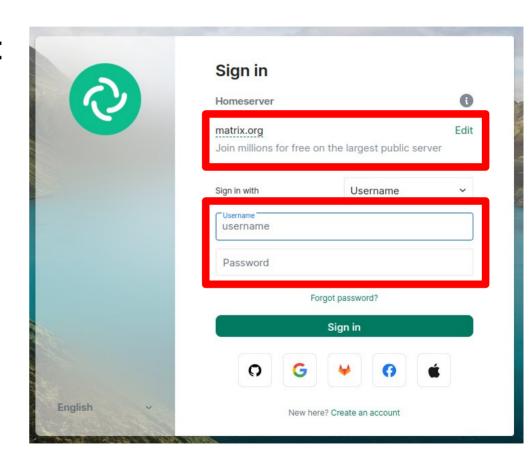


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  - Homeserver:
    - Replace "matrix.org" with our matrix homeserver:
      - ifisc.uib-csic.es
  - User and password:
    - Use your IFISC user account credentials (the same for the intranet/email)

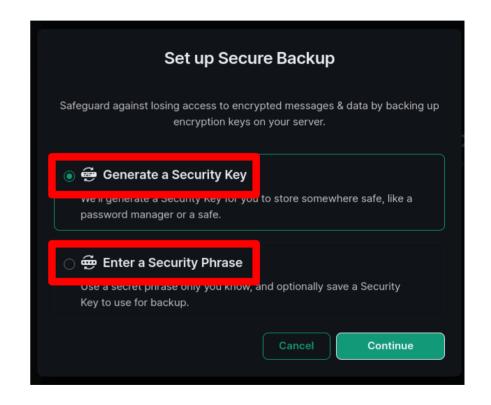






### Security:

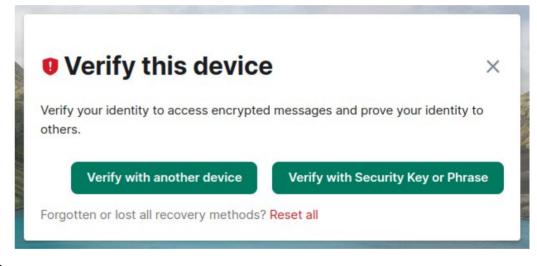
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- Every time you log out or log in with a new device, you'll have to verify it
  - It is possible to do it with another device already verified

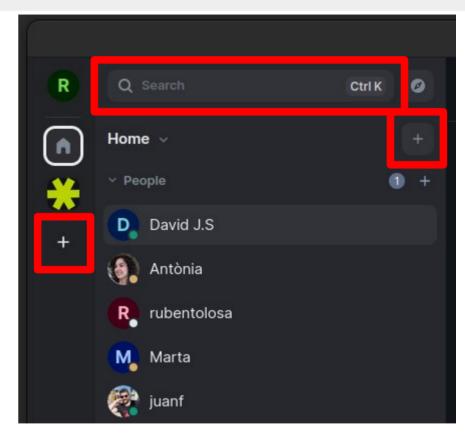






### Start a new chat:

- Enter a user identifier:
  - @username:homeserver.add ress
    - @ruben:ifisc.uib-csic.es
    - @rubentolosa:matrix.org
- Use global search for people you already have a chat started
- And start creating spaces, rooms, etc.





### Limitations we've found

- Pin conversation / message not available
  - You can create threads
- Only one accont at a time can be managed [Element]
  - Other clients do have support for multi-account
- GIFs: No GIF keyboard.
  - Copy&Paste from the web works
- It's not possible to invite someone to a space, room or videocall if he does not have a matrix account.
  - Accounts are free and very easy to get at matrix.org
- Screen share when using Wayland X server [also affects zoom and others]
  - Switch to Xorg
- Screen share on many-to-many videocalls may not work [Element]
  - Popping out the videocall plugin (it opens on the browser) is a workarround

