

Labs

Disclaimer: This guide refers to using the Element Matrix clients, [Element Web](#) or [Element Desktop](#) apps

Accessing Labs

You can change your Matrix account settings by clicking your profile icon in the top left of the Element client. By default, this will be a colored circle with the first letter of your Matrix ID. From the presented drop-down menu, you'll be able to jump into specific settings straight away, or access [All Settings](#). Clicking [All Settings](#) will take you first to [General](#) settings, click [Labs](#) in the vertical navigation menu on the left to open the [Labs](#) page.

Info: The below setting layout / order may change in subsequent client updates, however generally most settings will still perform the same function.

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Upcoming features

What's next for Element? Labs are the best way to get things early, test out new features and help shape them before they actually launch.

Video rooms BETA

A new way to chat over voice and video in Element.

Video rooms are always-on VoIP channels embedded within a room in Element.

[Join the beta](#)

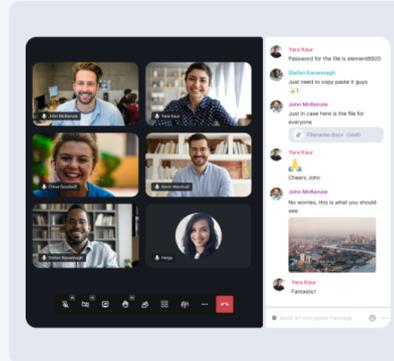
Joining the beta will reload Element.

How can I create a video room?

Use the "+" button in the room section of the left panel.

Can I use text chat alongside the video call?

Yes, the chat timeline is displayed alongside the video.



Notification Settings BETA

Introducing a simpler way to change your notification settings. Customize your Element, just the way you like.

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The Labs sections contains experimental options you can turn on to test out new / upcoming features. It is not recommended to enable Lab options unless you are happy to accept enabling of beta functionality.

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