

# How to Export Telegram Chat History

<https://www.maketecheasier.com/export-telegram-chat-history/>

Unlike WhatsApp, Telegram doesn't allow users to backup chats to a cloud service. That's because Telegram is a cloud platform in itself that saves all your data (chats, photos, videos, etc.) in its own cloud servers automatically. Therefore, your chats will not be deleted if you change phones without making a backup. But, if you still want to save the backup offline or send your chat history to someone, you can export Telegram chats. Let's check both methods to do so quickly and efficiently.

**Note:** You can export Telegram chat history only from the Telegram desktop app and not from its mobile apps.

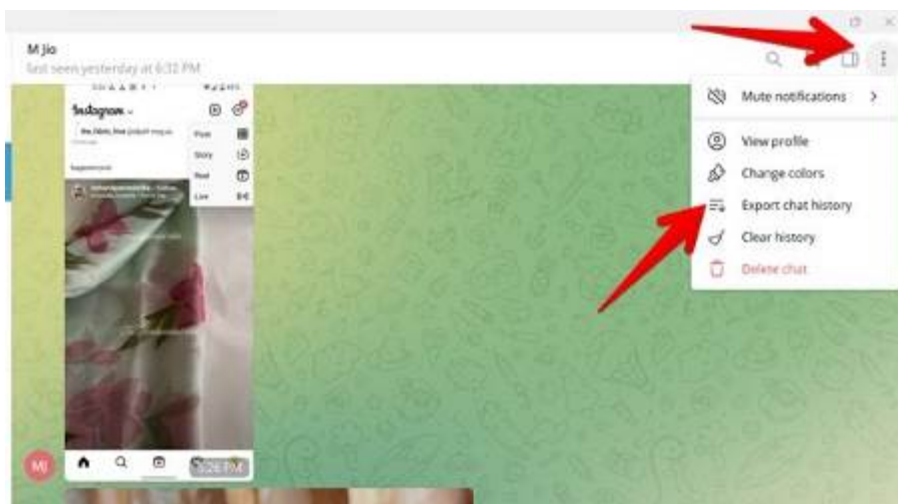
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## 1. Export Individual Telegram Chats

You can use this method to export chat history from individual Telegram chats, groups, or channels as shown below:

1. Install the [Telegram desktop app](#) on your computer. If you face any issues while installing Telegram on Linux, check our [guide to install Telegram](#).
2. Open the Telegram app after installation and log in to your Telegram account using the one-time code sent to the Telegram app on your mobile.
3. In the Telegram desktop app, open the chat that you want to export.
4. Click on the three-dot icon at the top and select "Export chat history" from the menu.



5. The chat export settings pop-up window will show up. Select the items that should be exported in addition to text messages. You can select from photos, videos, voice messages, video messages, stickers, GIFs, and files.

## Chat export settings ✕

Photos

Videos


Voice messages

Video messages

Stickers

GIFs

Files Size limit: 8 MB



Format: HTML, Path: Downloads\Telegram Desktop

From: the oldest message, to: present

Cancel Export

6. From the same screen you can customize various other settings related to chat history. By default, files up to 8MB will be saved only. Use the size limit slider to extend the file size limit to save bigger files.

**Also read:** [How to Export and Back Up Your WhatsApp Chat History](#)

7. Click on the address label next to the “Path” to change the location of exported files on your computer. By default, it will be saved in the newly created “Telegram Desktop” folder present in your PC’s “Downloads” folder.

Format: HTML, Path: Downloads\Telegram Desktop

From: the oldest message, to: present



Cancel Export

8. The app will export all the messages present in the chat history starting from the oldest to the present date by default. However, you can customize the time period and choose different start and end dates by tapping on the “From” and “To” labels.

Format: HTML, Path: Downloads\Telegram Desktop

From: the oldest message, to: present

Cancel Export

9. Once all this is done, click on the “Export” button to start exporting the chat history.

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10. The export process may take some time depending on the size of the chat. When finished, you will get the completed status pop-up.

Also read: [How to Set Up Passcode Lock in Telegram](#)

### Viewing Your Data

1. Click on “Show my data” to view the chat history on your computer.

Export Your Data X

Data export completed.

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Total files: 3017

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Total size: 205.9 MB

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Your data was successfully exported.

SHOW MY DATA

2. Open the “ChatExport” folder by going to “This PC-> Downloads-> Telegram Desktop” to view the items exported from the chat, such as voice messages, video files, photos, messages, etc.

This PC > Downloads > Telegram Desktop >

Name	Date	Type	Size	Tags
ChatExport_2022-05-15	Sun/5/15/2022 4:35 PM	File folder		
ChatExport_2022-06-09	Thu/6/9/2022 10:20 AM	File folder		
20220514_145115.jpg	Sat/5/14/2022 2:51 PM	IrfanView JPG Fi...	4,575 KB	
20220514_145117.jpg	Sat/5/14/2022 2:51 PM	IrfanView JPG Fi...	3,903 KB	
20220514_152837.jpg	Sat/5/14/2022 3:28 PM	IrfanView JPG Fi...	3,647 KB	
20220514_153947.jpg	Sat/5/14/2022 3:39 PM	IrfanView JPG Fi...	3,557 KB	
20220514_154035.jpg	Sat/5/14/2022 3:40 PM	IrfanView JPG Fi...	3,325 KB	
20220514_154037.jpg	Sat/5/14/2022 3:40 PM	IrfanView JPG Fi...	3,501 KB	
doc_2022-05-15_19-58-23.vcard	Sun/5/15/2022 7:58 PM	VCARD File	1 KB	
IMG_1390.PNG	Fri/4/22/2022 12:57 PM	PNG File	289 KB	
IMG_1391.PNG	Fri/4/22/2022 12:57 PM	PNG File	147 KB	
IMG_1392.PNG	Fri/4/22/2022 12:57 PM	PNG File	99 KB	
IMG_1393.PNG	Fri/4/22/2022 12:57 PM	PNG File	152 KB	

3. You might find multiple “messages.html” files depending on the size of the chat. These are your text messages in the human-readable format.

Downloads > Telegram Desktop > ChatExport\_2022-06-09 >

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
css	Thu/6/9/2022 10:20...	File folder	
files	Thu/6/9/2022 10:30...	File folder	
images	Thu/6/9/2022 10:20...	File folder	
js	Thu/6/9/2022 10:20...	File folder	
photos	Thu/6/9/2022 10:30...	File folder	
stickers	Thu/6/9/2022 10:21...	File folder	
video_files	Thu/6/9/2022 10:24...	File folder	
voice_messages	Thu/6/9/2022 10:28...	File folder	
messages.html	Thu/6/9/2022 10:23...	Chrome HTML ...	506 KB
messages2.html	Thu/6/9/2022 10:26...	Chrome HTML ...	582 KB
messages3.html	Thu/6/9/2022 10:29...	Chrome HTML ...	595 KB
messages4.html	Thu/6/9/2022 10:30...	Chrome HTML ...	629 KB

4. Double-click on these HTML files to open them in your default browser where you can read them easily. Or, attach the file to an e-mail to send it to someone else.

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👤	16:33
♥	16:33
😂	16:33
😊	16:33
👍	16:33
M M 17.03.2019 17:58:00	16:33
Hey	
M M 17.03.2019 19:12:00	16:33
.You may think your only choices are to swallow your anger or throw it in someone's face, but there's a third option: You can just let it go, and only when you do that is it really gone and you can move forward	
M M 17.03.2019 19:39:00	16:33
That's how it goes kids. The friends, neighbors, drinking buddies, and partners in crime you love so much when you're young, as the years go by, you just lose touch. You will be shocked, kids, when you discover how easy it is in life to part ways with people forever. That's why, when you find someone you want to keep around, you do something about it - Ted	

Similarly, you can export a group chat or a channel history.

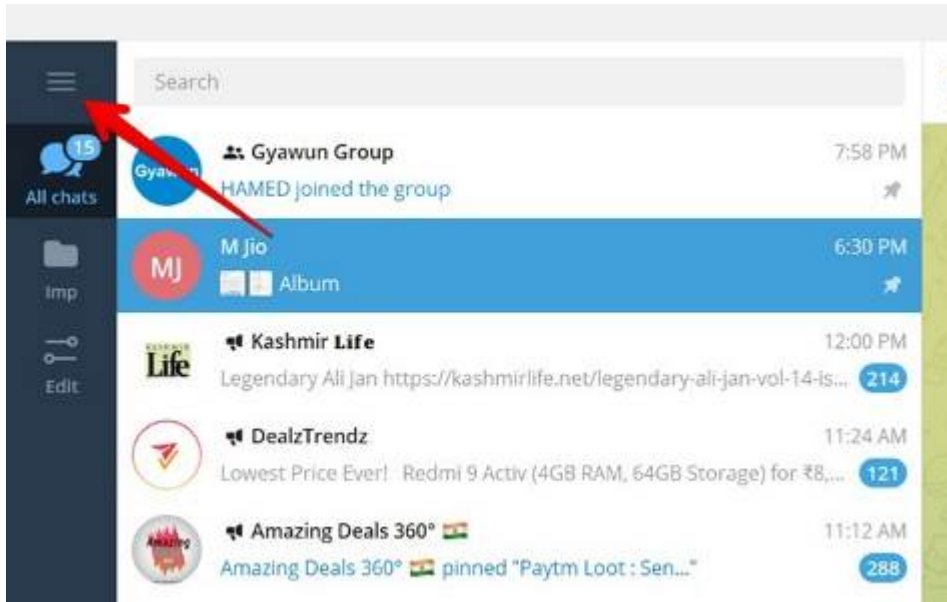
**Tip:** Also learn how to [create or manage Telegram channels](#).

**Also read:** [Telegram vs. WhatsApp: Is Telegram as Good as WhatsApp?](#)

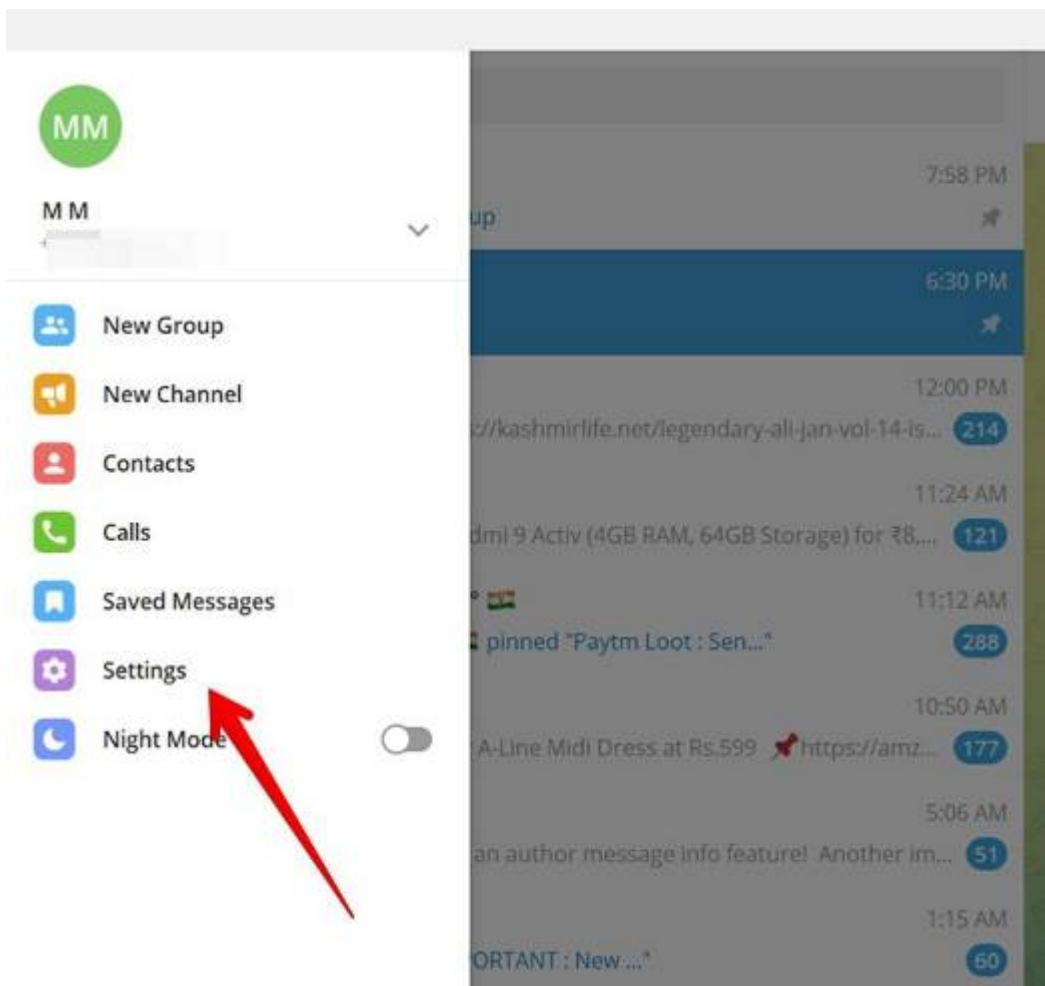
## 2. Export All Telegram Chats

Telegram allows you to export your entire Telegram data. That includes messaging history from all chat threads (personal chats, groups, channels), photos, videos, account information, stickers, animated files, active sessions, and more. You can use this method to create an offline backup of your Telegram account data.

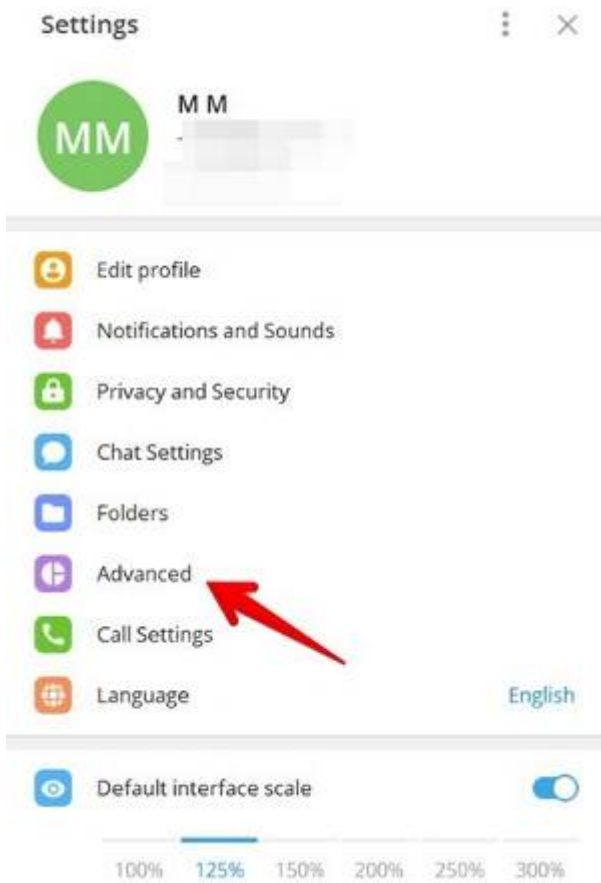
1. Open the Telegram desktop app on your computer.
2. Click on the three-bar icon at the top.



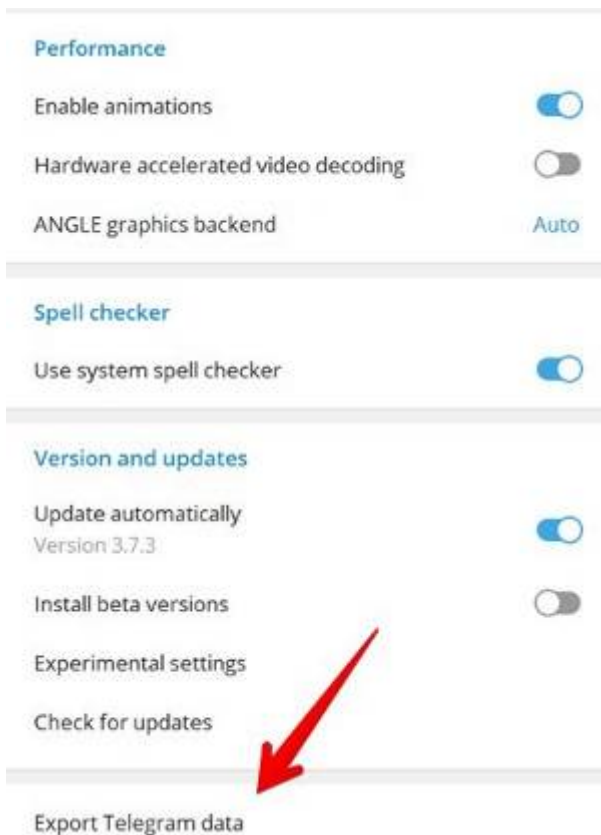
3. Select "Settings" from the menu.



4. Go to “Advanced”.



5. Swipe all the way down and click on “Export Telegram data”.



6. Now, select the items that you want to export, such as account information, personal chats, channels, video messages, photos, files, active sessions, etc. Just click on the checkboxes before the desired items to select them and uncheck the rest.

## Export Your Data ✕

Account information

Your chosen screen name, username, phone number and profile pictures.

Contacts list

If you allow access, contacts are continuously synced with Telegram. You can adjust this in Settings > Privacy & Security on mobile devices.

### Chat export settings

Personal chats

Bot chats

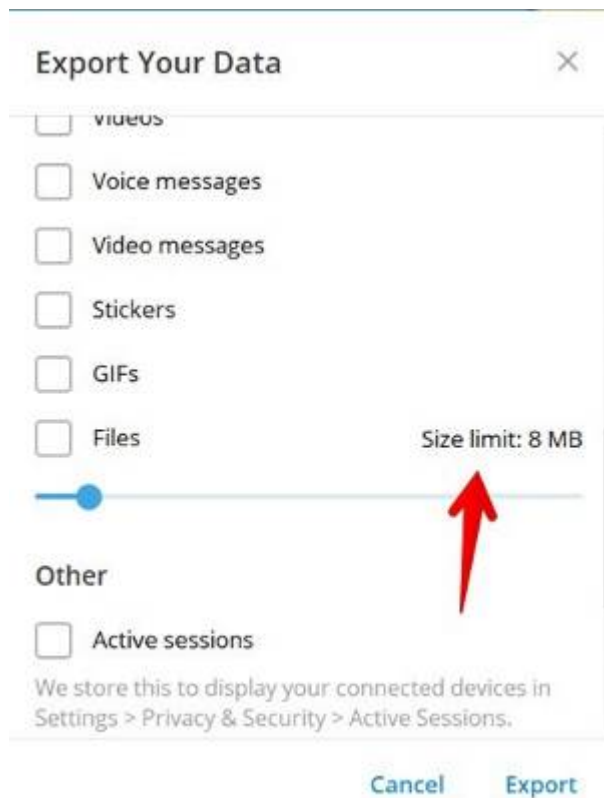
Private groups

Cancel Export

**Also read:** [How to Set and Create Animated Backgrounds in Telegram](#)

**Note:** You can either export all chats or a single chat (using the first method). You can't select some chats.

7. Scroll down to set the maximum size limit of individual files that should be exported using the "Size limit" slider.



**Export Your Data** ✕

Videos

Voice messages

Video messages

Stickers

GIFs

Files Size limit: 8 MB

Other

Active sessions

We store this to display your connected devices in Settings > Privacy & Security > Active Sessions.

Cancel Export

8. Scroll down further to change the download path and format for the exported files. Finally, click on "Export".



The exported files will be saved in the “Downloads” folder of your PC.

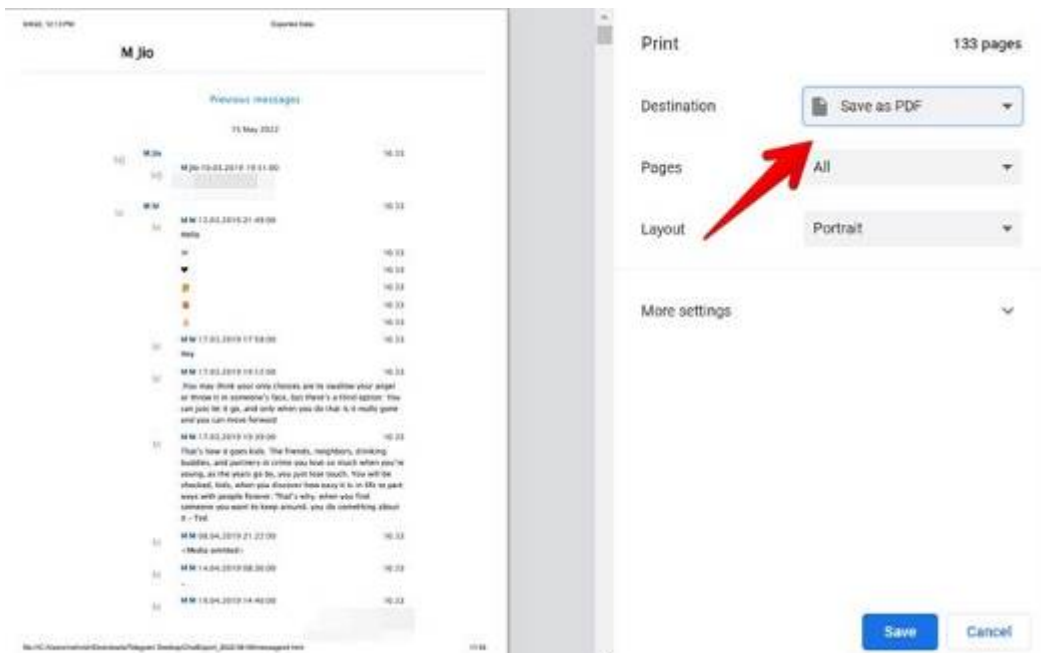
**Also read:** [How to Hide a Telegram Chat Without Permanently Deleting It](#)

### Bonus: How to Export Telegram Chat to PDF

Telegram doesn’t offer a native way to export chats to PDF. You can, however, use the following two workarounds to convert Telegram chats to PDF.

#### 1. Using Print Tool

1. First, export the Telegram chat history as shown above. Then, open the “Telegram Desktop” folder on your computer to see the exported files. Double-click on the “message.html” file to open it in the default browser.
2. Use Ctrl + P command to open the ‘Print’ function.
3. Click on the drop-down box next to “Destination” and select “Save as PDF”.
4. Hit the “Save” button to download the PDF file of the Telegram chat.



5. Similarly, convert other HTML files into PDF.



## 2. Using Online Tools

You can also use online tools to convert HTML files into PDF. Some of the tools that you can try are:

- [Sejda](#)
- [CloudConvert](#)

Simply upload the “message.html” file in one of these websites and they will automatically do the rest of the work of converting it into PDF.

**Also read:** [9 Signal Features You Should Start Using If You Just Switched from WhatsApp](#)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Can you merge or import exported chats back into Telegram?**

Unfortunately, you cannot import or merge exported chats back into Telegram. But you can [import WhatsApp chats into Telegram](#).

#### **Can you export secret chats?**

Unfortunately, the answer to this question is no. Secret chats can't be exported as these are available on mobile devices only.

#### **How to backup Telegram chats to Google drive?**

This is not done automatically like in the case of WhatsApp. You must first export Telegram chats to your computer and then upload the files manually to Google Drive.