

# 3 tips to improve privacy on Discord

Users have some degree of control over their personal information and interactions on Discord. This allows users to improve their privacy and use the platform with peace of mind.

Here are some tips that may help.

## 1. Tweak privacy and safety settings

By adjusting privacy and safety settings on Discord, you can control certain interactions. These include who can contact you, how Discord uses your data, and which messages should have a spam filter applied.

### On mobile devices

To access privacy and security settings on your mobile device, open the Discord app and tap your profile picture in the lower right corner of the screen. Then, tap **Settings** – the gear icon – in the upper right corner. In settings, tap **Privacy & Safety** .

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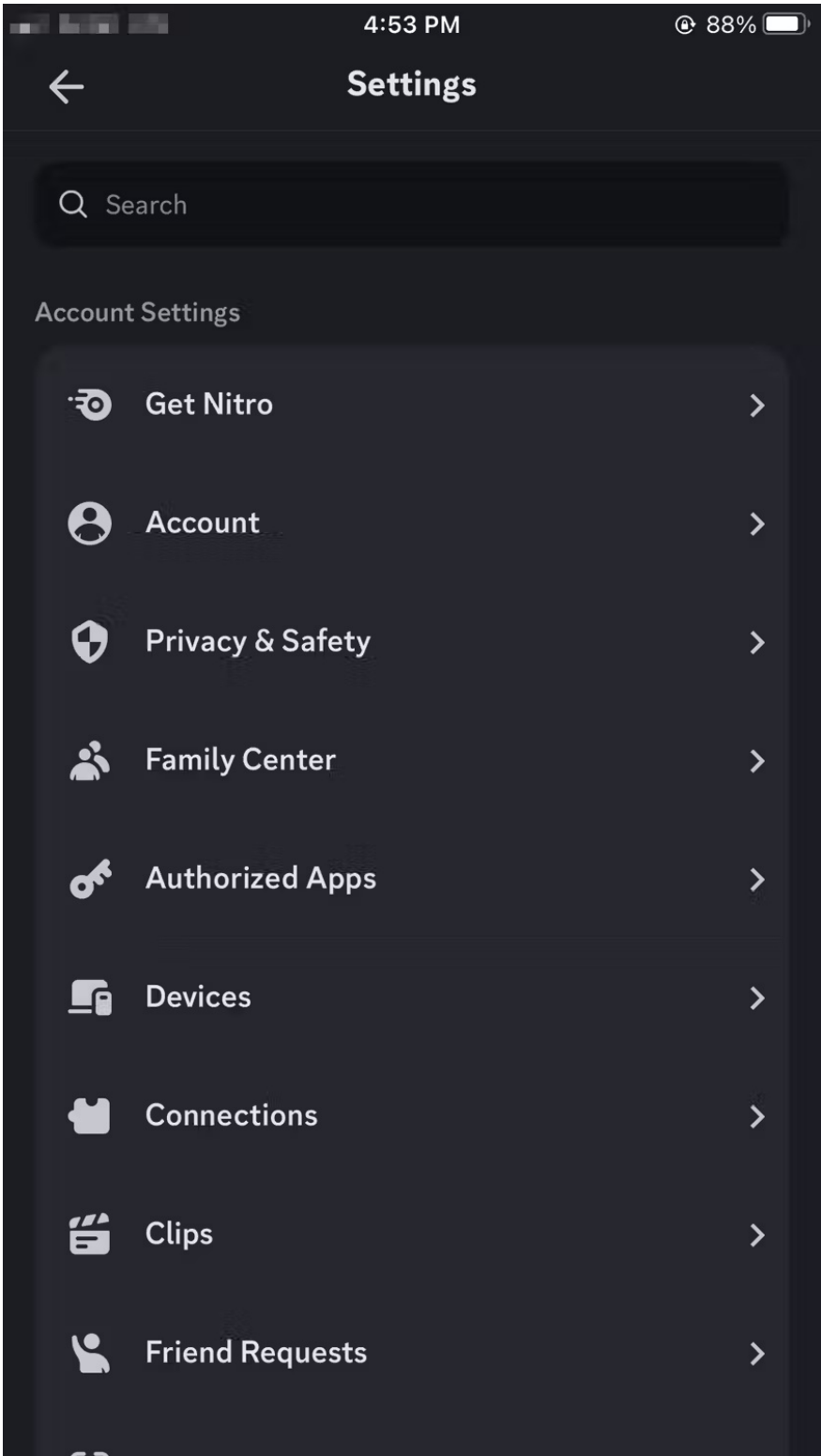


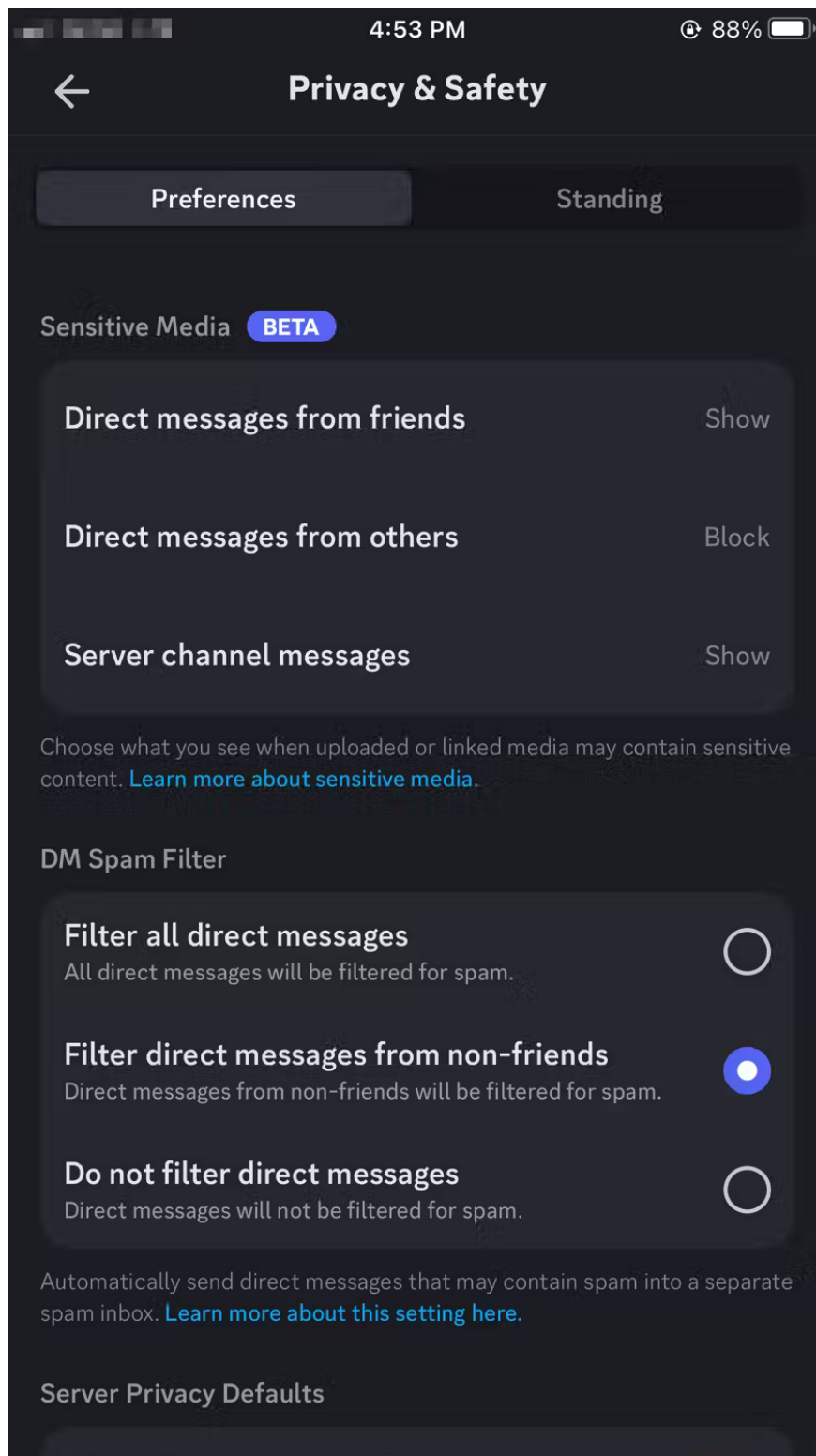
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Select **Filter All Direct Messages** in the **DM Spam Filter** section to send potential spam to other inboxes marked for it. Then, scroll down to the **Server Privacy Defaults** section and turn off **Allow Direct Messages From Server Members** so that server members who aren't your friends on Discord can't message you directly.



# Privacy & Safety

Preferences

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## Sensitive Media BETA

Direct messages from friends Show

Direct messages from others Block

Server channel messages Show

Choose what you see when uploaded or linked media may contain sensitive content. [Learn more about sensitive media.](#)

## DM Spam Filter

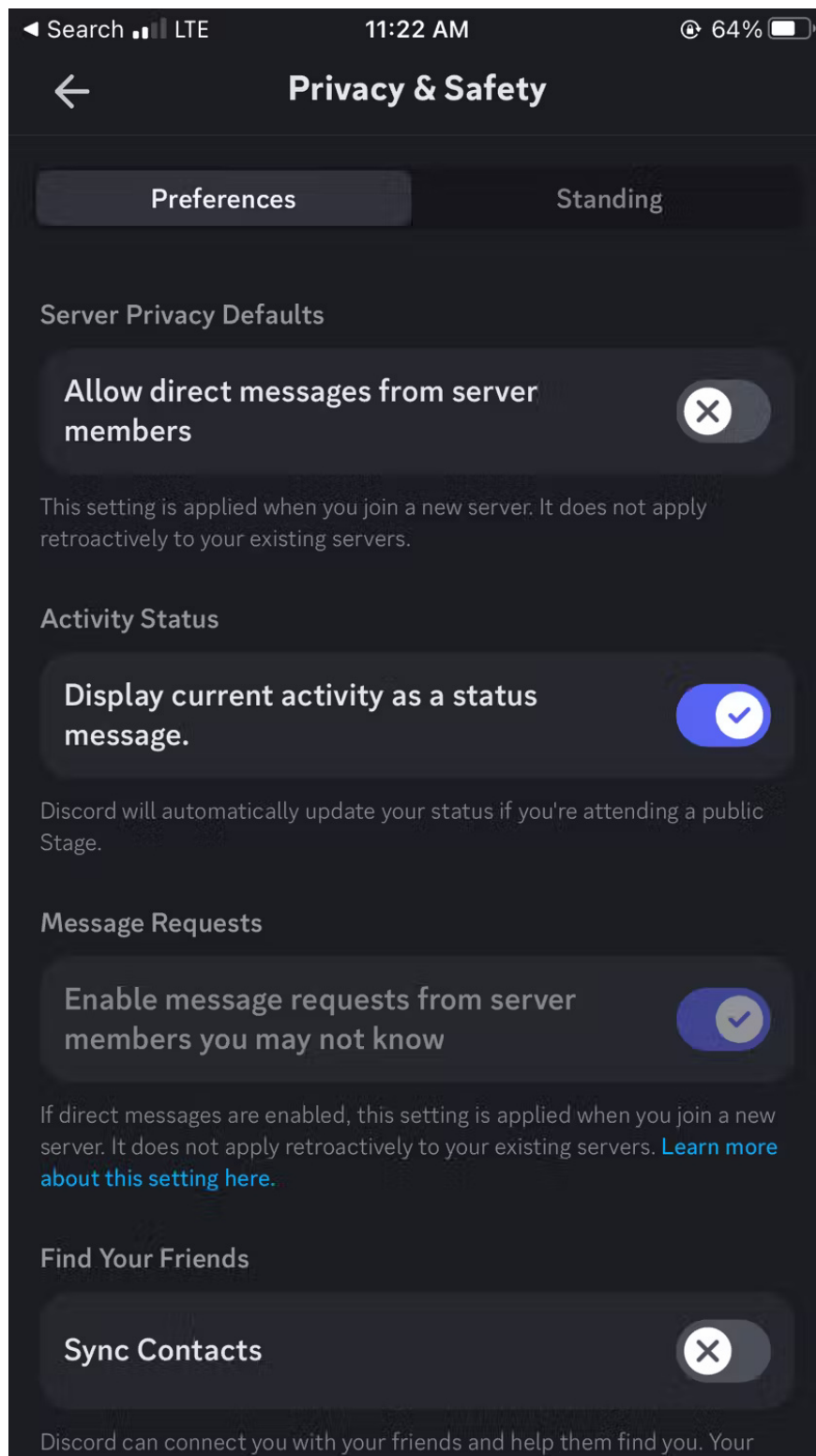
**Filter all direct messages**   
All direct messages will be filtered for spam.

**Filter direct messages from non-friends**   
Direct messages from non-friends will be filtered for spam.

**Do not filter direct messages**   
Direct messages will not be filtered for spam.

Automatically send direct messages that may contain spam into a separate spam inbox. [Learn more about this setting here.](#)

## Server Privacy Defaults

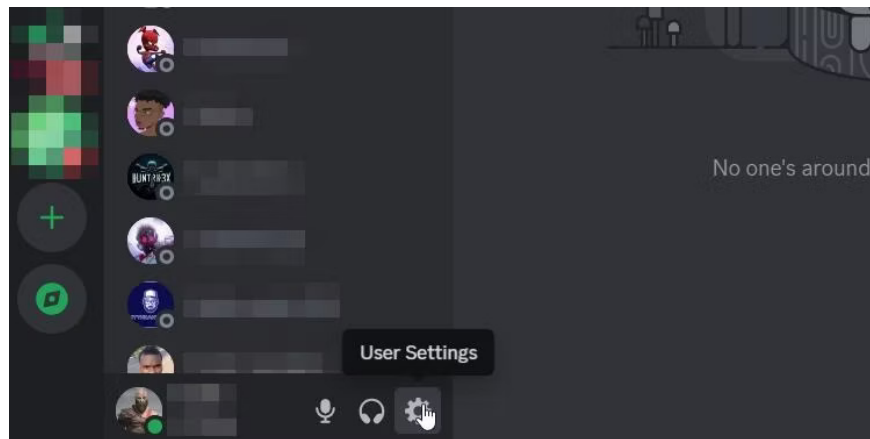


Remember turning off direct messages from server members who aren't friends only applies to servers you join from now on. This setting will not affect servers you are already a member of.

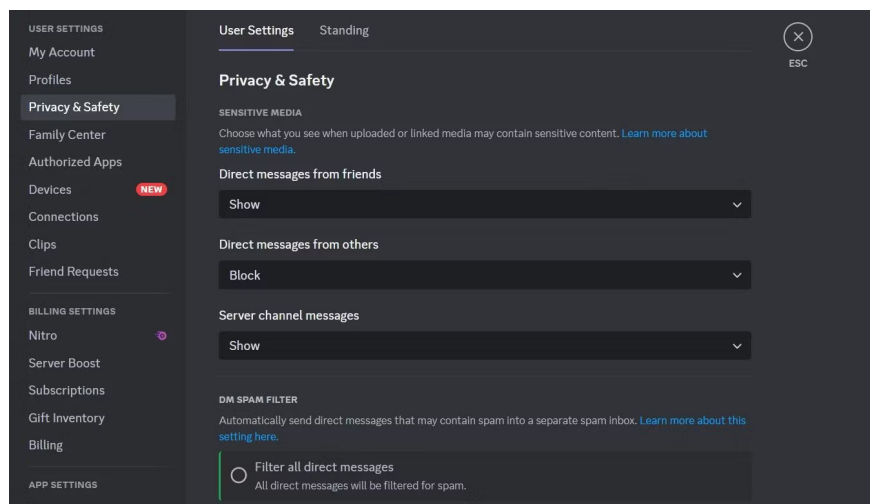
You can also tell Discord not to use data such as your usage, friends, and games to improve the service and personalize the experience. To do that, scroll down to the **How We Use Your Data** section and turn off **Use Data to Improve Discord** and **Use Data to Personalize My Discord Experience** .

## On the computer

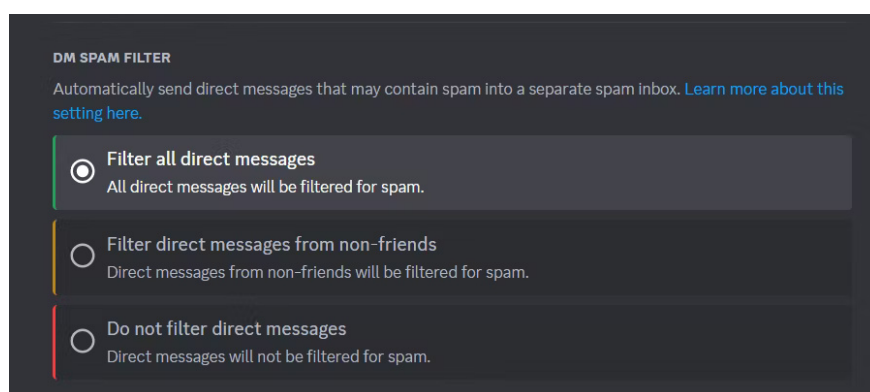
To access safety and privacy settings on the Discord desktop app, open the app and click **User Settings** – the gear icon – at the bottom left.



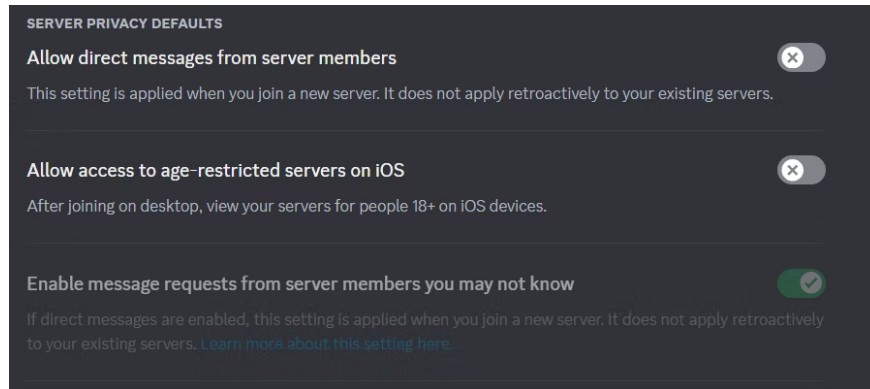
In the left menu, click **Privacy and Safety**.



In the **DM Spam Filter** section, select the **Filter All Direct Messages** button. This will send messages that may contain spam to an inbox dedicated to this type of content.



Next, turn off **Allow Direct Messages From Server Members** in the **Server Privacy Defaults** section . This will block messages sent by people who are not friends from joining the server. It will not apply to servers you were a member of before changing the settings.



Now scroll down to the **How We Use Your Data** section . Here, turn off **Use Data to Improve Discord** and **Use Data to Personalize My Discord Experience** . These settings will prevent Discord from using your data, such as your behavior on the platform, the people you chat with, and the games you play, to improve the service and customize your experience.

## 2. Set online status to 'Invisible'

If you want to stay online without being bothered by anyone, you can set your status to 'Invisible'. You will appear offline, but can still use Discord normally.

### On mobile devices

To hide your activity status on the Discord mobile app, tap your profile picture in the lower right corner of the screen. On the next screen, tap the profile photo icon at the top left and then tap **Invisible** in the menu.

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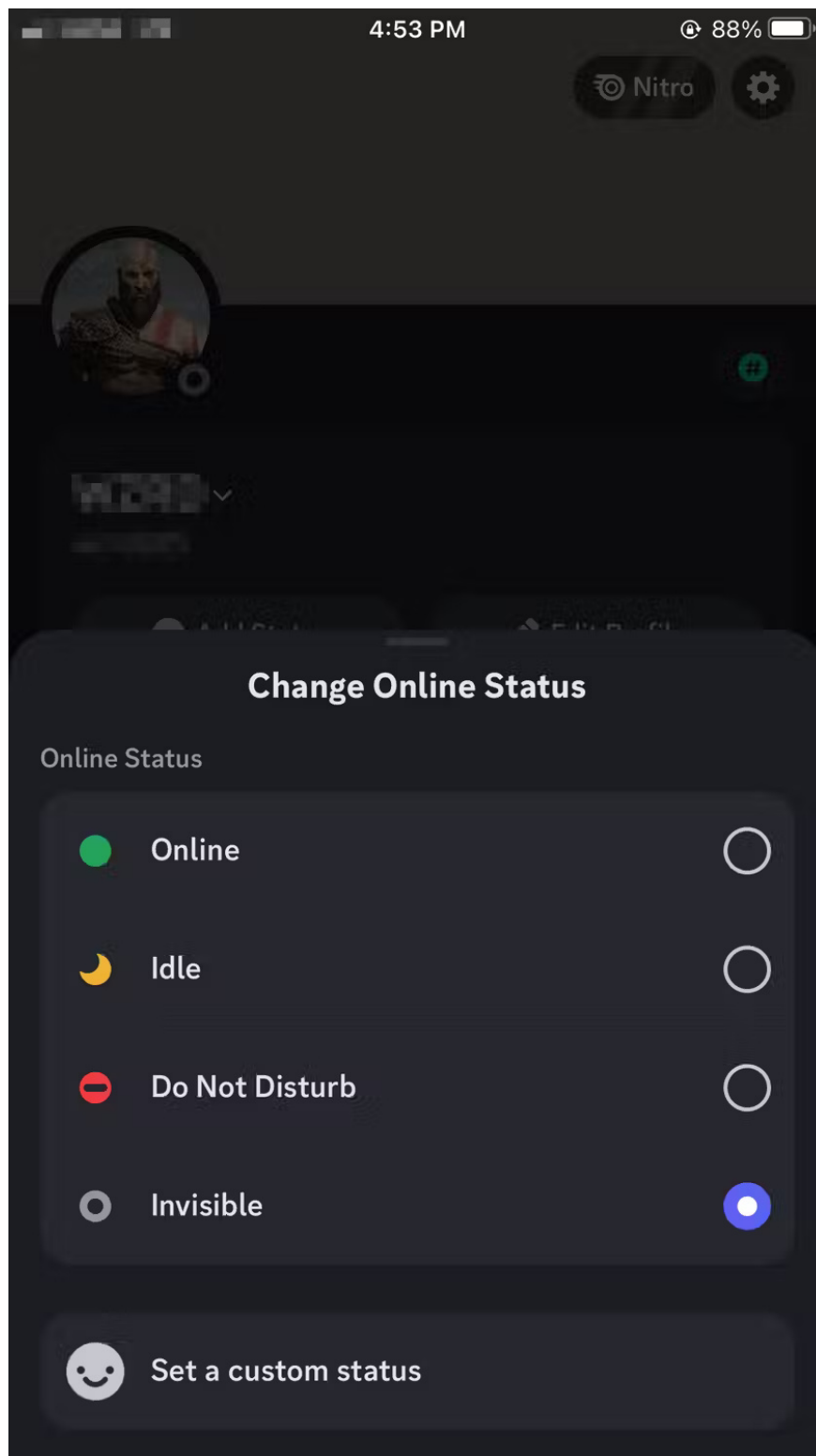


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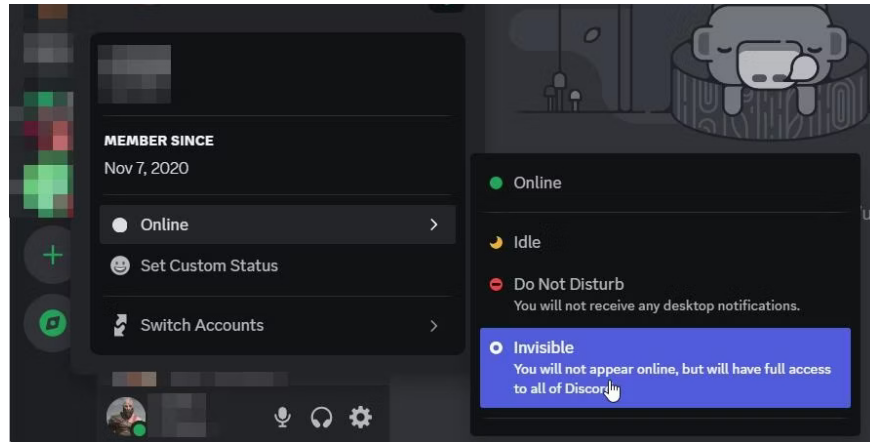
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Now, people won't know when you're online because your status will show that you're offline.

### **On the computer**

To hide on the Discord desktop app, click the profile picture in the bottom left. In the menu, hover your cursor over **Online** and select **Invisible** .



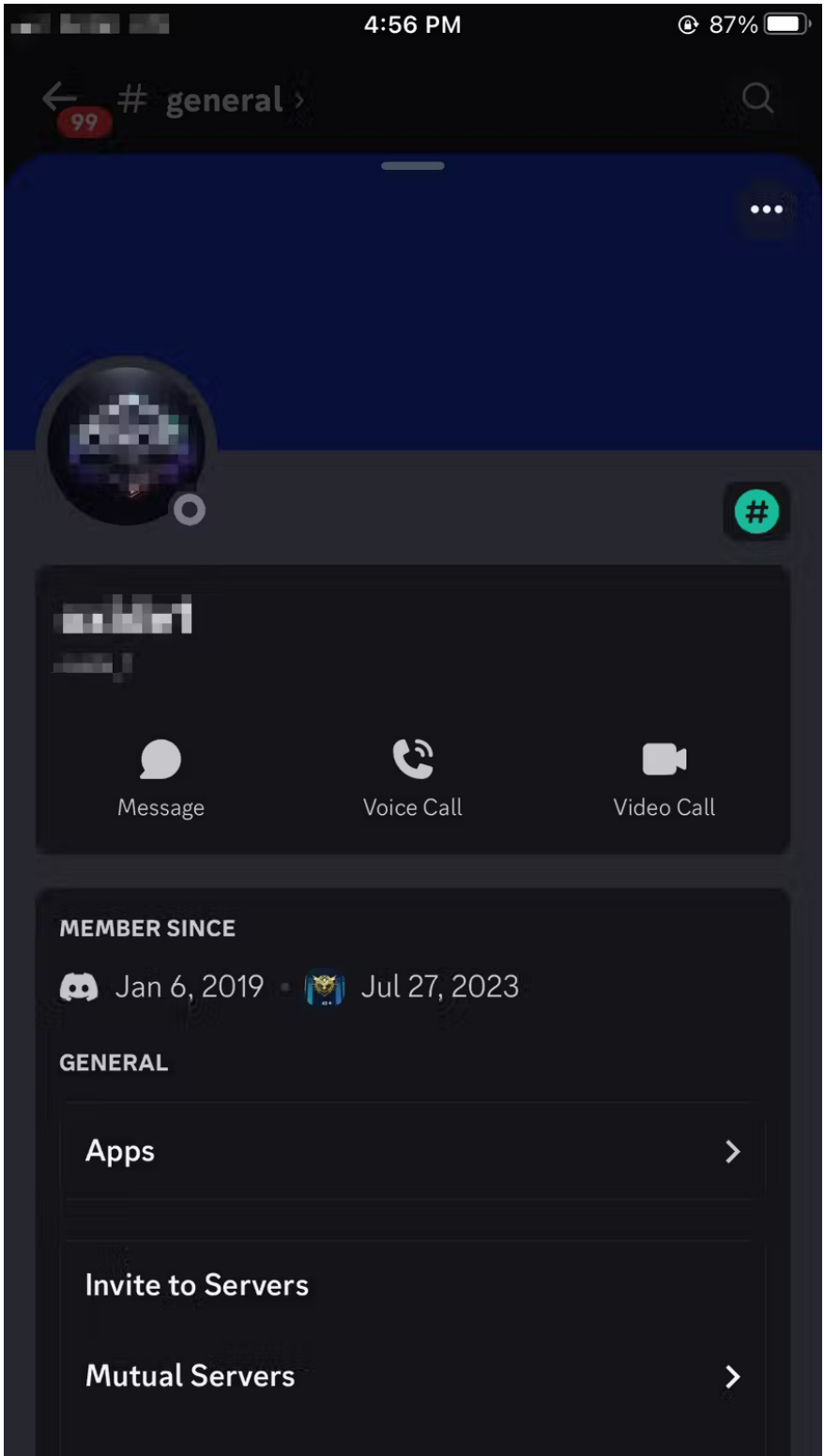
At this point you will appear offline but can still interact with people normally.

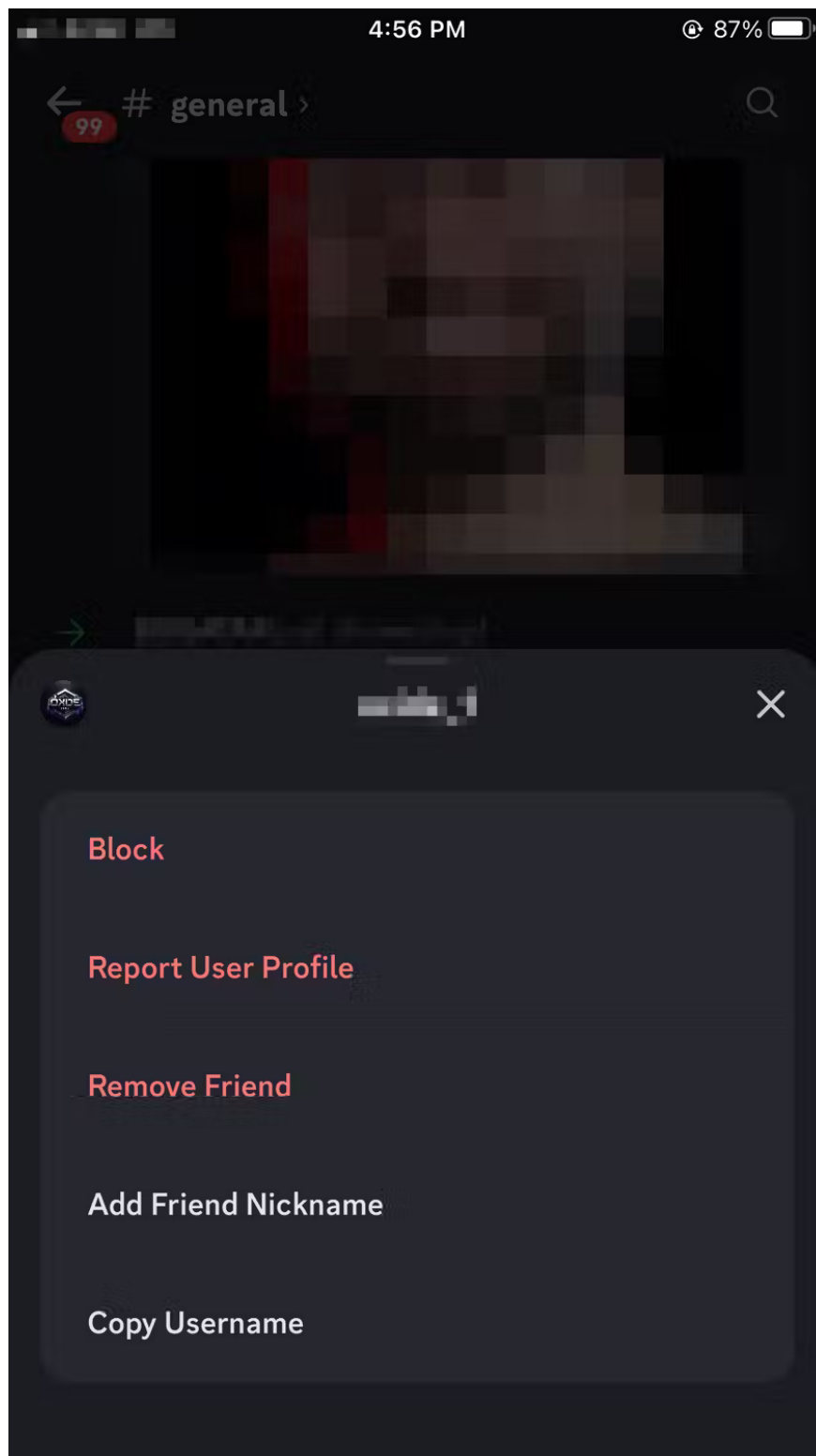
### 3. Block users who do not want to interact

When you block someone on Discord, they can't send you direct messages, ping you, add you as a friend, or see your status or online activity. It also reduces their ability to interact with you by hiding their messages on shared servers.

#### On mobile devices

To block a user in the Discord mobile app, tap the profile picture on the server. Next, click on the three-dot icon in the upper right corner and then click **Block** in the menu.

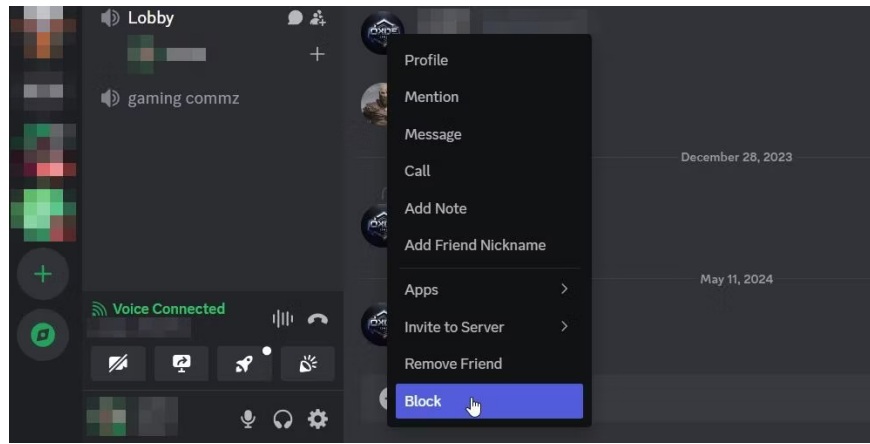




You can also remove them from your friends list by tapping **Remove Friend** .

### **On the computer**

To block a user in the Discord desktop app, right-click the user's profile picture and click **Block** in the menu.



In the prompt, confirm you want to block them by clicking **Block** . You can also click **Remove Friend** in the menu to remove them from your friends list.

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