

# Identifiers

A unique identifier is assigned to each user and channel in Flock. You will need it to, for example,

- Send and receive messages to other users or to groups
- Lookup group info or list of members

User identifiers are prefixed by `u:` whereas channel identifiers are prefixed by `g:`.

- Example of a user identifier: `u:5bd391005e3c5cd3`
- Example of a channel identifier: `g:c19b7ca2bafbea27`

Bots use user identifiers.