

# Attachment Pickers

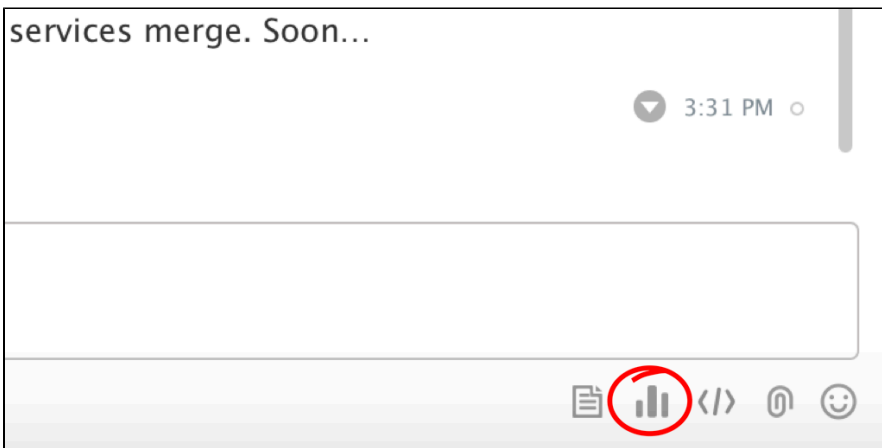
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## What is an attachment picker?

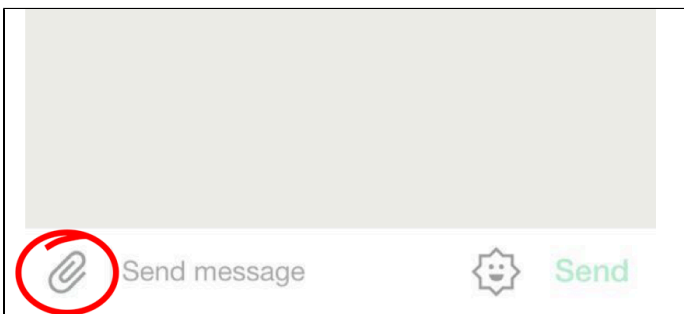
An attachment picker allows users to create and send messages with attachments. For example,

- The poll app allows a user to attach an opinion poll to a message.
- The notes app allows a user to attach a rich media note to a message.

To create an attachment, the user clicks on an attachment picker button. The image below shows the Attachment picker bar on the Flock desktop client along with the poll app attachment picker button



Similarly the Flock mobile clients also provide a hook for the Attachment picker button -



Clicking on the *polls app* button in the attachment picker on mobile or desktop, opens a modal widget, which the user then uses to create a poll.

## What are the available actions for an attachment picker button?

When a user presses the attachment picker button, you can configure it to do one of the below -

- Launch a modal widget
- Launch a sidebar widget
- Launch a browser

Alongwith launching any of the above, a `client.pressButton` event will also be passed as a parameter to the web app URL loaded in any of the above widgets or browser

## How do I create an attachment picker?

1. Go through [Creating an App](#) to setup your app in the developer dashboard.
2. In the *Advanced Info* section, enable the attachment picker.

### Attachment picker

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Enable to configure attachment picker for your app

**Tooltip Text (required)**

**Select action for Attachment picker (required)**

**Type of widget in desktop (required)**

Modal  Sidebar

**Action URL (required)**

Fill in the info below:

Field	Mandatory	Description
<i>Tooltip text</i>	Yes	This will be shown against your attachment picker button to the user
<i>Select action for attachment picker</i>	Yes	Select an appropriate <a href="#">client action</a> for the attachment picker.

3. Go through [app installation](#) and install this app into your own Flock account.
4. Whenever a user presses the attachment picker button, the event `client.pressButton` along with a `event token` will be appended to the corresponding client action you selected and sent to your service.
5. After verifying the validation token, you should present the interface for the user to create an attachment.
6. Once the user has finished creating the attachment you can send it to back to Flock to the chat tab from where the user clicked on your attachment picker by creating a `message` object, with an `attachment` object, and sending the message to Flock via the `chat.sendMessage` method call.
7. [Publish your app](#) to the app store once you are done testing it.