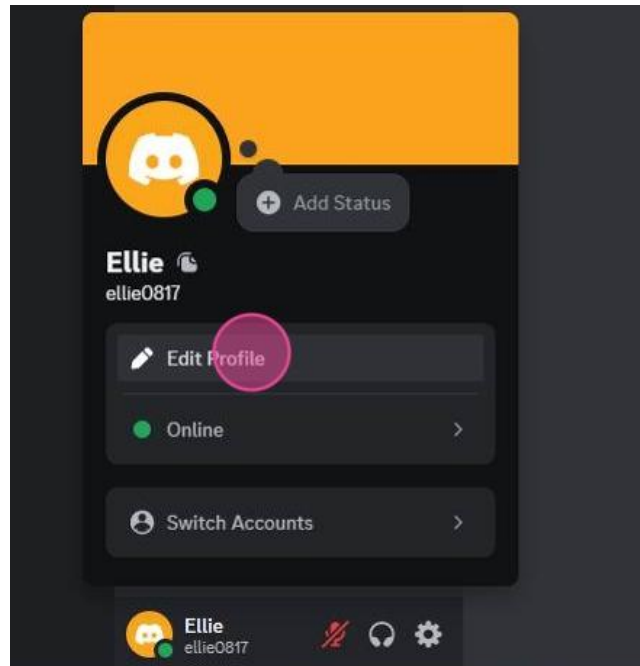
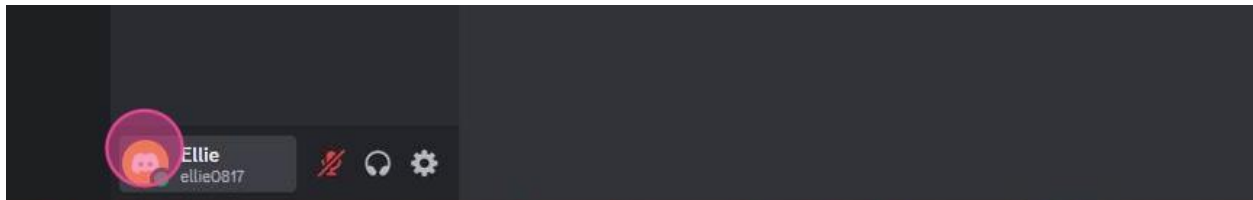
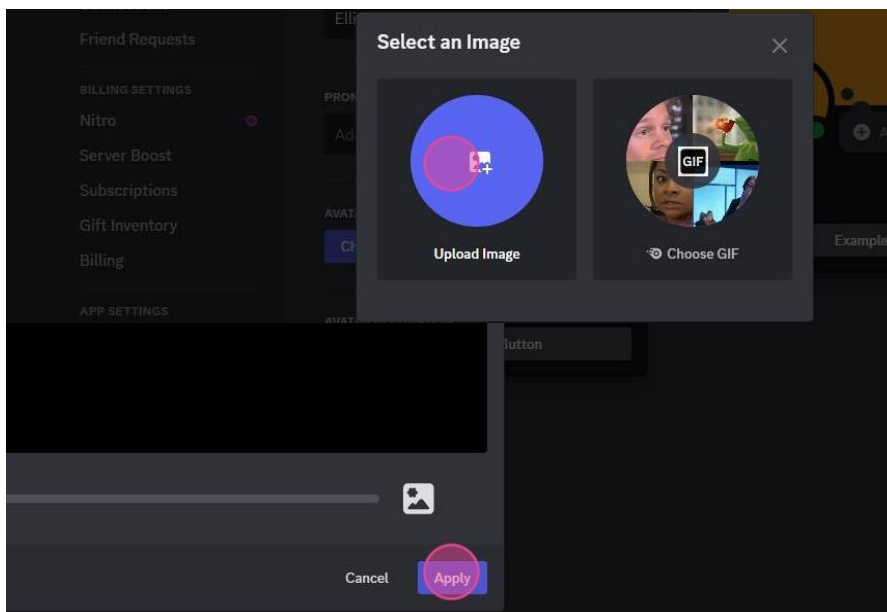
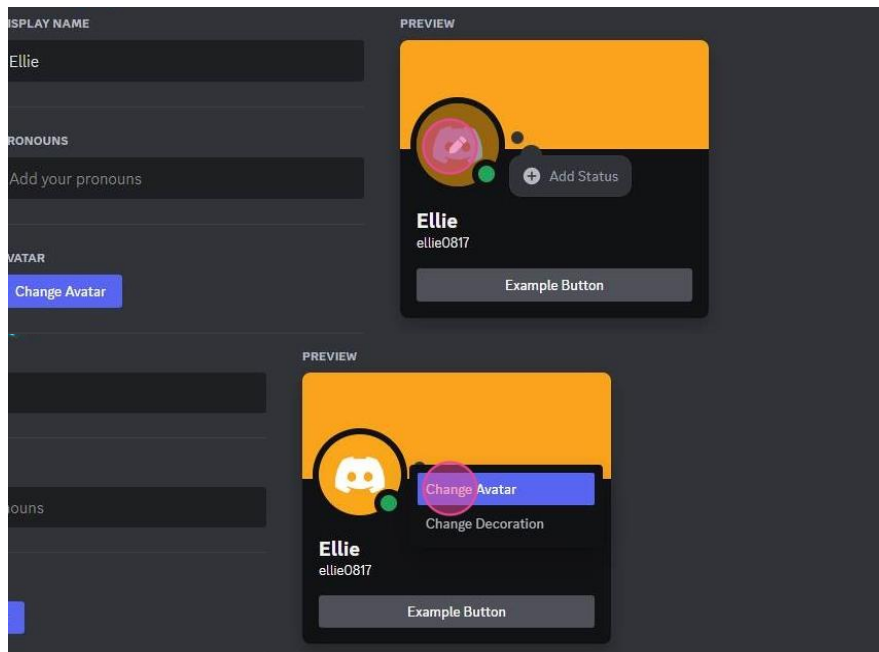

Introduction and the Basics of Discord

Setting Up Your Discord Account

Getting started with Discord is straightforward:

1. **Download the App:** Available on [Discord's website](https://discord.com) for Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS, and Android. Alternatively, use the web version directly in your browser.
2. **Create an Account:** Sign up with a valid email address. You'll need to verify your email to activate your account.
3. **Customize Your Profile:** Add a profile picture, set a username, and write a short bio to personalize your presence.





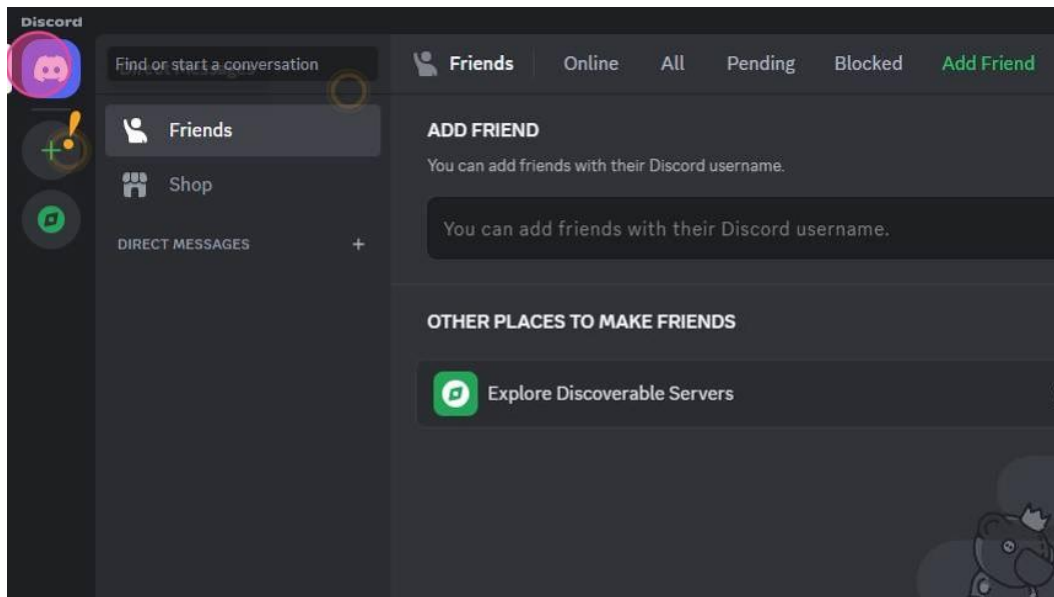
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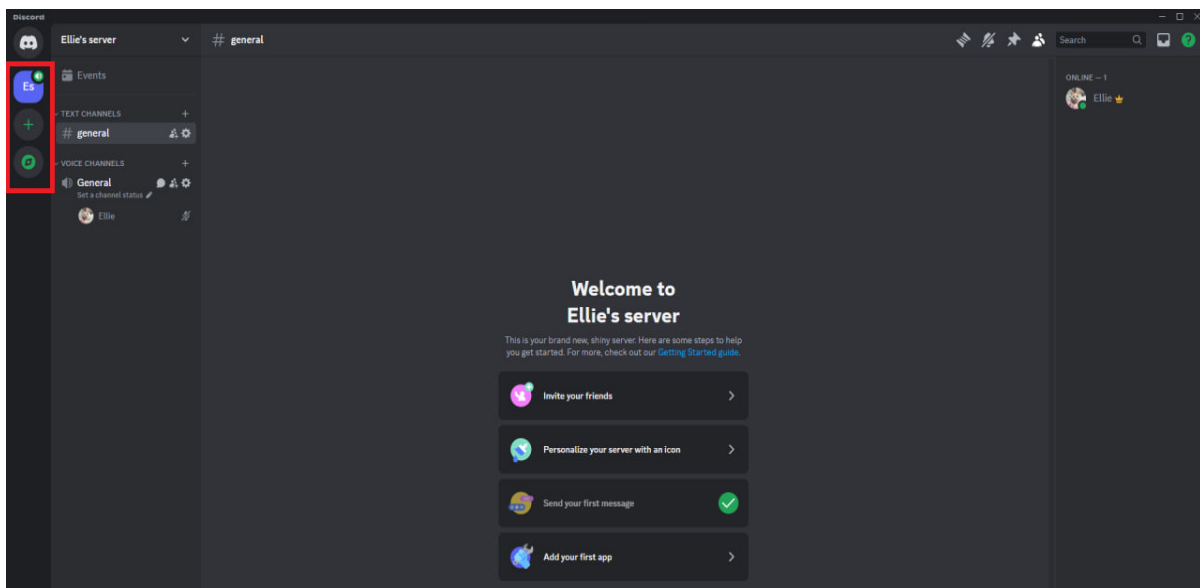
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Navigating Discord's Interface

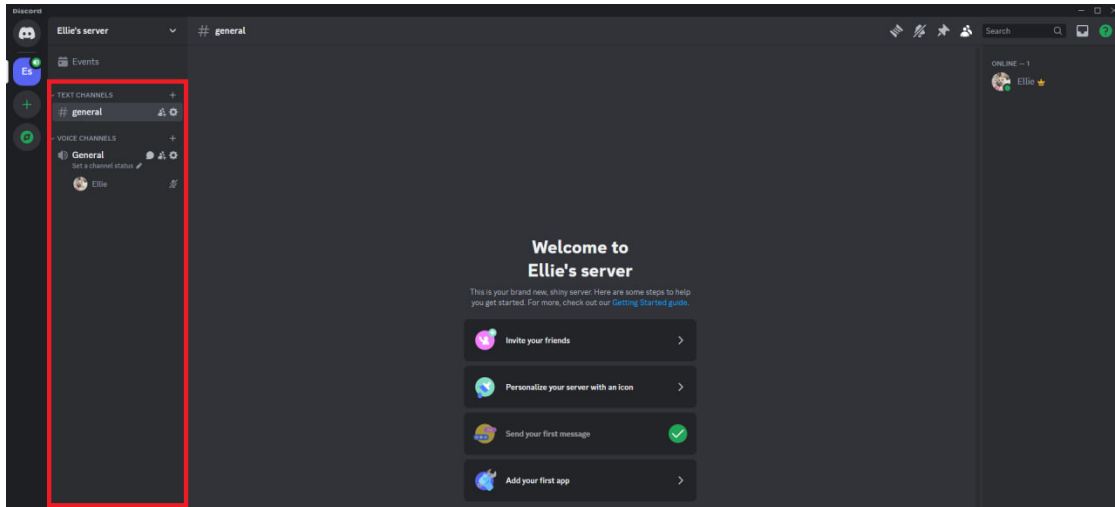
- **Home Screen:** Displays your direct messages (DMs) and friend list. You can also see recent mentions and pending friend requests here.



- **Server List:** Located on the left-hand side, this vertical bar shows all the servers you've joined. Clicking on a server icon takes you to that server's main page.



- **Channel List:** Found within each server, these are categorized into text and voice channels. Text channels are marked with a "#" symbol, while voice channels display a speaker icon.



- **User Settings:** Access this by clicking the gear icon near your username at the bottom left. Here, you can adjust your account settings, privacy controls, and notification preferences.

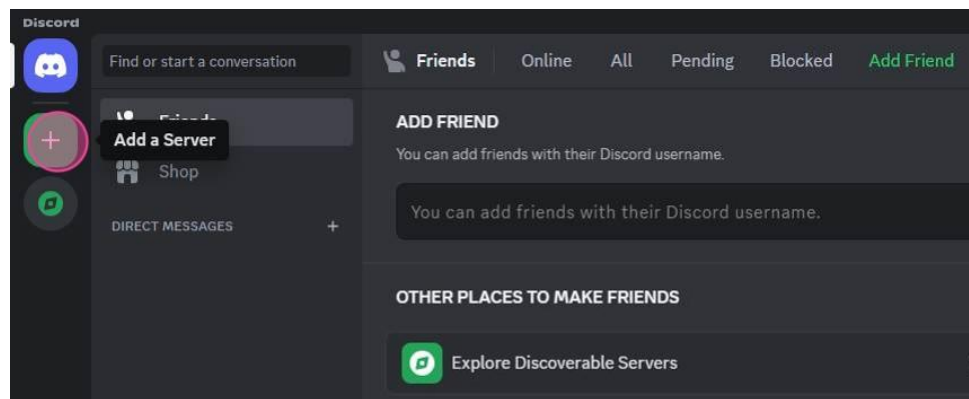


Joining and Creating Servers

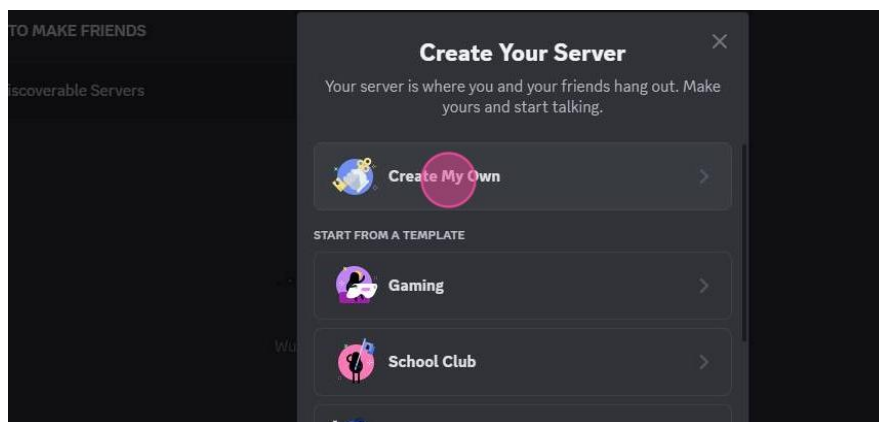
Joining a Server: To join an existing server, you'll need an invitation link. These links are usually provided by the server's admin or can be found on websites and social media pages related to the community.

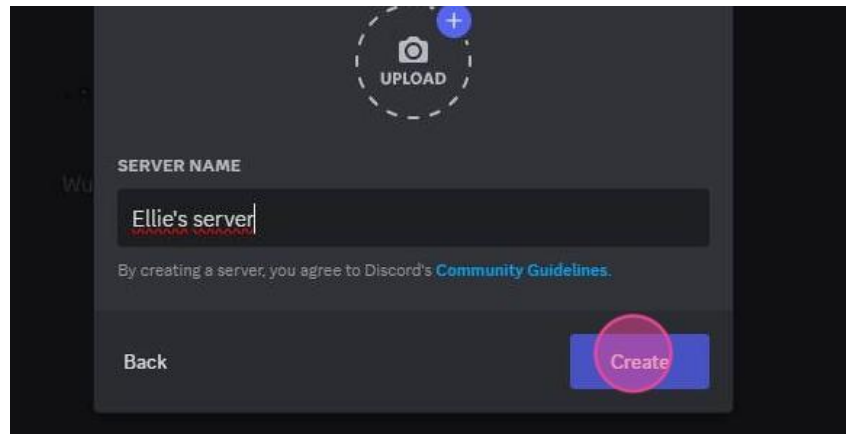
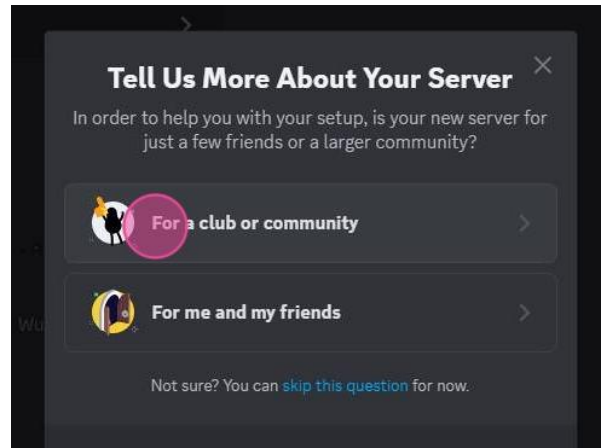
Creating a Server:

1. **Click on the "+" Icon:** Located at the bottom of your server list.



2. **Select "[Create a Server](#)":** Follow the prompts to name your server and choose a region (this affects voice call quality).



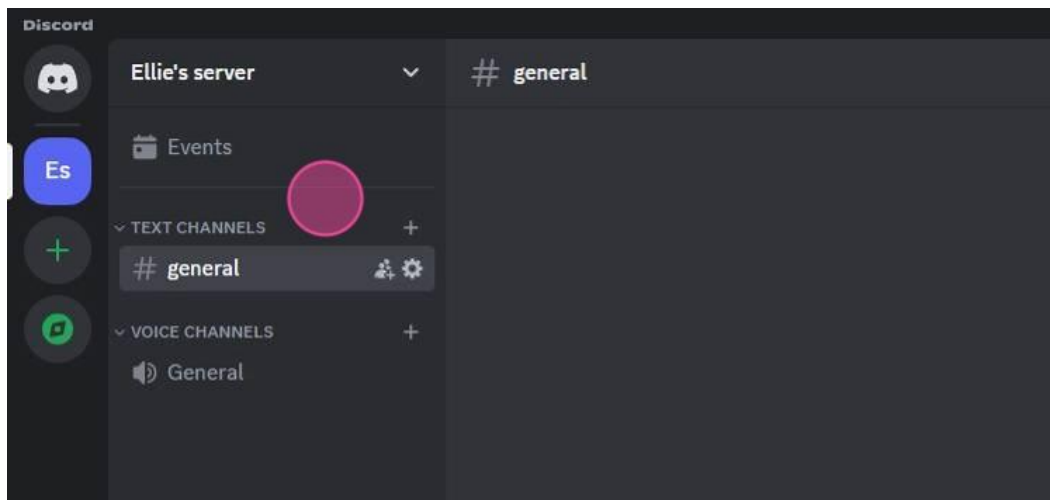


3. **Invite Friends:** Share the server invite link with friends or potential community members.

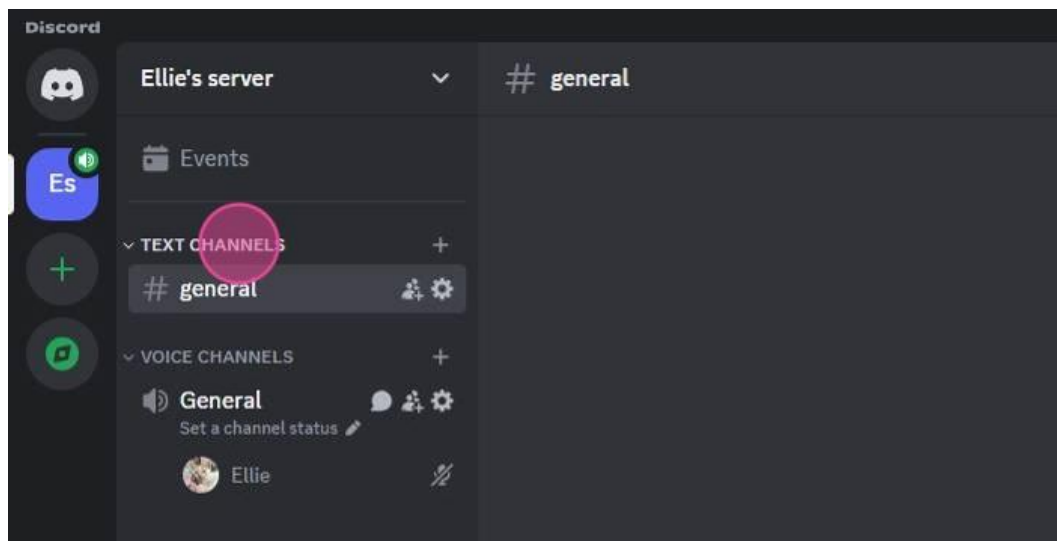
Understanding Channels

Channels are where most of the action happens within a server. They help organize discussions and activities:

- **Text Channels:** Used for typing messages, sharing files, and posting images or links. They can be topic-specific, like #general, #announcements, or #off-topic.



- **Voice Channels:** These allow real-time voice communication. Simply click on a voice channel to join it. You can adjust your audio settings to ensure the best quality during conversations.

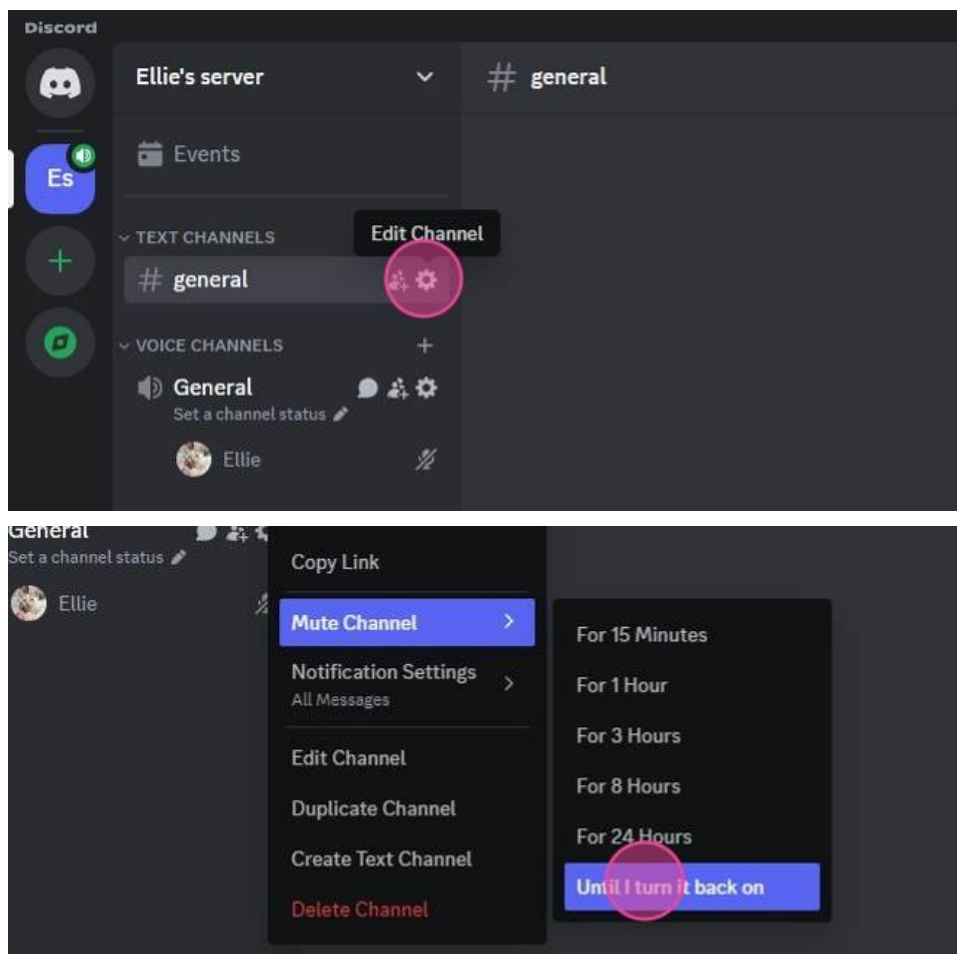


- **Category Folders:** Used to group channels into organized sections. For instance, you

might have a "Gaming" category with channels like #game-chat, #game-announcements, and #game-tips.

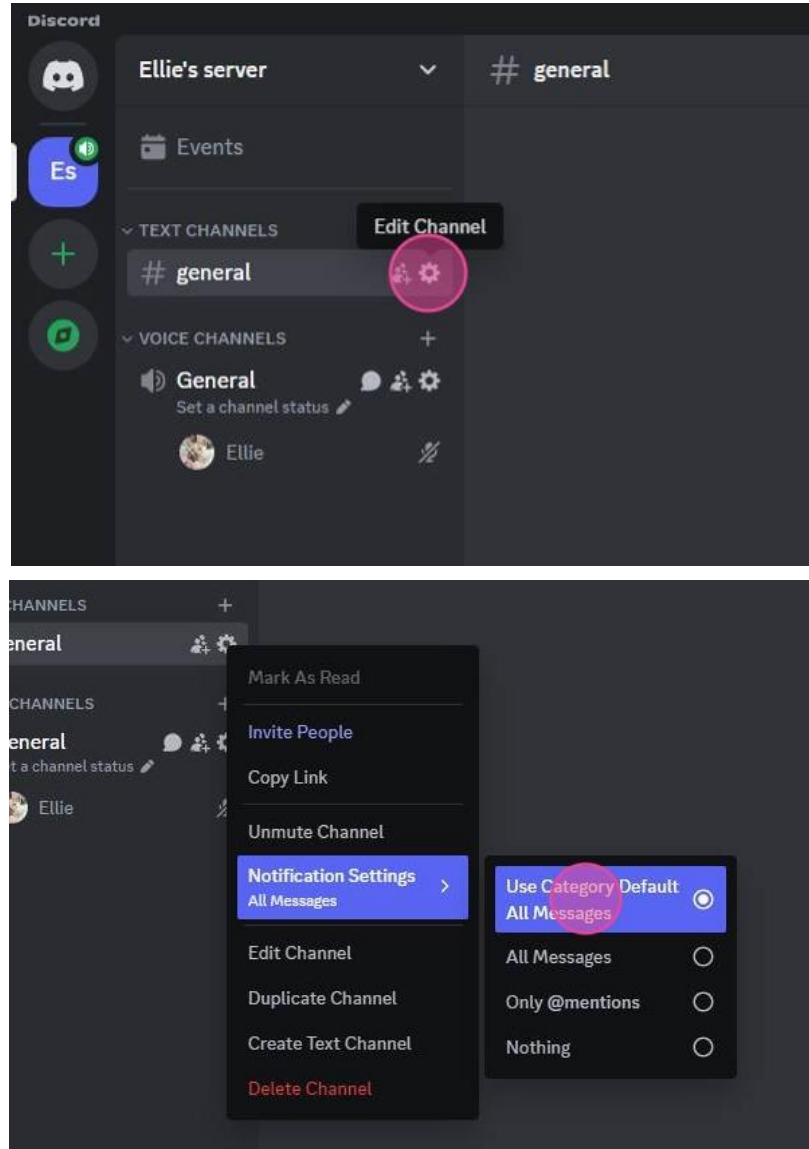
Managing Notifications

- **Mute Channels or Servers:** You can mute individual channels or entire servers to reduce notification noise.



- **Notification Settings:** Adjust what kind of notifications you receive (all messages, only

mentions, or none) in each server's settings.



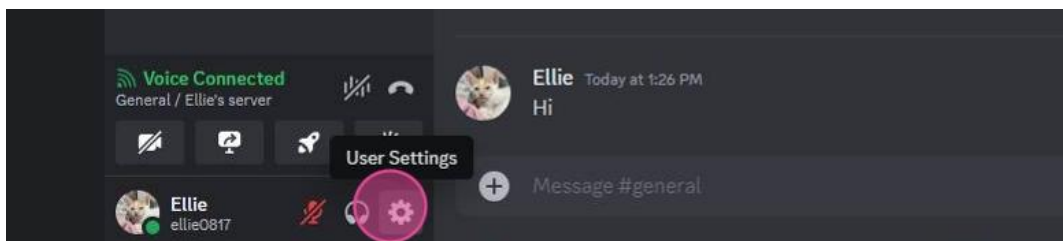
- **Suppress @everyone and @here:** Prevent getting pinged by mass notifications in large servers.

Enhancing Your Discord Experience with Bots and Integrations

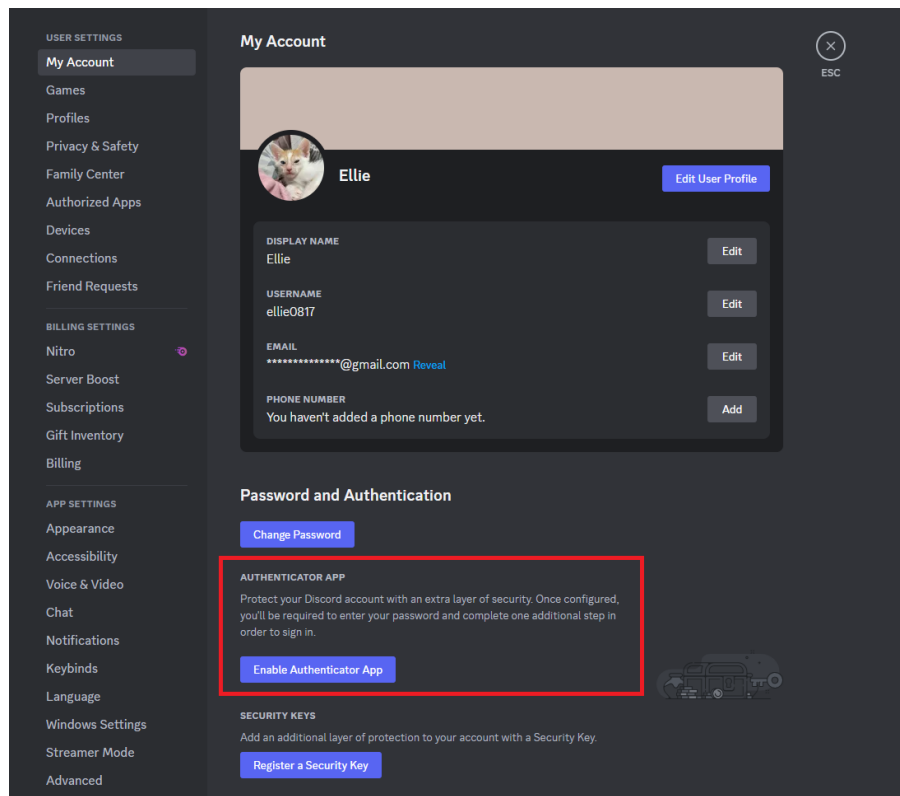
Bots are automated programs that perform various tasks on Discord. From moderation to playing music or tracking game stats, bots can significantly enhance your server's functionality.

- **Adding a Bot:** Visit a bot list site like [Top.gg](https://top.gg) and invite a bot to your server. Follow the prompts to set it up.
- **Custom Commands:** Many bots allow you to create custom commands that automate tasks or provide information.

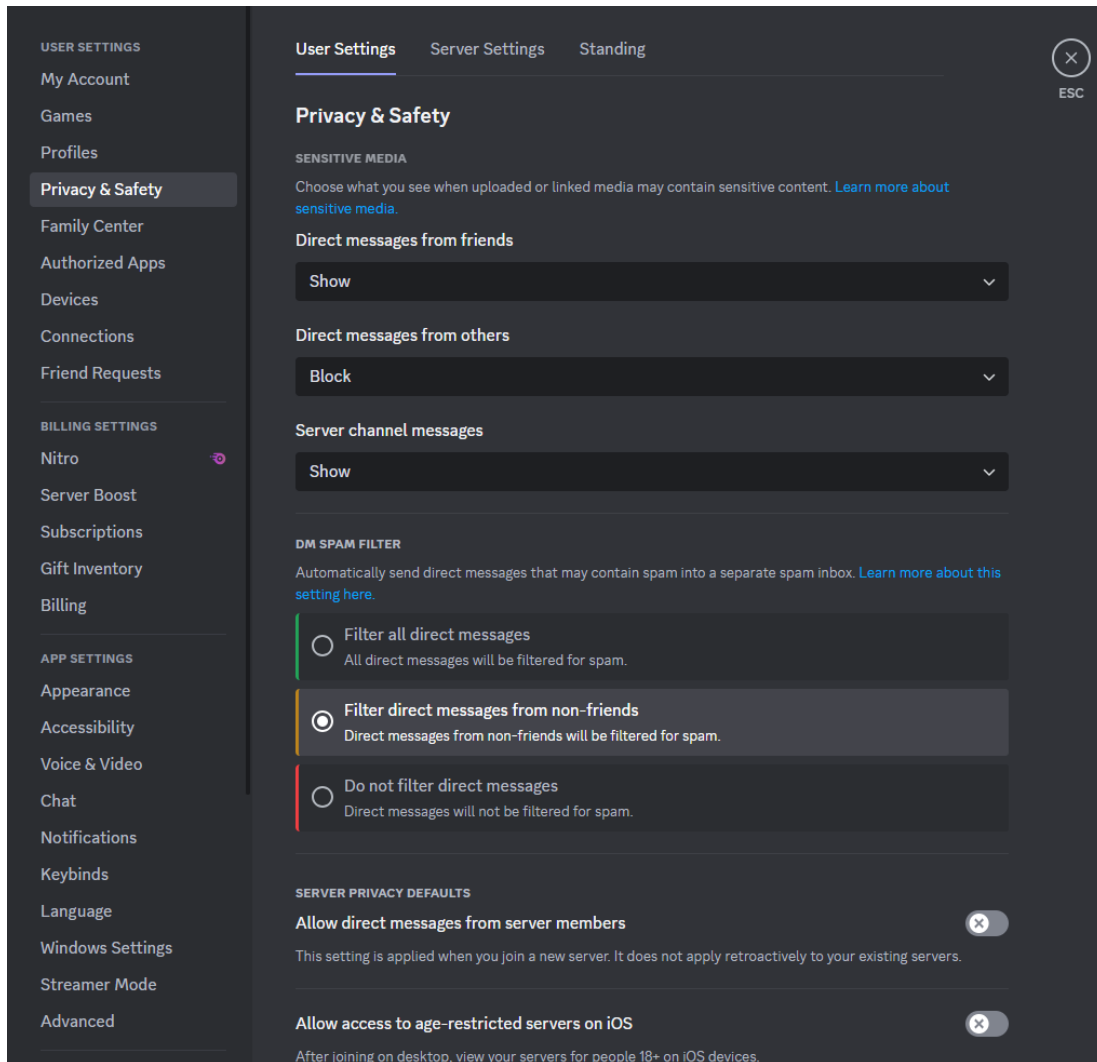
Security and Privacy on Discord



- **Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):** Always enable 2FA for an extra layer of security on your account.



- **Privacy Settings:** Adjust who can send you friend requests, direct messages, and how your data is shared.



- **Role Management:** Carefully assign roles and permissions to prevent users from accessing or disrupting sensitive channels.

