



Google Hangout Changes - June 2020

On 28 June 2020 all GSuite users will move from Google Hangouts as Google move to Google Chat and Google Meet . This means that the Hangouts app that we've known for the past couple of years will be replaced with these two applications.

What are the differences between the two applications?



- Google Chat allows you to instant message an individual or groups of people;



- Google Meet allows you take part in video or voice calls / conferences;

What changes should you expect?

We will make the Google Chat and Google Meet applications available on your Chromebook automatically. These will appear in the application shelf on the bottom of your Chromebook screen from 12 June 2020. You can also use the web browser versions of both apps on any Chromebook or Chrome browser on a PC or Mac computer (you'll need to be logged into your GSuite account to use these):

Google Chat: chat.google.com

Google Meet: meet.google.com

I use Google Hangouts on a smartphone or tablet, what should I do?

If you have been using the Google Hangouts app on an Apple or Android smartphone or tablet, you will need to replace these with the following apps from their Play Stores.

Google Chat: Apple iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/google-chat/id1163852619>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.apps.dynamite&hl=en>

Google Meet: Apple iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/google-meet/id1013231476>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.apps.meetings&hl=en>

The web browser version of hangouts.google.com will remain available up until Friday 31 July 2020 so you don't miss any messages.

Messages from individuals will transfer automatically to Google Chat. Messages within groups on Hangouts will not transfer. The option to create group chats in Google Chat is using 'Rooms'.