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Delete Your Discord

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As mentioned in the title, I have deleted my Discord account. This was obviously not without a reason. There are two reasons due to which I deleted my Discord account:

- Privacy
- Lack of Use

The most prominent reason is privacy but lack of use compelled me to actually take the plunge and delete my Discord account.

Privacy

Introduction: Discord is a hellhole for your privacy. Avoid it at all costs. In this section, I will show you the various things that Discord tracks.

DISCORD'S HISTORY: OpenFeint was a mobile social network for gaming. The Founder of OpenFeint was Jason Citron, the current CEO of Discord. OpenFeint received a class-action lawsuit for storing data like:

- Unique Device Identifiers
- Exact GPS Location
- Internet Browsing History
- Facebook and Twitter Profiles

OpenFeint then revealed all of this data to any mobile game developer who asked for it and advertising networks.

Well, if they collected all of this data, you must have agreed to it, right?

No. The company never asked for your consent. This data collection involved over 100M mobile devices.

PRIVACY ISSUES: So, when you have the CEO of a company that did all of this data collection become the CEO of another company, what do you think he is going to do? The answer is obvious. Of course he will do the same thing.

Let us go over what privacy issues there currently are with Discord.

1. **All messages, including direct messages are unencrypted.**
 - Do not share any sensitive information on it. It can be detrimental if you store a password on their servers as any Discord employee can view it.
2. **Discord collects every single thing you do.**
 - Do not be surprised if they log the amount of times you breathe while using Discord. It is stored with your User ID, an event ID, a timestamp and a detailed explanation of everything you do.
3. **Discord collects information about game executables.**
 - After scanning your game executables, Discord basically will have a tally of what games you play. If they are doing it for game executables, there is no doubt that they are doing it for other apps as well.
4. **Government agencies, gather round!**
 - Discord's privacy policy states that your data will be given to any government organisation that asks for it.
5. **The privacy toggles in the Discord app do nothing.**

- All they do is tell the server to delete the data as soon as it receives it. There is no verification, let alone an audit to verify this.
6. **Your messages are with us... and everyone else.**
 - When you delete your Discord account, your messages are still kept and your profile will simply be replaced by “Deleted Account”. If you used Discord for even more than a few days to talk with friends, your messages are more than enough to deanonymize you.
 7. **Oh, and don't do it yourself.**
 - You will get banned for using tools to delete messages on Discord.

ALL IN ALL...: ... this is not all that Discord does. If we know that Discord does all of this, there is obviously more that they are doing that we do not know. You should always assume closed-source pieces of software are tracking you and sending your information to a third-party.

Lack of Use

I was not using Discord anymore so I deleted it. The reason is that my previous account got banned for botting when I did not do anything. I made a new account, chatted with three or four of my friends. Afterwards, the CounterHawks Discord server got banned. Due to this, I realized there is no use for my account and that there is no reason for me to support Discord.

Conclusion

I do not use Discord anymore and probably never will. Previously, it was difficult to delete my Discord account but Discord themselves have done all the hard work for me.