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7 Teamwork Tools for Remote Teams

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:

[Creating a “Team” Environment for Remote Teams](#)

Need the tools to keep your remote team connected? Here are some of the best in the business:

#1. [Slack](#)

One of the great things about Slack as compared to other chat options is that you can separate channels into appropriate themes. For example, you could have a “watercooler” or “random” channel where people can just casually chat.

Another great feature is that conversations are searchable, unlike Skype or other tools where you might chat. This saves a long scroll later on!

#2. [GoToMeeting](#)

This tool is doubly good because you can use it for team meetings if your team is larger, and for client meetings too. It easily allows you to share screens for ease of communication.

#3. [Google Hangouts](#)

Google Hangouts is great for a few reasons: It’s free, you can share screens and see the team, and you can record straight to YouTube for future reference (keep the video private). You are limited to nine participants however, so it’s obviously better suited to smaller teams.

#4. [HipChat](#)

This is another app great for chats, video meetings, and file sharing. It also integrates with other apps you may already be using, such as Facebook or Google Drive.

#5. [Zoom](#)

This is a video and web conferencing app that also works on mobile and allows you to share mobile screens.

#6. [Jell](#)

Jell creates a place for team members to share their accomplishments, goals, and challenges so that managers can stay on top of what's happening and team members can help each other out.

#7. [Google Docs](#)

Most remote teams need some kind of place accessible by all to keep documents, allow for modifications, and be able to trace versions. Google Docs provides a free solution that anyone with a Google account can access. This is a good place to keep policy documents, for example.