



## WhatsApp Tutorial

WhatsApp Messenger is a **free** messaging and Voice over IP (VoIP) service owned by Facebook. The application allows the sending of text messages and voice calls, as well as video calls, images and other media, documents, and user location – within a private chat (2 participants) or a group chat (3 or more participants).

\* WhatsApp requires a Wi-Fi connection or a cellular data plan available.

### Advantages:

- Allows users to connect with others locally/internationally
- Cross-platform: Android and iOS (Apple) users can connect for free
- WhatsApp is independent and users don't have to be part of social media
- Messages are encrypted

### Fun Facts:

- WhatsApp was released in January 2009
- In February 2014, WhatsApp was acquired by Facebook for \$19.3 **Billion**
- More than 1.5 **Billion** people across 180+ countries are using WhatsApp
- Coming up next: WhatsApp for businesses (communication with customers)

## Let's get started!

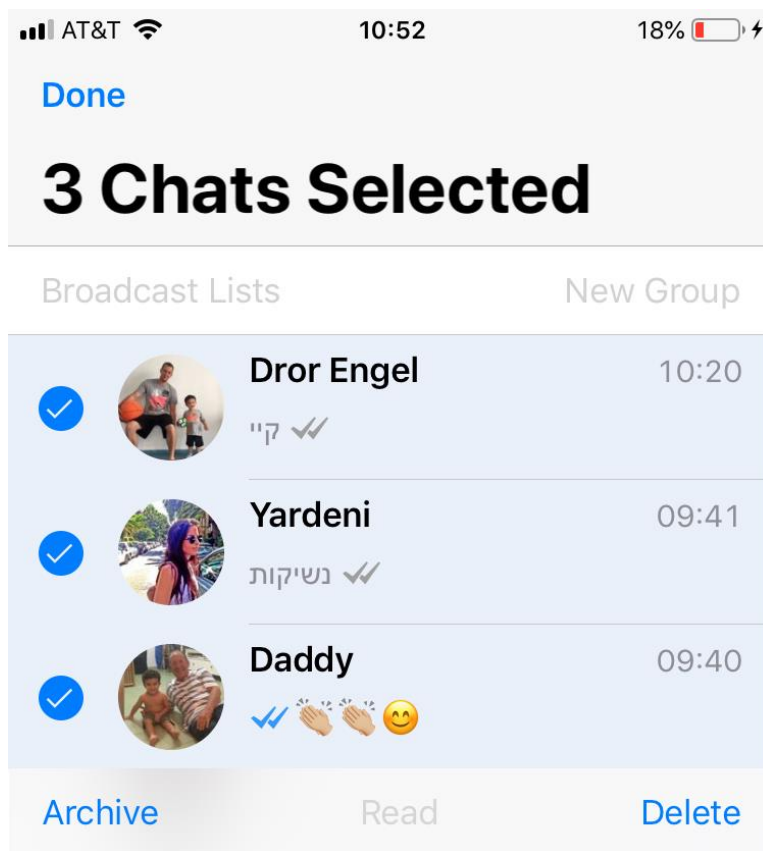
## Main screen

The screenshot shows the WhatsApp main screen with the following elements and annotations:

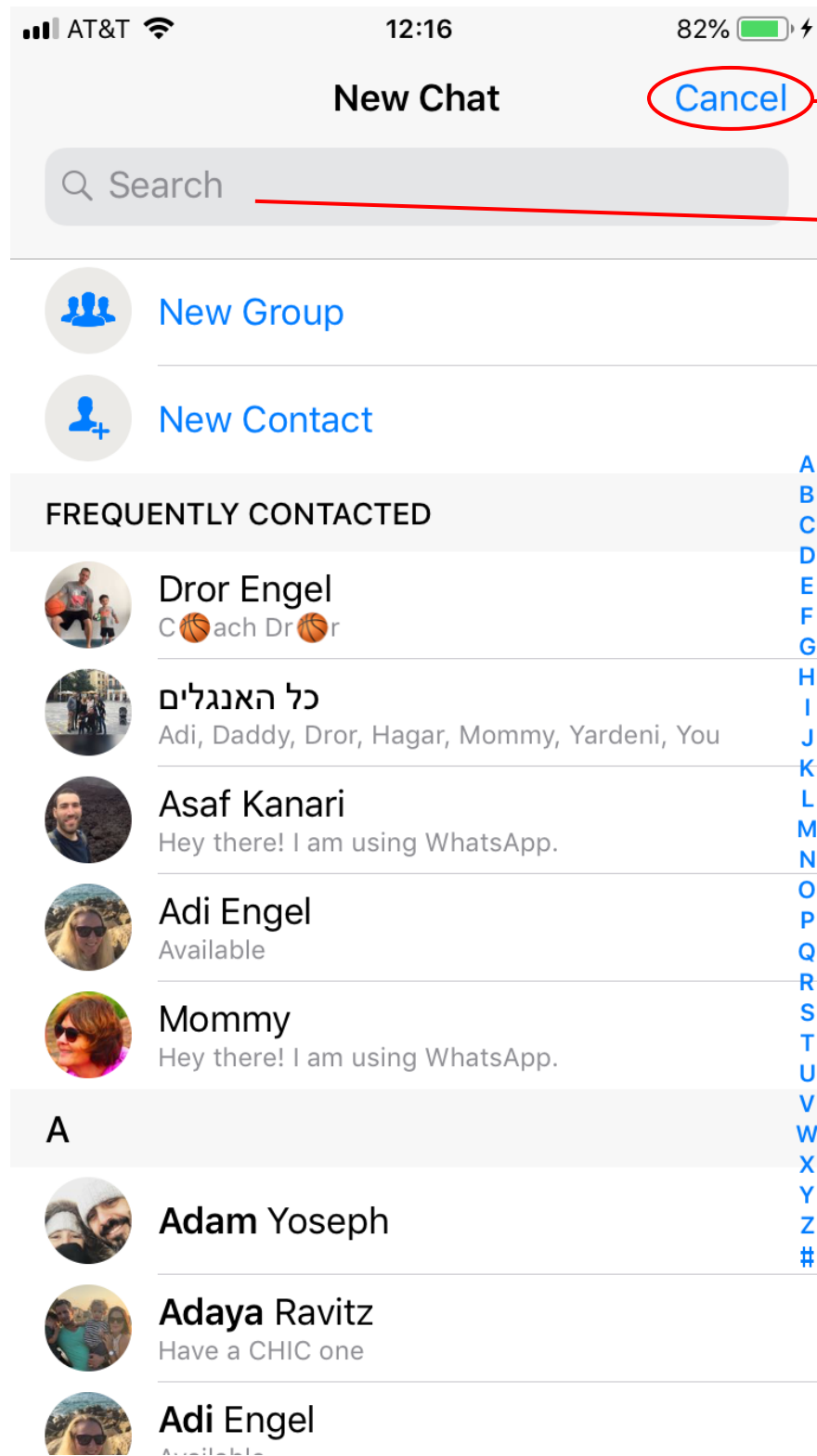
- Top Bar:** AT&T signal strength, 10:51 time, and 17% battery level.
- Buttons:** An **Edit** button (circled in red) and a **New Group** button (circled in green).
- Annotations:**
  - A red box labeled "Start a new chat (private or group)" points to the New Group button.
  - A red box labeled "Edit the list of chats (archive or delete chats)" points to the Edit button.
  - A red box labeled "Start a new Group Chat" points to the New Group button.
  - A red box labeled "List of existing chats (private and group)" points to the list of chat entries.
  - A red box labeled "App Menu (selected tab will be in blue)" points to the bottom navigation bar.
- Chat List:**
  - Broadcast Lists:** A section header above the chat list.
  - Dror Engel:** Profile picture, name, time 10:20, and a checkmark.
  - Yardeni:** Profile picture, name, time 09:41, and a checkmark.
  - Daddy:** Profile picture, name, time 09:40, and a checkmark with emojis.
  - כל האנגלים:** Profile picture, name, time 06:53, and a heart emoji.
  - חמישי:** Profile picture, name, time Yesterday, and a phone number.
  - Me:** Profile picture, name, time Yesterday, and a checkmark with a message icon.
  - Asaf Kanari:** Profile picture, name, and time Wednesday.
- Bottom Navigation Bar:** Five tabs: Status, Calls, Camera, Chats (selected and blue), and Settings.

## Actions on the main screen's chat rows

1. If you swipe your finger on a chat row from right to left or from left to right, you will see options to delete/archive a chat, mark last message as unread, pin the chat to the top of your Chats screen, and more.
2. If you clicked on "Edit" (see top left corner in the previous page), then you can now select one or more chats and then delete or archive them by clicking on one of these option at the bottom right and left of the screen.  
\* Click "Done" in the top left corner to cancel and go back



## Start a new chat (private or group)



Go back to main screen and list of chats

Touch here to search for a name on your contact list (see next page)

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People/groups you are contacting frequently

Click on a name/group to start a new chat or continue an existing one

All your WhatsApp contacts (scroll down to see all, alphabetically)

## Search a contact to start a new chat

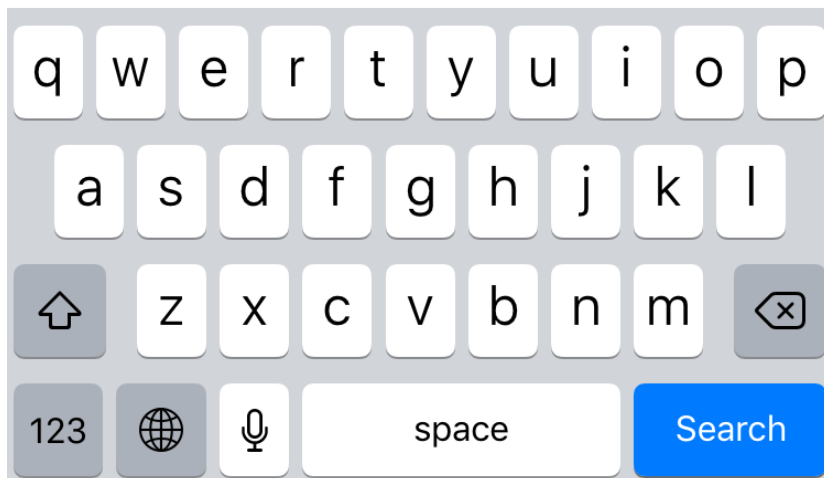
The screenshot shows the WhatsApp search screen. At the top, the status bar displays 'AT&T', '10:47', and '14%' battery. Below the status bar is a search bar containing the text 'Michael'. To the right of the search bar is a 'Cancel' button. Below the search bar is a 'Contacts' section with two entries: 'Michael Cherkassky' and 'Michael Putnam', both with the message 'Hey there! I am using WhatsApp.'. Below the 'Contacts' section is an 'Invite to WhatsApp' section with two entries: 'Michael Airbnb' and 'Michael Rybak', both with phone numbers and an 'Invite' button. At the bottom of the screen is a 'Missing Contacts Help' link. Red arrows point from the search bar to a box labeled 'Go back to previous screen' and from the search text to a box labeled 'Typing a contact's name'. Red brackets group the two contacts in the 'Contacts' section to a box labeled 'Results of contacts who have WhatsApp (click on a name to start a new chat or continue an existing one)' and the two contacts in the 'Invite to WhatsApp' section to a box labeled 'Results of contacts who do NOT have WhatsApp (you cannot chat with them)'.

Go back to previous screen

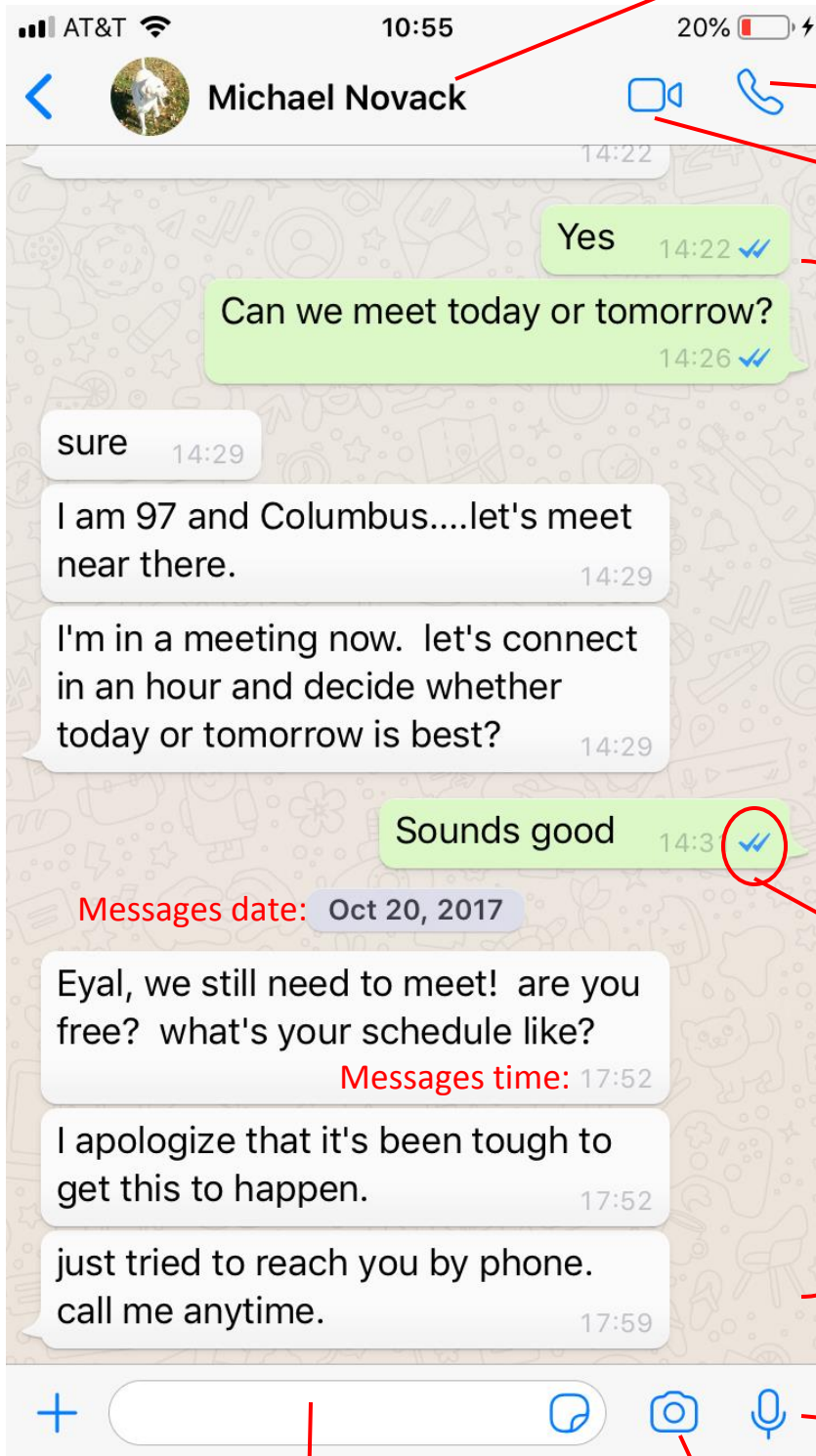
Typing a contact's name

Results of contacts who have WhatsApp (click on a name to start a new chat or continue an existing one)

Results of contacts who do NOT have WhatsApp (you cannot chat with them)



## The chat screen (private messages)



Contact information and more

Start a voice call

Start a video call

Your messages have a green background and other person's messages have a white background

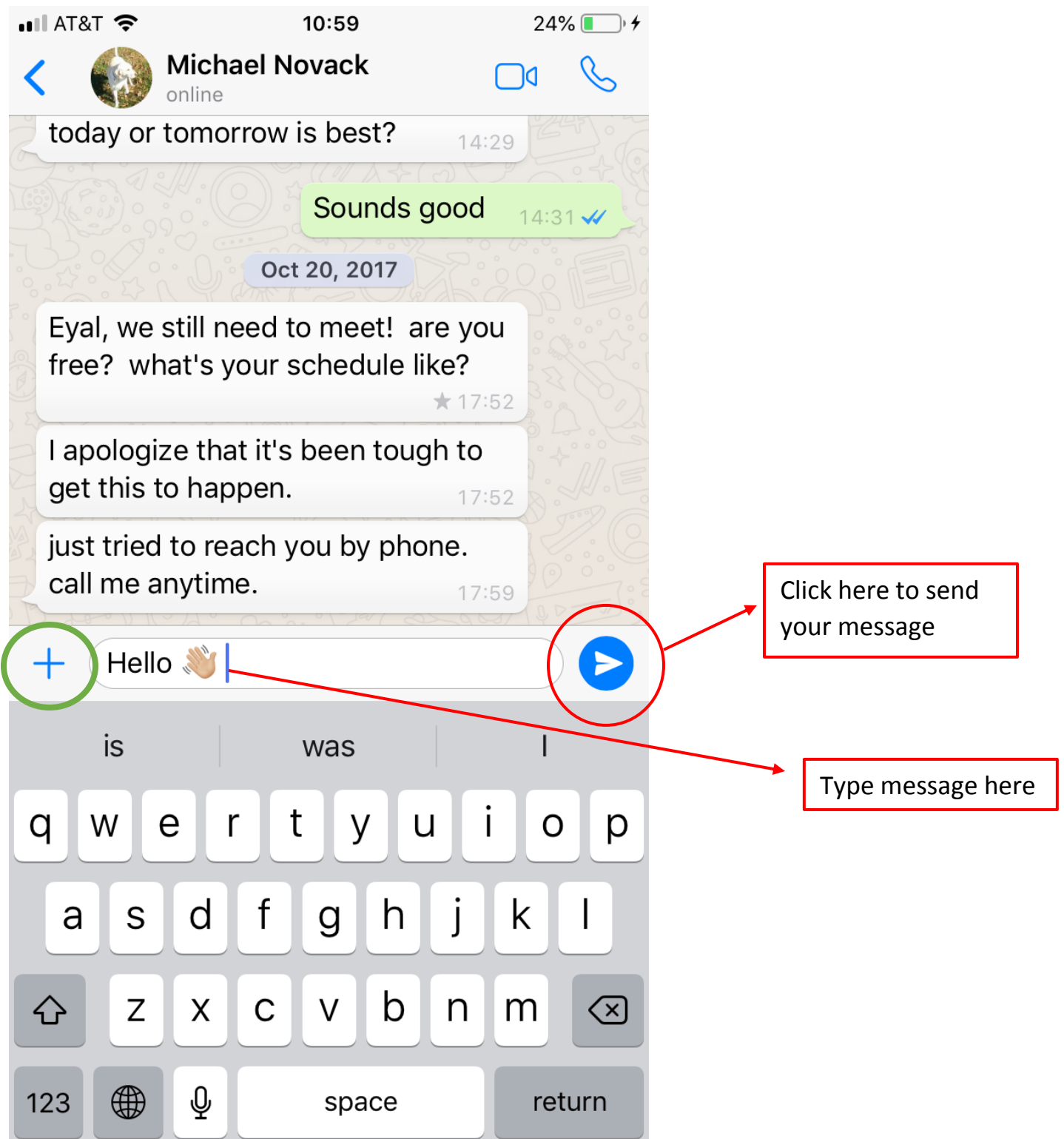
2 blue check marks = other user has read your message  
2 gray check marks = user has received your message but haven't read it  
1 gray check mark = other user haven't received your message yet

Touch here to type a message (see next page)

Take a new picture or video

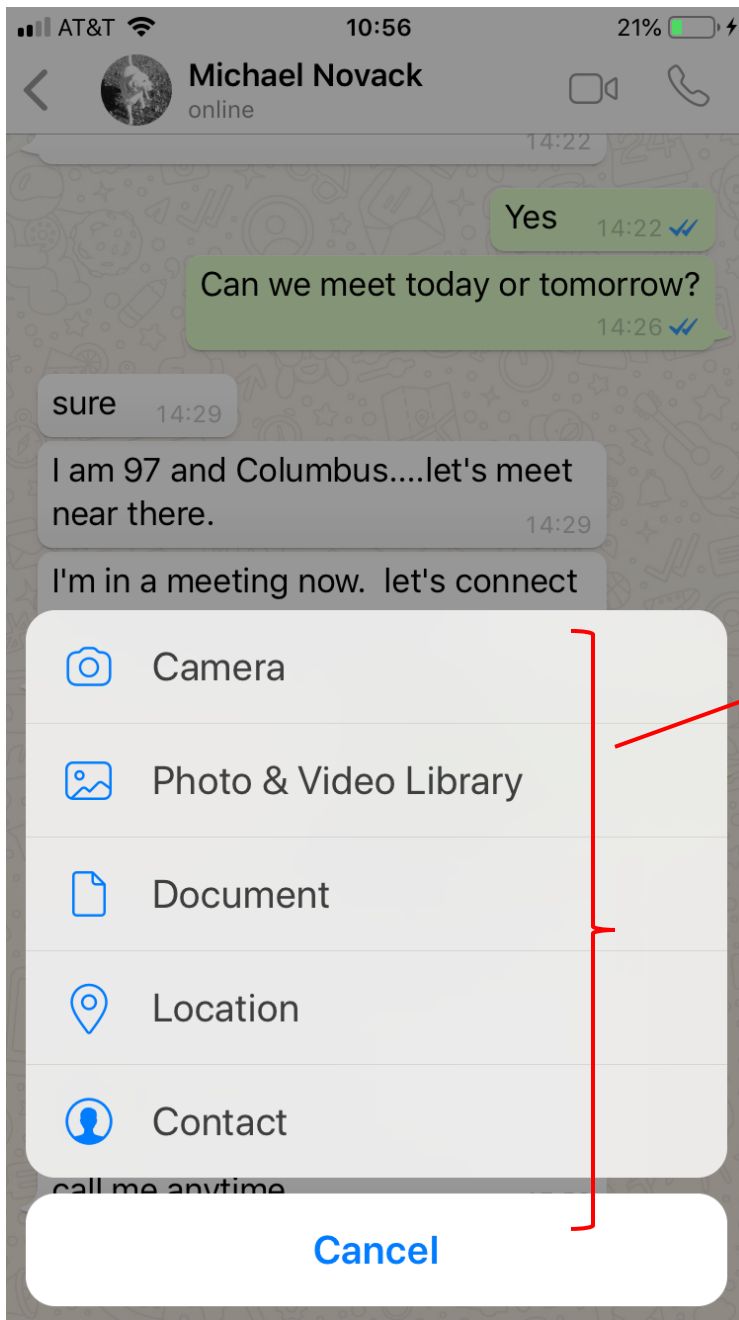
**Click and Hold** the microphone to record a voice message. Release when done recording. You can also drag your finger up after a couple of seconds of recording and release your finger. This allows you to record hands-free and send it like a normal message

## Typing and sending a text message



## Sending pictures, videos, location, and contacts

1. Go into a chat (like in the picture above)
2. Click the plus sign (circled in green in the picture above)
3. You will see the following menu:



**Camera:** will open your camera where you can take a picture or a video straight from WhatsApp in order to send it to your contact

**Photo & Video Library:** will open your phone's built-in photos folder, and there you can choose **existing** photos/videos to send to your contacts

**Document:** send a document located in your phone's documents app (e.g. iCloud Drive on iPhone)

**Location:** share your location with your contact. Once WhatsApp will find your location (a blue dot on the map), click "Send Your Current Location" to share your location. Your contact will receive an image of a map with your location.

**Contact:** will open your phone's built-in contact list and there you can mark all the contacts you would like to share.  
\* If you share only 1 contact: after you mark the contact, click "DONE" on the top right corner, and then click "SEND" on the top right corner.

\* If you share more than 1 contact: after you mark them, click on "DONE" in the top right corner, and then click "Share X Contacts" at the bottom of the screen.

**Cancel:** If you changed your mind and don't want to share anything, click on "Cancel" at the bottom to exit this menu.



**Sending a picture/video through “CAMERA” option (“Photo & Video Library” option is similar) STEP 1:**



Flash mode (**off in picture**).  
Click on it to turn flash on and off (there are 3 modes: 1 off and 2 on)

Night mode. Click on it to go into night mode which allows you to take better pictures when it's dark. Click on it again to go back to regular mode

Get out of camera mode and go back to the chat screen

Switch between regular mode and Selfie mode

Go to your phone's built in photo&video library to choose an existing file

**Step 2 (Similar to sending a picture after selecting it from your phone's built-in library):**



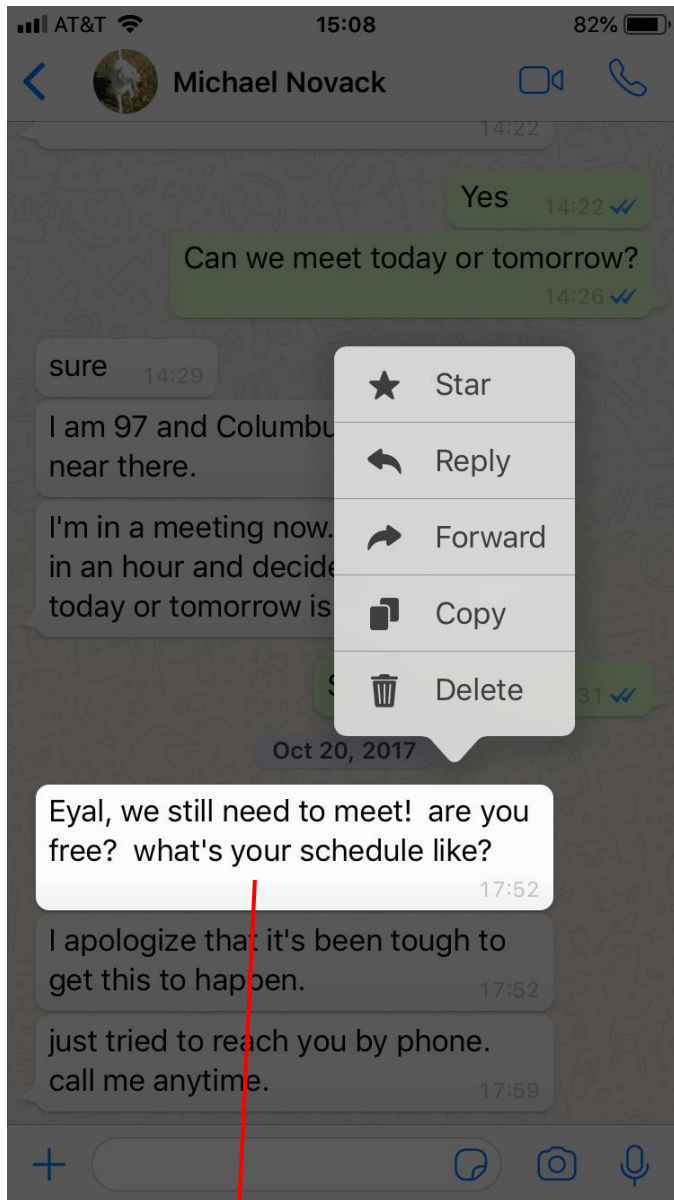
**Edit your photo before sending it**  
**Pencil** = draw with your finger  
**T** = add text on top of photo  
**Smiley face** = add emojis on top of your photo (can make them bigger/smaller by pinching them)  
**Square** = Crop your photo

Add text that will appear below the photo (or below the bottom photo in case of multiple photos)

Send the photo/s or video/s

Add more photos or videos

## Actions on specific messages using a long click on a text message/photo/video/etc.



This is the message on which I Long-Clicked and opened the menu for

**Star** = marking that message as a “favorite”. You can find your starred messages when you click on the contact’s name on the top of your conversation screen

**Reply** = write a response that refers specifically to the message you clicked on (see next page)

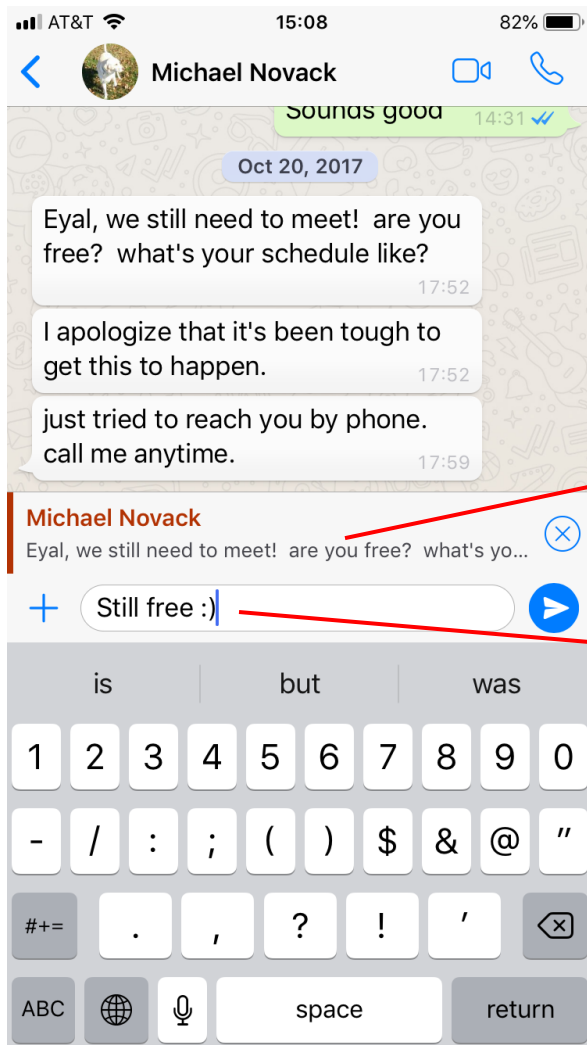
**Forward** = send this message directly to another contact/s

**Copy** = copy the content of this message. Then you will be able to paste it somewhere else (also in a different app) using a long click on a text box and choosing “paste”.

**Delete** = deleting this specific message/photo/video. If you were the one who sent it, then you will be given the option to decide whether to delete it only for you or for everyone in the conversation. Otherwise, you will only delete it from your device. Same thing applies for a group chat.

\*When clicking “Delete” you will be able to choose more messages to delete but that’s optional. When done selecting, click the trash can on the bottom left corner of the screen to delete your selected message(s).

**Example for replying to a specific message (useful when you want to give more context to your message and to what it is referring to)**



The message you chose to reply to

Your reply to that specific message.

## After clicking on contact's name on the top of your chat with them:

The screenshot shows the contact information page for Michael Novack. At the top, there's a status bar with AT&T, 10:55, and 20% battery. Below that, a navigation bar includes "Go Back to Chat", the contact name "Michael", "Contact Info", and "Edit Edit contact's information". The main content area features a profile picture of a white dog, the name "Michael Novack", and the phone number "+1 (314) 255-9136". Below the name are three circular icons for messaging, video calling, and voice calling. A message preview is visible: "Hey there! I am using WhatsApp. Oct 22, 2017". At the bottom, there's a list of settings: "Media, Links, and Docs" (None), "Starred Messages" (1), "Chat Search", "Mute" (No), "Custom Tone" (Default (Tri-tone)), "Save to Camera Roll" (Default), and "Encryption" (Messages to this chat and calls are secured with). Red arrows point from text boxes to these elements: the dog picture, the three action icons, the "Media, Links, and Docs" setting, the "Starred Messages" setting, the "Chat Search" setting, and a bracket grouping "Mute", "Custom Tone", and "Save to Camera Roll".

AT&T 10:55 20%

Go Back to Chat Michael Contact Info Edit Edit contact's information

Contact's profile picture

Michael Novack +1 (314) 255-9136

New message / video call / voice call

Hey there! I am using WhatsApp.  
Oct 22, 2017

Media, Links, and Docs None > All media you share with one another

Starred Messages 1 > Your starred messages

Chat Search > Search any text within your conversation

Mute No > Other settings, usually not really relevant

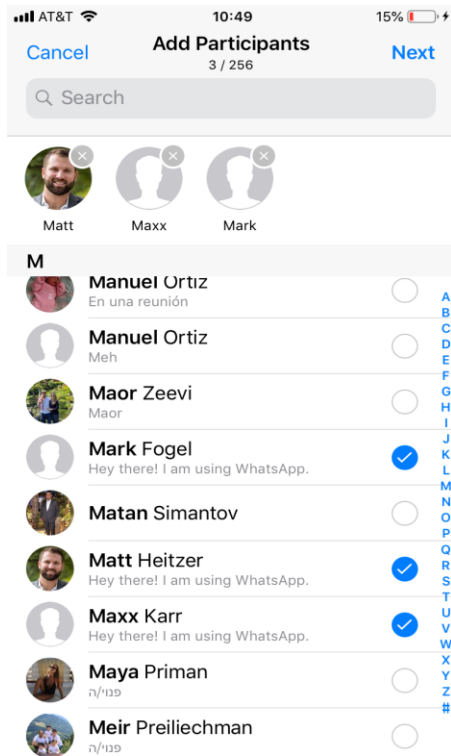
Custom Tone Default (Tri-tone) >

Save to Camera Roll Default >

Encryption Messages to this chat and calls are secured with >

**\*Note: in a group's information you can see all participants and will have the option to exit the group (scroll all the way down for this option).**

## Creating a group chat (see green circles on screenshot on page 2)

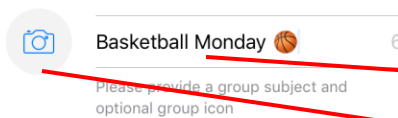
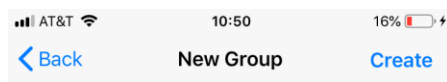


### **Step 1:**

Choose the contacts you want to add to the group by touching the circles on the right to their names (a blue check mark will appear).

### **Step 2:**

Click on “Next” in the top right corner

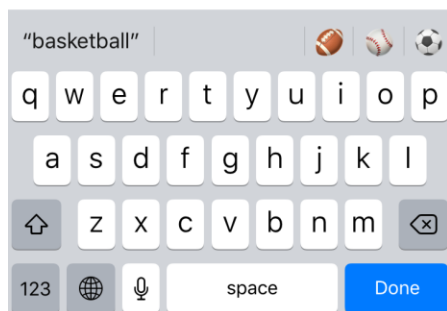
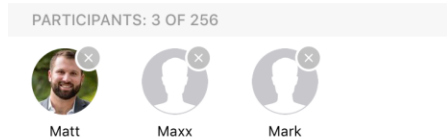


### **Step 3:**

Choose a name for the group

Set a group picture (not mandatory)

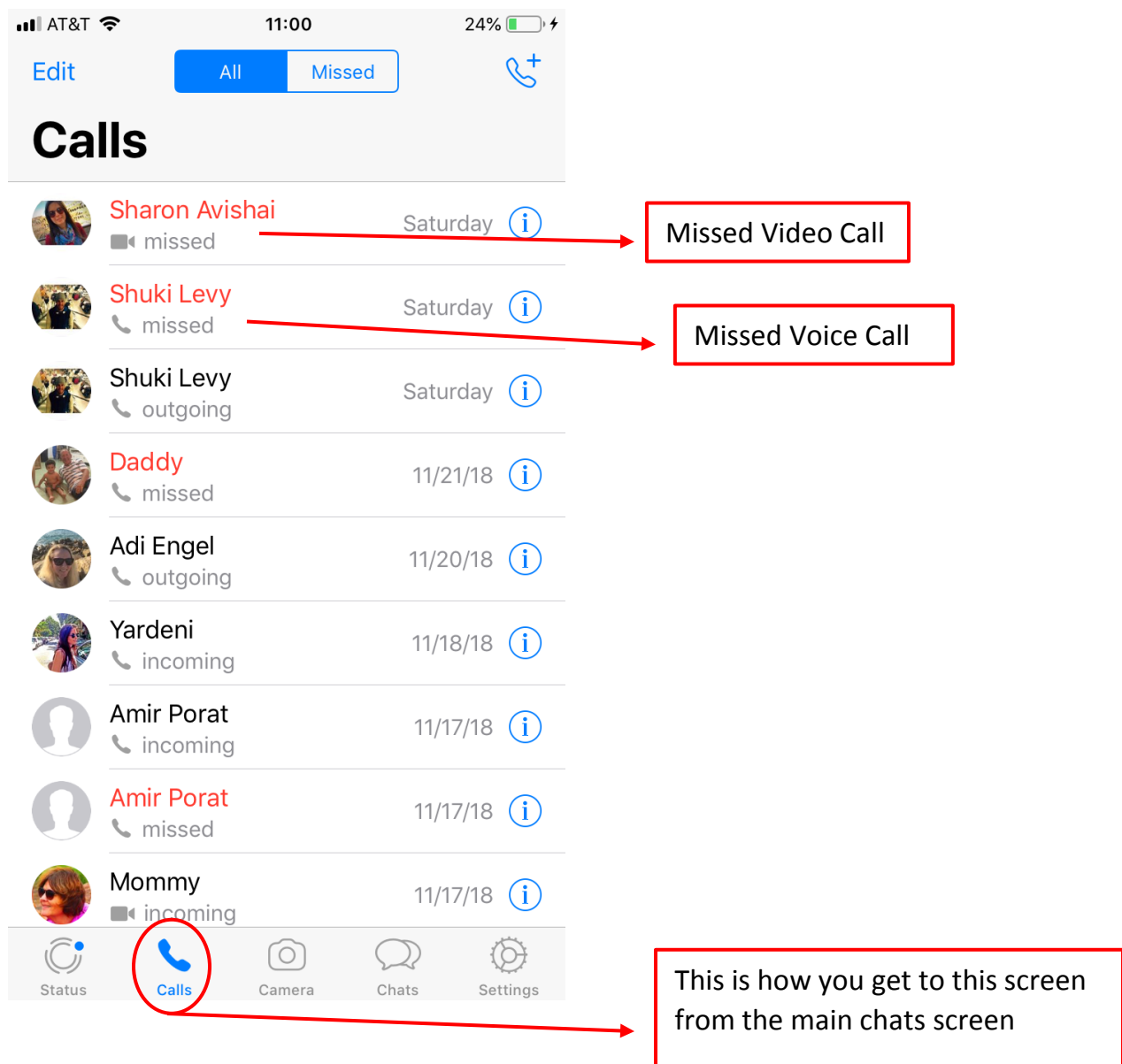
Click “Create” on the top right corner



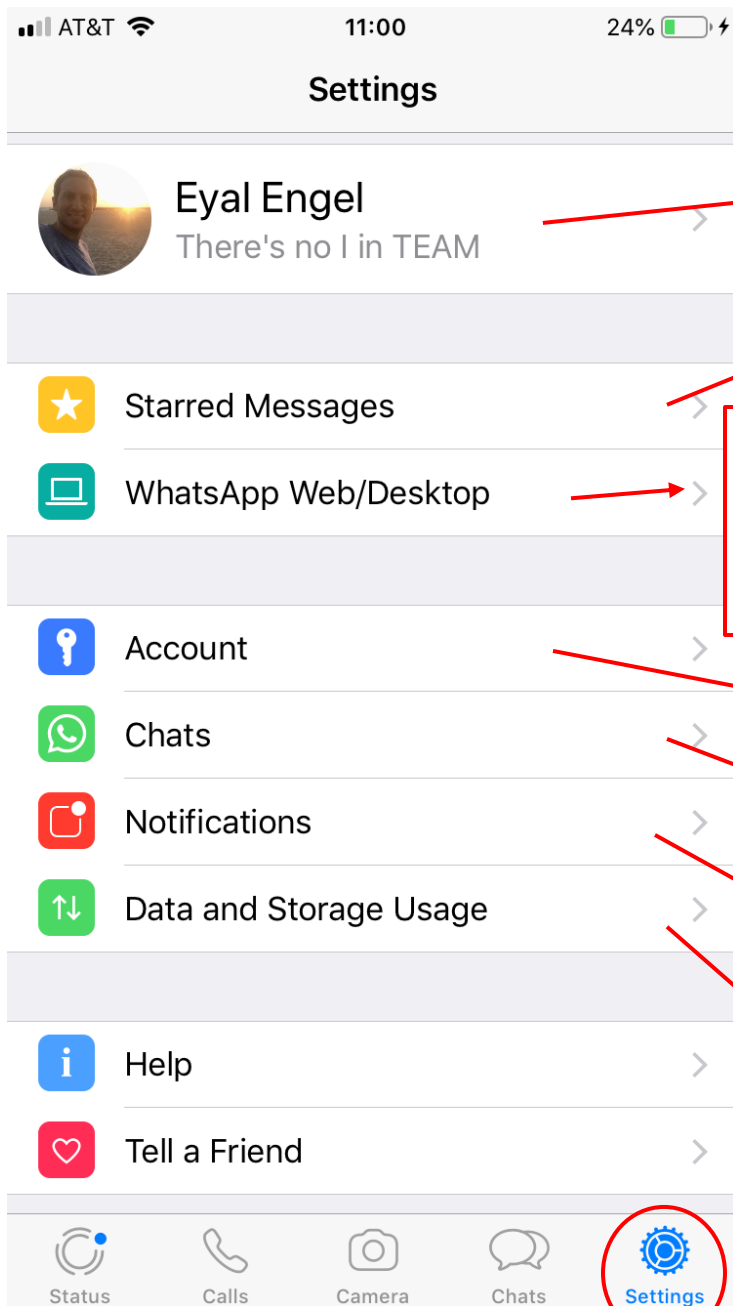
## The Calls Screen

Basically shows you the recent people who called you via WhatsApp, whether if it was a voice call or a video call (see small icon below contact's name).

This screen is mostly used to see your missed/unanswered calls (will appear in red). It can also be used to call someone who appears on that screen.



# The Settings Screen



Edit your profile – name, picture, status

See your starred messages from all chats

To use WhatsApp on your computer:  
1. Go to [web.whatsapp.com](http://web.whatsapp.com) on your computer  
2. Click here and then click Scan QR Code. Then scan the QR Code on your computer's screen using your phone's camera that will open automatically

Privacy settings (see next page)

Chat wallpaper, save media automatically to phone, and BACKUP CHATS (see in 2 pages)

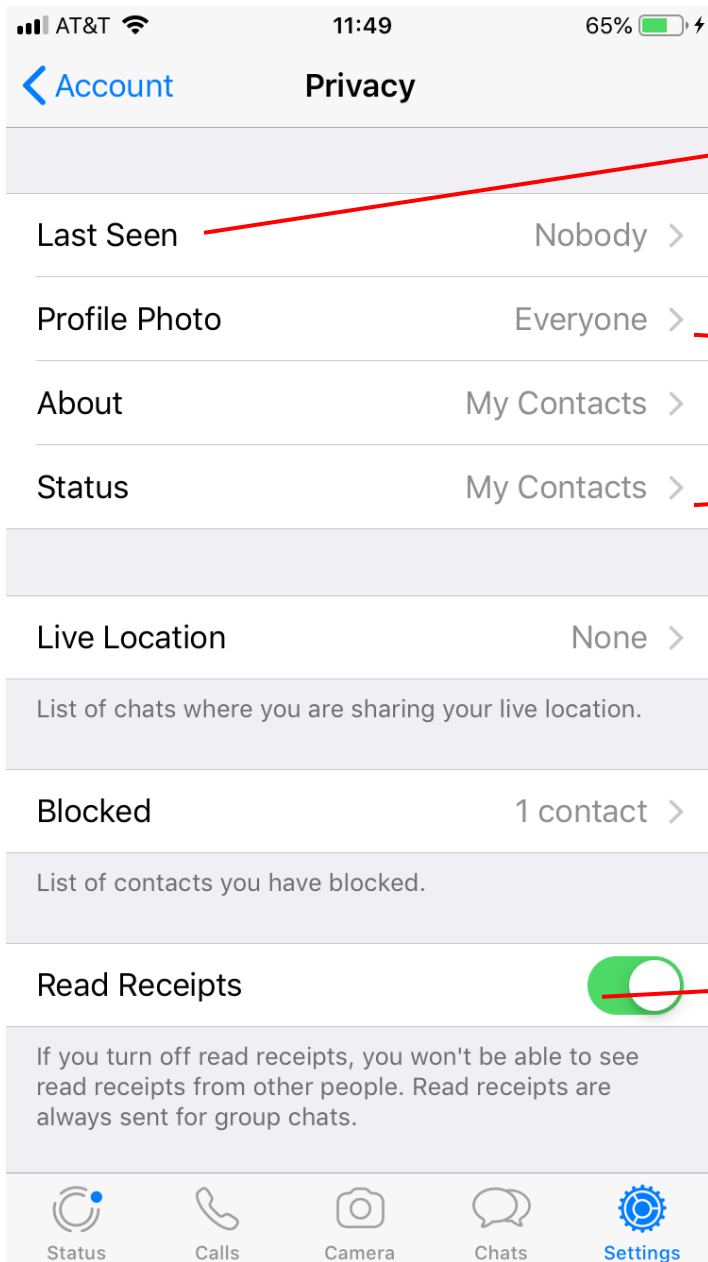
Notifications settings. Usually default settings are sufficient

Decide whether download media automatically when you are using Wi-Fi only, OR when using either Wi-Fi or Cellular data (i.e. your

This is how we get to Settings



## Account Privacy (kind of a big deal nowadays, right?)

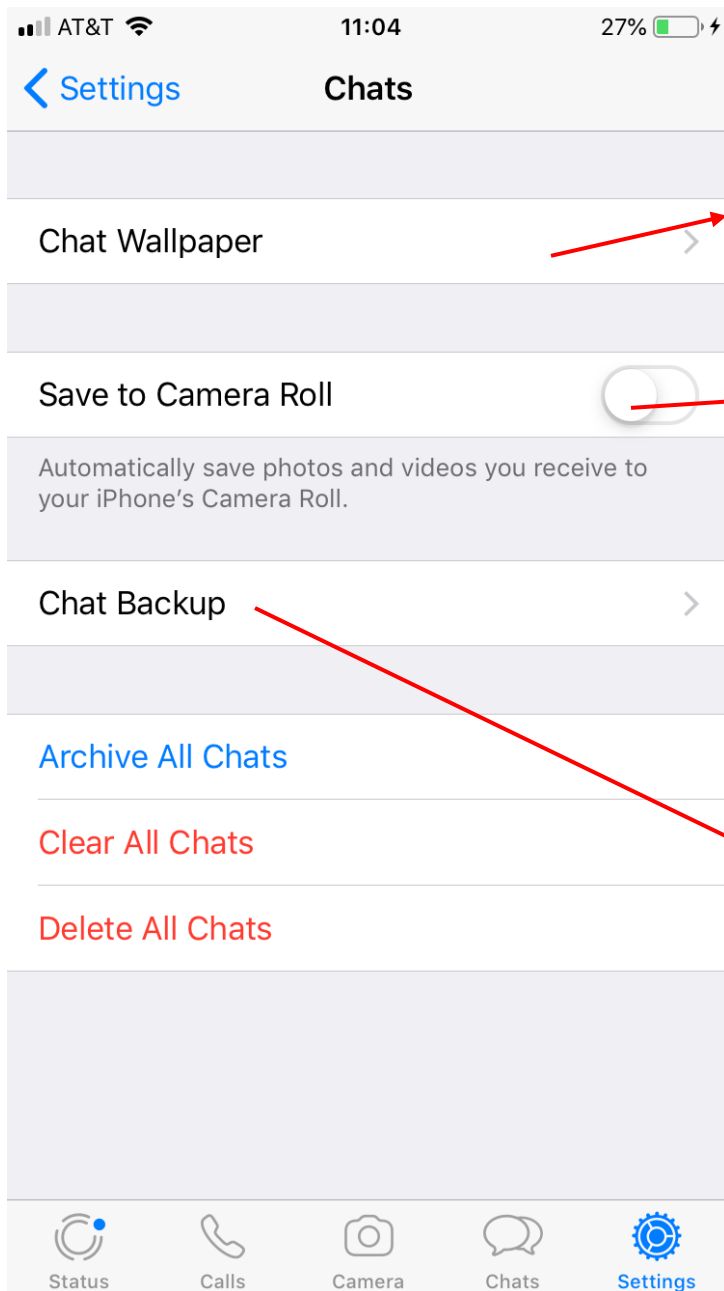


Allow (or don't) people to see when was the last time you were online in WhatsApp. If you choose "Nobody" then you won't be able to see others' Last Seen as well. If you want to see the last time others were using WhatsApp (below their name at the top of your chat), choose "My Contacts"

Decide who can see your profile information: Everyone, Contacts Only, or Nobody

When this button is turned ON (i.e. green), then you will see when people have read your messages (double blue check marks) and they will see when you have read theirs. If you turn it OFF (by clicking the green button) then neither you nor your contacts will see the double blue check marks. You'll only see double gray check marks that indicate that the messages were delivered but not necessarily been read)

## Chats Settings

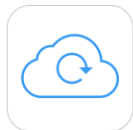
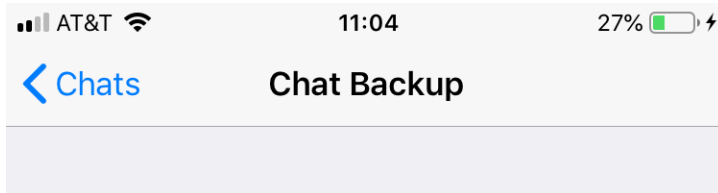


Change the background of your chats (i.e. the background behind the messages bubbles). When you click here you'll be able to choose a solid color, a background from WhatsApp's library, or a photo from your phone's library.

Turn this button ON (make it green) if you want WhatsApp to automatically save the photos and videos you receive from contacts to your phone's photo library (not recommended if you have limited storage capacity on your phone). Even when this is turned off, you would still be able to save your incoming media to your phone manually (see last page of this tutorial).

Backup your chats (with or without videos). This is very important in case your phone is ruined or you switch to a new device. Please see next page for more information.

## Chat Backup



Last Backup: Sep 16, 2018  
Total Size: 1.34 GB

The amount of FREE storage space you will need to backup your chats

Back up your chat history and media to iCloud so if you lose your iPhone or switch to a new one, your chat history is safe. You can restore your chat history and media when you reinstall WhatsApp. Media and messages you back up are not protected by WhatsApp end-to-end encryption while in iCloud.

[Back Up Now](#)

Click here to start backing up your chats. This could take a while and you don't have to wait here until it's done.

Auto Backup

Monthly >

Click here to change the frequency of your chats backup and set automatic backups

Include Videos

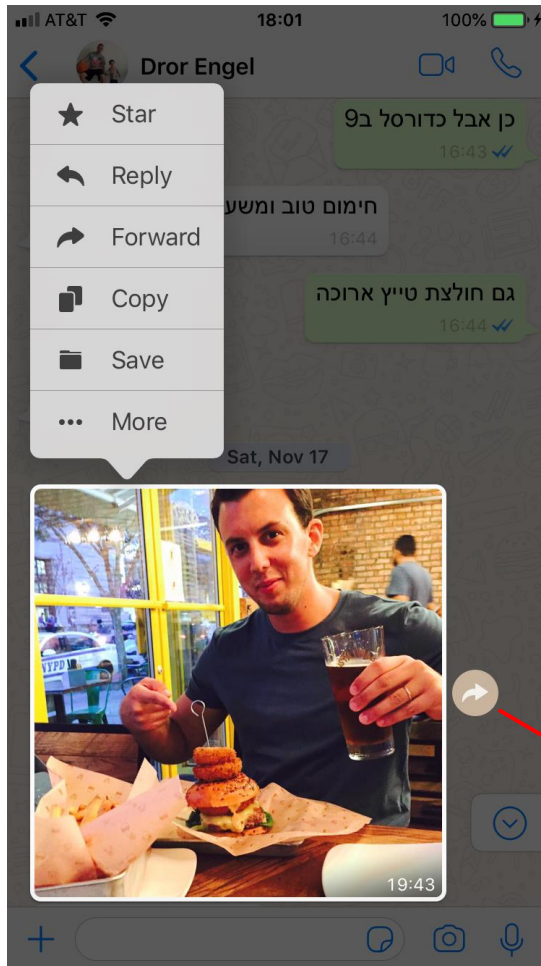


Turn this button on (by clicking on it and making it green) if you want to backup all the videos people sent you as well (photos are backed up regardless). Please note that videos require more free space on your phone and the backup's size will be larger.

To avoid excessive data charges, connect your phone to Wi-Fi or disable cellular data for iCloud: iPhone Settings > Cellular > iCloud Drive > OFF.

## Save a picture or a video to your phone's library (manually)

1. Inside a chat, Long-click on the photo or video until a menu pops-up.
2. In the menu that will pop-up, click on "Save"
3. The photo/video is now on your phone's photo library



By the way, this arrow sign next to photos or videos inside a chat allows you to quickly forward the photo/video to another contact(s) of your choice

**Thanks for joining and have fun using WhatsApp! 😊**