Real Time Chat: Requirements and Candidates

We've maxed out the messages allowed on our free Slack team and are now losing information. This, plus the fact that Slack isn't available on the other side of the Great Firewall, means the community is investigating its options for Real Time Chat (RTC or Chat). This page is for tracking the community requirements for an RTC system as well as the candidates that the community is considering.

Requirements

Currently in no particular order

- Possible to log/archive conversations
- Widespread geographic availability (read: can use it in China)
- …? What else?

Candidates