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Google Docs Instant Messaging

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For a long time, Google has provided users a very helpful suite of tools to Stop, Collaborate, and Listen. Basically copying the functionality of the Microsoft suite, with less capability but for absolutely free, Google has successfully sniped a large portion of Microsoft's market share for education and personal use. The biggest draw of Google Drive and related apps is that they are cloud based, allowing multiple users to interact on the same file at the same time, and coordinating their actions to maximize productivity. In fact, Microsoft realized just how useful this was and tried to introduce Microsoft 365 as basically the same thing with the regular Microsoft apps, just cloud-based and more frustrating to use now.

While cloud-based applications have greatly streamlined many processes and heightened collaboration, the real ingenuity has arisen from users utilizing the services for uses outside their originally envisioned use case. These applications include such genius ideas as graphic design in Google Slides, particularly for academic papers and instructional materials; slap-dash board games like chess and checkers in Google Drawings; and creative shitposting via unsolicited Google Forms. But perhaps the most revolutionary development has come from the cleverest and sneakiest group of people who somehow manage to find work-arounds for every restriction under the sun: high schoolers.

In response to parental controls on phones restricting their ability to text, and without a place to actually exist outside with their friends without being arrested/scolded by their parents, high schoolers have recognized that Google Doc's instant updating and



collaboration features makes it perfectly serviceable to text each other. Not only are Docs encrypted, and keep a message history that can be accessed or scrubbed from the record, but it is also impossible to discern whether they are being used for social or school activities, providing incredible cover for students to communicate with each other without any prying eyes being able to detect such covert communication operations, lest they be caught talking to a friend (the horror).

Thus, seeing this unexpected use case, Google has announced that they will simply be incorporating an instant messaging app into their Google Suite. It's like Google Chats, except actually decent, and the user interface is expected to be very reminiscent of AIM, such that it will strike feelings of nostalgia into the hearts and souls of the school administrators and parents who are preparing to ban the app as well. The default message notification, naturally, will be the entirety of the AOL dial-up tone, played at full volume on your mobile device, unless the device is on silent. Silent mode will involve the phone buzzing to communicate the AOL dial-up sound in Morse code.



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