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How to delete archived messages on messenger app iphone

By David Nield Facebook keeps a record of your messages and chats whether you like it or not. Everything you type through the private messaging system is logged by default, though you do have the option to delete these archives at a later stage. Note that deleting messages doesn't affect the copies held by the other participants in the conversation. They'll still be able to read through the messages from their own inboxes even if you've erased your copy. Click on the "Messages" link on Facebook's menu. The most recent conversations are shown at the top of the list on the left. Select a conversation and its contents appear in the main window. Select any of the conversations shown and choose "Actions" then "Delete Conversation" to erase all of the messages the thread contains. Click "Delete Conversation" on the confirmation dialog to complete the process. Choose "Actions" and "Delete Messages" to delete individual messages rather than the entire conversation. Check boxes appear enabling you to select particular messages which can then be removed via the "Delete" button. Click "More" then "Archived" to access message threads that you've specifically archived to hide them from the inbox view. Select a message and choose "Actions" then "Delete Conversation" to erase it. Type a contact's name into the search box at the top of the inbox or archived messages view to look for messages matching that contact. Delete conversations and individual messages using the options on the Actions menu. You can move old or unwanted conversations into your archives, mark all messages as read, or delete them from Messages. Open the Messages app . Touch and hold each conversation that you want to archive or delete. Archive: To put the selected conversations into your archives, tap Archive . Archived conversations disappear from the Home screen, but you can still read them. Mark all as read: Tap More . Mark all as read. Delete: To delete the selected conversations from Messages, tap Delete . If you use Messages as your default messaging app, deleted conversations will also be deleted from your device Manage conversations Manage messages in a conversation Open the Messages app . Touch and hold a message within a conversation. Choose an option: Share on social media: Tap Share . See more details: Tap Information . Copy the message text: Tap Copy . Forward a message to another person: Tap Forward . Delete a message: Tap Delete . Save an attachment, like a photo or sticker: Tap Save . Put conversations back on the Home screen You can move archived conversations back to your Home screen. Open the Messages app . Tap More Archived. Touch and hold each conversation that you want to restore. Tap Unarchive . Note: If you send a message to an archived conversation, the conversation automatically returns to your Home screen. Did you know that Facebook Messenger allows you to archive or delete your conversations when you're done with them? Our guide will show you how this is done. Popular Now Upcoming Webinars How to Be More Genuine to Your Customers Tuesday, July 27, 2021 5 B-to-B Marketing Strategies for the Win Wednesday, July 28, 2021 Your Quick-Start Guide to Personalization Wednesday, August 4, 2021 5 Ways to Catch—Not Chase—Trends Wednesday, August 11, 2021 New Rules for the Creator Economy Thursday, August 12, 2021 Deleting Facebook messages doesn't have to be incredibly difficult. Whether you're deleting one thread or an entire history, there are options for you to do both with minimal effort. Some users may find it easier to delete their entire Facebook account. We have an article for that too! How can you start cleaning up your inbox? - By following the steps in this article. Archive Facebook Messages Before deleting all of your messages, you may want to archive them instead of doing a full and permanent delete. By doing this you can hide the messages that you want to keep. Be mindful that following the steps below will remove those messages as well. Start the process in Facebook Messenger: Hover over the conversation you'd like to remove. Three Menu dots will appear; click on those. Click "Hide" Following this step will remove your unwanted message without permanently deleting them. By visiting the Settings in Facebook Messenger you can click "Hidden Chats" to recover archived messages. Android Deleting messages on an Android phone or tablet: Open Facebook Messenger. Locate a message to delete. Touch and hold on the message to open the context menu. Tap delete. iPhone Deleting messages on an iPhone or iPad: Open the Facebook Messenger app. Tap and hold on the conversation that you no longer want then swipe to the left. When the menu appears, select Delete. Confirm the selection by tapping Delete. Conversation. Smartphone versions of the Facebook Messenger App allow you to delete only one message thread at a time. If you are looking to delete more it may best to use a browser. Browser Log into your Facebook account. Click See all in Messenger. Click on the options wheel next to a conversation. Click Delete if you want to erase all the messages. But what can you do about multiple messages and multiple conversations? - For this, you have to install a third-party browser extension. Extensions for Web Browser Extensions become a part of your web browser and allow you to perform various functions on a website. To delete multiple or all of your Facebook message history, you will need to add an extension to your web browser. Whether it's Chrome, Firefox, or Internet Explorer you can begin by using Google to pull up the Web Store. For example: Using Chrome, Google "Facebook Messenger mass delete extension" or something of that nature. You will see one of the top options is chrome.google.com. This is the web store for that browser. Once you've clicked "Install" you will be prompted through various pop-ups until that extension is added. You will see the icon in the upper right-hand corner of your browser. Fast Delete Facebook™ Messages Log into your Facebook account on your browser after installing the extension. Click on the Extension icon on the extension bar. It should have a Facebook Messenger logo and a red X on top. After that, it's as easy as following the on-screen instructions. Click the "Open Your Messages" button when it appears. Click the new button. Begin Deletion, once it appears. Select OK to confirm your action. This should automatically take care of all the messages in your inbox. If it doesn't, it helps if you refresh the page and repeat the process. If you have too many conversations, it may not remove them all at one time so repeat the process. Once you have deleted your Facebook Message history from a web browser you will NOT be able to retrieve those unless you have them backed up somewhere else. Android for example allows users to backup Facebook messages to the ES File Explorer. Message Cleaner This extension works best if you first scroll down to the very bottom of the message list. Once you load the extension, it will recognize all the messages as being selected for removal. You can also then pick individual messages that you may want to save. Both extensions allow you to select multiple messages from different conversations and delete them all at once. However, you still have to select the ones that you want to delete. There isn't a button or feature that creates an automated selection of all messages. These extensions will permanently delete all of your Facebook messages if you've not backed them up. Assuming you selected "all" before clicking "confirm," the only way to get those messages back is to ask the person who you sent them to for help or using data recovery methods to retrieve backed up information. Deleted Messages Recovery You can only recover messages that were saved in a backup file. For iPhone users a recovery from iCloud may bring those messages back. For Android users they may be saved in your system's ES File Explorer. When you're using Facebook Messenger on an Android smartphone or tablet, all the conversations may be saved on your device. Just because you're "deleting them" in the messenger doesn't mean they're gone. Here are some things to try: If you use ES File Explorer, or any explorer that works for you, you can still access that information. Open ES File Explorer. Go to Storage or SD card folder. Select and open the Android folder. Open data folders. Scroll through the folders until you locate ".com.facebook.orca" (This belongs to the Facebook Messenger app). Open the folder. Open the fb_temp folder. This is a cache folder that contains backup files for conversations in Facebook Messenger. Keep in mind that this method may not always work. You can only recover deleted conversations if you had backed up your phone before you erased anything. As an alternative, you can connect your device to your computer and browse the folders this way. If you're on an iOS device then you may have to use a third-party software to recover old messages. There are many data recovery apps available, it is recommended to pick the one that has better reviews. Dr. Fone, for example, is one of the most popular applications for data recovery. If you're active on Facebook, chances are you make use of the social media site's built-in Messenger app. More than 20 billion messages are sent a month between businesses and people through the service, and it has over 1.3 billion users worldwide, so that's a whole lot of chatting! If one of your conversations is over but you don't want to delete it altogether — it might contain info you need to refer to in future, for example — you can archive it so you can return to it later. But how do you view archived messages once you've put them there? It's simple — here's what you need to know to do both. How to archive a conversation on Facebook Messenger You have to archive Facebook Messenger conversations through the Messenger desktop application, as opposed to the Messenger mobile app. 1. Log in to your Facebook account on a computer. 2. Go to www.facebook.com/messages/t/ to open your desktop Messenger application. 3. Find the conversation you want to archive among the names of people you've messaged on the left-hand side of the screen. 4. Tap the gear-shaped icon that appears next to a name when you hover over it. Click "Archive." Facebook; Business Insider 5. Select "Archive" from the dropdown menu to archive the conversation. How to view archived messages on Facebook Messenger on desktop 1. Go to Facebook.com and log into your account. 2. On the menu bar running along the top of your screen, look for the Messenger icon which appears as a little squiggle inside a speech bubble. Click on it and at the bottom of the pop-up window, click again on "See All in Messenger." Select "Archived Messages" from the dropdown menu. Jennifer Still/Business Insider 3. Once you're in the Chats screen, click the settings icon (the little gear next to the large "Messenger" label) to reveal another dropdown menu. 4. From the dropdown menu, click "Archived Threads." You will then be taken to your archived conversations, which you can read as you like. How to view archived messages on Facebook Messenger on mobile 1. On your phone, open the Messenger app. 2. To view archived conversations from within the Messenger app, you'll need to use the search bar at the top of the app's screen to type the name of the person the conversation was with. You'll need to know the name of whoever you were chatting with. Jennifer Still/Business Insider 3. Tap on the name of the contact whose archived conversation you would like to view and Messenger will automatically bring up all messages you've ever exchanged with that person, including the archived ones. Note that messages can automatically be un-archived simply by sending another message to the recipient in that conversation thread. The conversation will then be moved back to your main inbox. This applies to conversations on both mobile and desktop. You can even search for particular keywords within an archived conversation on Facebook.com (not via the Messenger app) by utilizing the "Search in Conversations" options listed on the right-hand side of the opened conversation. This trick works for conversations in your main inbox as well. Related coverage from How To Do Everything: Tech: Something went wrong. Wait a moment and try again. If you want to delete a specific message on Facebook Messenger or even delete entire conversations from Facebook's instant messaging app, it is possible and really easy to do, as you will see in today's article. You can also archive your conversations if you don't want to go the drastic route of completely losing them and we're here to teach you how to do it easily. So in today's article we are going to learn how to delete individual messages on Facebook Messenger, as well as how to delete entire conversations on Messenger or archive them. We'll start with the first thing on our list, as there are different methods to achieve your goal, depending on what you want to do. 1. How to delete individual messages from Facebook Messenger You can do this either on the mobile app Facebook Messenger, or from the desktop version of the application. Since everybody's using their mobiles mostly, we'll start with the steps you need to follow to delete a single message (or more, but not entire conversations) on mobile: After launching the Facebook Messenger app on your device, navigate to the message you want to delete, then tap and hold it. In the bottom bar of your screen, you will find a few option, and in the bottom right corner, you will have "Remove". Tap that button. Now, you will be presented with two options, as seen below: The first one will delete the message BOTH on your device, as well as from the chat history of the person you were chatting with. It doesn't matter if they already saw it or not - the message will be removed on both chats. Alternately, you can select to remove it from your chat history only. This means that the other person will still see the message and won't know that you deleted it. Now, if you want to do this on your laptop or desktop computer, here's how to do it: First, navigate to the conversation and message you want to delete. Then, hover your mouse over the message and two options will appear: the option to react to that message (a smiley face) and additional options (three dots) Click the dots and simply select "Remove" from the new tab: As in the case of the mobile conversation, you will be asked if you want to remove it from your chat only or also remove it from the chat of the person you were talking to: And this is it! You have now deleted a message from your conversation on Facebook messenger. You can do that with sent messages (yours) or received messages (from the person you were chatting with) but have in mind that once deleted, the messages can't be recovered. Also, messages you have received (sent by the person you were talking to) can only be erased from your chat history, not theirs. How to delete entire conversations on Facebook Messenger (or Archive them) This is also an easy thing to do and deleting entire chats or archiving them can also be done on the laptop or computer version, when you are logged in to Facebook. The benefit of archiving a conversation over deleting it is that you can still access it at a later time, while deleted conversations are gone forever. Archived conversations disappear from your messenger history, but come back whenever a new message is sent to that person or received from them. In order to delete or archive an entire conversation on Facebook for desktop or laptop, follow the next steps: 1. Click the Messages button in the top bar and then click "See all in Messenger" in the bottom left corner 2. Hover your mouse to the left side of the screen, over the conversation that you want to delete and click the three dots next to that person's name to see the menu: 3. From there, simply select the option that you want to go for: Hide (which will Archive your conversation) or Delete - this will make permanently remove it. If you go with the latter, you will have to confirm deletion once again. And this is all you have to do! How to archive or delete a conversation on Messenger App It's also extremely easy to achieve the same thing on Facebook Messenger for mobile. So launch the app on your phone and tap and hold the conversation you want deleted or archived. The menu seen above will appear, and all you have to do is to select either "Archive" or "Delete". It's that easy! When you either delete or archive a conversation on Facebook, your friend won't be told that you have done this, but as we said earlier, the conversations or specific messages won't be deleted on their devices as well, only on yours. Still better than nothing if you have some secrets to keep! But if you don't want to speak with that person anymore, or you simply want to block them and remove them from your list of contacts, this can be done as well. We wrote an article on how to delete someone from Messenger - make sure to check that article out if that's something you're interested in knowing how to do.

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