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add or remove someone is another handy feature that ensures that order and decorum are maintained. At the start, the maximum number of people a group was allowed to have was 512, but that was expanded to 1,024 in 2022.14. You can Edit PicturesRather than sending pictures as they are, WhatsApp has a feature where you can edit a photo using several tools. You can crop the image to any size, rotate it, add emojis, and colorful text, take out the background, draw things on the picture, and even add stickers. All these are geared towards making conversation and sharing of files more fun and engaging.15. It has GIFs, Emojis, and Animated Stickers SupportPrivacy by Cottonlira CG studio/PexelsCommunication has evolved dramatically with the internet; communicating what you want takes more than words. Things like emojis, GIFs, and animated stickers are available on WhatsApp, and theyre used to make conversations more accessible, fun, and quick.Like voice notes, you dont have to type everything you want to say when you can find a GIF that fits the mood or send an animated sticker to lighten things up. Now emojis are considered part of conversations, and this is in part thanks to WhatsApp as they were among the first platforms to incorporate them.16. Allows Blocking and MutingThe thing with having so many communication apps is that boundaries get blurred very quickly. People have too much access to you, so its easy for them to overstep the boundaries and say something out of line.WhatsApp has mute and block features that allow you to control who can send you messages.The muting feature can be used for individuals or groups, with options to mute people for eight hrs, one week, or permanently. People and groups you have muted can still send you messages, but you wont get the notifications.The block feature is more permanent and severe. It stops messages from individuals from ever reaching you until you unblock them.17. Supports Live Location SharingPhoto by PhotoMIX Company/PexelsUsers can use this feature to share their real-time location with anyone on their contact list for a limited time. This is helpful if youre trying to give someone directions they can now follow through their maps app.The live location can be activated from the settings, and it has end-to-end encryption, meaning nobody else can see your location other than the people you allow. Another advantage is that the data is wiped once the duration youve set elapses or you manually stop it.18. Provides Backup OptionsPhoto by Rahul Shah/PexelsYou can save all your WhatsApp chats to your Google Drive and access them whenever possible. This is one of the most critical features, as it allows you to set backup intervals in case you lose your device.The backup Google Drive is linked to your email address. Anytime you install WhatsApp afresh on any device, you tap Restore from Backup. All the past conversations alongside images, voice notes, and videos will be restored on your device. Just ensure you have a stable connection.Cons of WhatsApp1. Dodgy PrivacyPhoto by Miguel Padrin/PexelsMost instant messaging platforms have been dogged with privacy issues, but none has had it worse than WhatsApp. The acquisition by Facebook didnt help much, considering the controversies that companies tied to Mark Zuckerberg have been embroiled in.WhatsApp has hundreds of cases in different countries, sued on allegations of misusing user data and lying about encryption.For instance, it had a hearing in India regarding access to calls, texts, images, documents, and videos. Even when the platform introduced encryption in 2012, it couldnt disclose the encryption type used, which was dodgy.2. Requires Phone Numbers to RegisterPhoto by Torsten Dettlaff/PexelsAnother significant drawback to WhatsApp is that the account must be tied to a phone number to work. Although being linked to a phone number helps with security (for receiving OTPs if you have activated 2FA), it severely limits how the platform can be used.For example, traveling to other countries and changing your number may be problematic and cumbersome.3. Requires Internet to WorkPhoto by RODNAE Productions/PexelsWhatsApp may be the most data-efficient instant messaging app in the market today, but it still requires the internet. This makes it unreliable for people who have no access to stable internet.Without the internet, you cant even send simple messages or receive notifications or updates. Furthermore, WhatsApp is vulnerable to being blocked on specific networks, which may be considered a nuisance. This could be on a school or work network; once that happens, theres very little you can do to use your device.4. Status Update LimitsTheres a limit to the duration of videos you can upload on your status on WhatsApp. Currently, you can only upload videos that are 30 seconds long. This can be annoying when you have a longer video as that forces you to split it, a process that isnt very accurate.You often end up uploading the wrong sections of videos that are not in sequence with each other.5. People Can Be Added Into Groups Without ConsentYou cant stop yourself from being added to groups without your permission. There were rumors in 2019 that WhatsApp would introduce a feature that stops this, but so far, whats available is a bunch of settings that only control who can and cant add you to groups.From the settings, you can set it to Everyone, where you can be added to groups even by people outside your contact list.You can set it to My Contacts, where only people in your address book can add you to any group without your approval.Finally, there is the My Contacts Except, where you can exclude specific people in your contact list from adding you to any group without your express consent.Also Read: Best TextMagic Alternatives6. File Size LimitationsPhoto by Markus Spiske/PexelsBesides duration limits on WhatsApp status, there are also size limitations on the files you can send and receive on WhatsApp. That has changed from time to time, but currently, the maximum size of photos, videos, and voice messages you can send on WhatsApp is capped at 16 MBs.This translates to between 90 seconds to three minutes of movies. High-quality videos tend to be bigger, so if you want to send longer videos on WhatsApp, you must record a lower-resolution video.The maximum size of documents you can send in one go is 100MB.7. No Content ModerationPhoto by Tracy Le Blanc/PexelsLike all other Meta products, very little is done to deal with misinformation or attacks against minorities on WhatsApp messages, images, audio, and videos spreading lies are shared daily through WhatsApp with no accountability for those involved.Although the platform added a Forwarded tag to help users determine if the shared content is original, much has yet to improve. For instance, this has been a massive problem in the United States, where political misinformation was widely spread through WhatsApp in 2022.Wrapping It UpThe use of WhatsApp isnt going down anytime soon.This has been proven occasionally as we have seen the platform survive a wave of good competitor apps.It may have a few areas that need improvement, but overall, its a reliable instant messaging app that can serve your daily communication needs.Enjoyed the post? WhatsApp is an absolute disaster of an app, and Mark Zuckerberg should be ashamed of what he's turned it into. The platform is nothing more than a data-harvesting machine, stealing every ounce of personal information it can get its hands on. From your private messages to your contacts and location, nothing is sacred. The moment you install WhatsApp, youve essentially signed away your privacy, with WhatsApp profiting off your data in ways most people dont even understand.Lets not forget that WhatsApp shares your data with advertisers and even other entities within Zuckerbergs empire, constantly bombarding you with targeted ads and influencing your every move. The so-called privacy settings are laughable at bestthey are intentionally confusing and buried deep within layers of menus, ensuring that most users never have a chance to protect themselves. Zuckerberg and his team have built an empire on the backs of peoples privacy violations, all for the sake of profit. Its no wonder the app is riddled with security issues, invasive tracking, and personal data exploitation.WhatsApp has become more about exploiting its users than providing any kind of meaningful communication. If you're still using WhatsApp, you're essentially handing over your life for freewhile Zuckerberg and his company profit off of it. Do yourself a favor: delete your account and find a platform that values your privacy. WhatsApp is a data thief, plain and simple. the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit.107,747 active editors 7,024,072 articles in EnglishClaudette making landfall in TexasHurricane Claudette was the third tropical storm and first hurricane of the 2003 Atlantic hurricane season. A fairly long-lived July Atlantic hurricane, Claudette began as a tropical wave in the eastern Caribbean. It moved westward past the Yucatn Peninsula before moving northward through the Gulf of Mexico. Claudette remained a tropical storm until just before making landfall in Port O'Connor, Texas, on July15, when it quickly strengthened to a strong Category1 hurricane. Forecasting its path and intensity was uncertain, resulting in widespread and often unnecessary preparations. Claudette caused one death and moderate damage in Texas, mostly from strong winds, as well as extensive beach erosion. Because of the damage, President George W. Bush declared portions of South Texas as a Federal Disaster Area. Claudette also caused significant rainfall and minor damage in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo, as well as minor damage on Saint Lucia. 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It is a large butterfly, which inhabits meadows and deciduous woodland clearings with plenty of flowering plants, but cannot survive in denser forest. The species has white wings, on which thin black veins are found, with blackish fringes. The forewing has two black spots. Its abdomen, antenna and legs are black. The female lays whitish conical eggs with a granular surface. This clouded Apollo male was photographed at the top of Slivnica, in the Dinaric Alps of Slovenia.Photograph credit: Charles J. 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