

Technology Tools

(See below for manuals, sign-up and other info)

These are basic tools that provide some security in communications and information sharing. Please note:

Some are corporate owned (e.g. air table) so run off corporate servers and are for profit. Others are provided by movement organizations, such as May First Movement Technology <https://mayfirst.coop/en/> and Riseup <https://riseup.net/>

There is no guaranteed privacy or security. All of these suggestions provide “better than worse” options.

List of Recommended Tools (see below for instructions)

Instant Messaging: **Signal** is a phone app for fast text communication. You need to know the cell phone number of the person or people you want to communicate with, and they have to download the signal app.

Email Accounts: Peoples Strike is a member of May First Movement Technology and the PS website runs off MFMT servers. Members can get an @PeoplesStrike.org email. To request one, see info below.

Email Groups (for lists such as committees): These are useful to relay more detailed information. Someone needs to set up the list and function as an admin to add and remove people. Setup through [Riseup.net](https://riseup.net/) or [May First](https://mayfirst.org/).

Online Video Meetings: [May First Jitsi Meet](https://jitsi.meet/) for Up to 50 people.

Meetings without Video: [Mumble](https://mumble.com/) provides the capacity for meetings with hundreds of participants, breakout rooms and can host simultaneous interpretation.

Live Notetaking/Shareable documents: [Riseup Pad](https://riseup.net/).

Document Repository, Information Collection/Exchange and Polling: [Crabgrass](https://crabgrass.org/)

Web based Spreadsheet for organizing information / database:

<https://calc.mayfirst.org/> is functional, though there is no capacity for people to enter info into a form that feeds into spreadsheet

If you need that function, May First provides [Nextcloud](https://nextcloud.com/) that allows you to post a form that feeds to a spreadsheet, or airtable.com though owned by and run off corporate servers.

Web searches: [Duck Duck Go](https://duckduckgo.com/) (<https://duckduckgo.com/>) performs equally robust searches as google, and does not record them.

Scheduling Meetings <https://www.systemli.org/poll/> or <https://framadate.org/>

=====MORE DETAILED INFORMATION=====

SIGNAL To use, download the app <https://signal.org/en/>

The point people for committees you work with can add you to the signal group

Questions? Email support@mayfirst.org

EMAIL Peoples Strike, as a MFMT member. You can get an email address running off the MF server. To get an @PeoplesStrike.org email, send the following info to support@mayfirst.org :

1. **what-name-you-want-here**@peoplesstrike.org
2. An email address where the password reset link can be sent
3. If you want emails forwarded to another account, state the email address
OR If you will check the email directly, go to <https://roundcube.mayfirst.org> to login

EMAIL GROUPS

Riseup: <https://lists.riseup.net/> <https://lists.riseup.net/www/help/admin>

See also the instruction sheet in Crabgrass

May First: https://support.mayfirst.org/wiki/mailman_create

JITSI MEET To set up a meeting go to <https://meet.mayfirst.org/>

Type in a name for your meeting. As long as the name is unique, you can use it repeatedly. You can also set a password. Note that there is no recording or save chat function.

Important: Participants must use Chrome or the jitsi meet app:

<https://support.mayfirst.org/wiki/web-conference>

MUMBLE To set up a meeting, <https://support.mayfirst.org/wiki/mumble>

RISEUP PAD for Live Note Taking and Shareable Documents To open a shareable document <https://pad.riseup.net/>. If you want to save the document, be sure to keep the url and/or download offline.

CRABGRASS Process for being added is forthcoming. Online Crabgrass manual: <https://we.riseup.net/crabgrass/table-of-contents#english-version/>.

There is another instruction sheet on Crabgrass itself.

SPREADSHEETS

Calc <https://calc.mayfirst.org/> (for simple spreadsheets)

May First's Nextcloud (first request login from support@mayfirst.org) (for forms that feed to spreadsheets)

Airtable <https://bit.ly/2N9LYLi>

OTHER GUIDES (FYI)

<https://support.mayfirst.org/wiki/security>

<https://network.progressivetech.org/online-protection>

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