Zulip in teaching

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Background

- I used Slack as a course chat / support platform on my course CHEM-A2600 *Programming for Chemical Engineers* (2017-2021)

- In Fall 2021 I piloted Zulip on CHEM-A2600
- In Spring 2022 I piloted Zulip on MSc course *Solid State Chemistry*
- In Summer 2022, I used Zulip as the course chat on the programming course (summer edition, 100% remote)

- I plan to keep using Zulip
Good things about Zulip

• Open source and runs on Aalto servers
• Easy login with Aalto user accounts
• Course chats can simply be removed after the course
• Several different ways to access (browser, desktop app, mobile app)
• Reasonably easy to use.
  • I still need to develop best practices for using the “topics” format of Zulip
Zulip in practice

• I give instructions in MyCourses (and also link to Aalto instructions).

• I ask students to use their own name (using only first name is OK).

• I have not disabled direct messaging, but I ask students to write on public channels always when possible.