

# Mastodon

Mastodon is free and open-source software for running self-hosted social networking services. It has microblogging features similar to the Twitter service, which are offered by numerous independently run nodes, known as instances, each with its own code of conduct, terms of service, privacy policy, privacy options, and moderation policies. Each user is a member of a specific Mastodon instance (also called a server), which can interoperate as a federated social network, allowing users on different instances to interact with each other. This is intended to give users the flexibility to select a node whose policies they prefer, but keep access to a larger social network. Mastodon is also part of the Fediverse ensemble of server platforms, which use shared protocols allowing users to also interact with users on other compatible platforms, such as [PeerTube](#) and [Friendica](#). Mastodon is crowdfunded and does not contain ads. You can read more about it here [joinmastodon.org](https://joinmastodon.org).

## Do you offer Mastodon instances?

As of right now we do not offer Mastodon instances, but we are planning to do so in Q1 2023. This blog post has all the details: <https://cloud68.co/blog/blogposts/do-we-offer-mastodon-instances>.

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