Using the Slack Stats Desk Channel

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Creating a Slack Account and Signing in for the First Time

Slack creates accounts using only an email address. You don’t have to set up a password. It is important that you use your work email (such as your UNC email address) so that you can be added to the Odum Consulting Slack workplace, home to the #stats-desk channel that we use to provide the Stats Desk remote service. To create your Slack account and profile, go to https://slack.com/get-started#/createnew and type your email address in the box. Then click on “Continue.”

You will receive an email from Slack requesting you to confirm your email. Click on the “confirm my e-mail address button.” This will open up a new window on your web browser in which you will see a confirmation message from slack.
After confirming your email address, you can now sign in from your web browser by going to https://slack.com/signin#/signin. You will see the following window prompting you to enter your email address again.

After entering your email, the Slack website will prompt you to check your email for a code and type in 6-character code. You should receive an email with a 6-character login code.

Type in the code from your email into the Slack login page.
A successful login will take you to a welcome screen where you can either enter the name of a Slack workspace or channel that you wish to join or accept any pending invitations that have been sent to your work email address. You can use the Slack workspaces and channels directly on your web browser. Alternatively, you can download and install the desktop app for Windows or Mac or the mobile app for Android or iOS (Iphone, Ipad).

Accepting the Invitation to the Odum Consulting Slack workspace

As a Stats Desk consultant, you will receive an invitation to the Odum Consulting Slack workspace. This workspace contains the official Stats Desk Slack channel (#stats-desk), which is where we provide the remote Stats Desk service. The Odum Consulting workspace contains other channels, such as #general, that the Stats Desk team uses for coordinating with each other.

Look for an email invitation for the Odum Consulting workspace from the Odum Consulting team lead. All you have to do is click on “join now” and follow the prompts on the Slack website.
Accessing the Stats Desk Slack Channel with the URL

The easiest way to access the #stats-desk channel is by using this link. This link will either a) redirect your browser to log you into the #stats-desk channel, b) open the #stats-desk channel on your mobile device, or c) open the #stats-desk channel on the Slack desktop app, if you have the app installed on your computer.

Accessing the Stats Desk Slack Channel from the Odum Institute Slack workspace

Alternatively, you can enter the stats Desk from the Odum Consulting Slack workspace, which should be available to you after you accept the Slack invitation. Please note that the Odum Consulting workspace has multiple channels. To enter the #stats-desk channel to provide remote statistical consulting services, click on the channel name on the left panel of the Odum Consulting workspace.