


# API & PHP Function

 The module does provide 2 ways for adding Slack Messages from your own system

## API Modes

**PHP Function:** You can either use the internal function, which is globally available in your installation or you use the HTTP based API.

**HTTP Based API:** With the HTTP based API you can also integrate external services - e.g. your servers could send you messages using curl / bash. An other good use case is to integrate slack into your server monitoring.

## Message Recipient

The Recipient should have the following format: `#channel@YourBotName`

**@channel:** This is the channel where the message post to. It can also be a person, just replace the @ with #.

**@YourBotName:** That name will be displayed in slack. You can set any Botname, it does not need to match any predefined value.

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