Accessing the Tools Using a Smartphone or Tablet

Lots of rebels do not have access to a computer and instead rely on a smartphone or tablet to do their XR work. While the tools are designed primarily for use with a computer, they can also be accessed on a mobile device either by downloading an app or by using an ordinary web browser.

This guide aims to explain:

- How to access the tools using an app (if one exists), or the device's web browser
- Any key differences between the mobile and the desktop versions of the tools

The guide assumes that you are using either an Apple or Android device. If you are not, then you are unlikely to have an app that you can download, but the browser approach should still work.

Note: Before following the steps below, you must already have an account set up on the Hub. To do this, please follow the steps outlined in this guide.

Mattermost

Note: For a detailed explanation on how to use Mattermost, please read this guide.

App

Note: A common mistake rebels make is to assume that all they need to do to "get on Mattermost" is to download the app. To access via the app see the instructions below, **but** if you would rather not download the app, read this guide. Mattermost will work perfectly well in your device's browser.

To access Mattermost via the app:

1. First, install **Mattermost** from either the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.

   Please see this video for a guide to doing this.
2. Open the app. You will see a screen that looks like this:

Enter Server URL

https://mattermost.example.com

Connect

3. Enter `https://organise.earth` and click **Connect**
4. On the following screen, enter your username and password and click **Sign in**

Web browser

To access Mattermost using your browser:

1. Navigate to `https://organise.earth` by entering it into the URL bar
2. Enter your username and password and click **Sign in**

Key differences

Switching teams and channels

To switch between teams and channels using either the app or browser, click on the three-line icon at the top left of the screen (circled in red below):
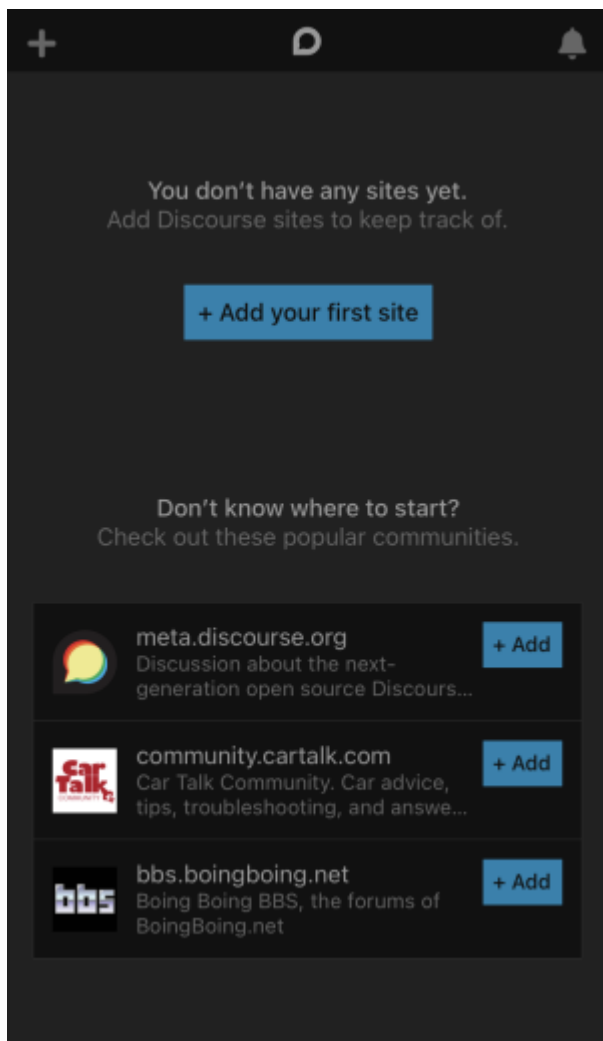

UK Forums

Note: For general information about using UK Forums, please read this guide.

App

To access UK Forums via the app:
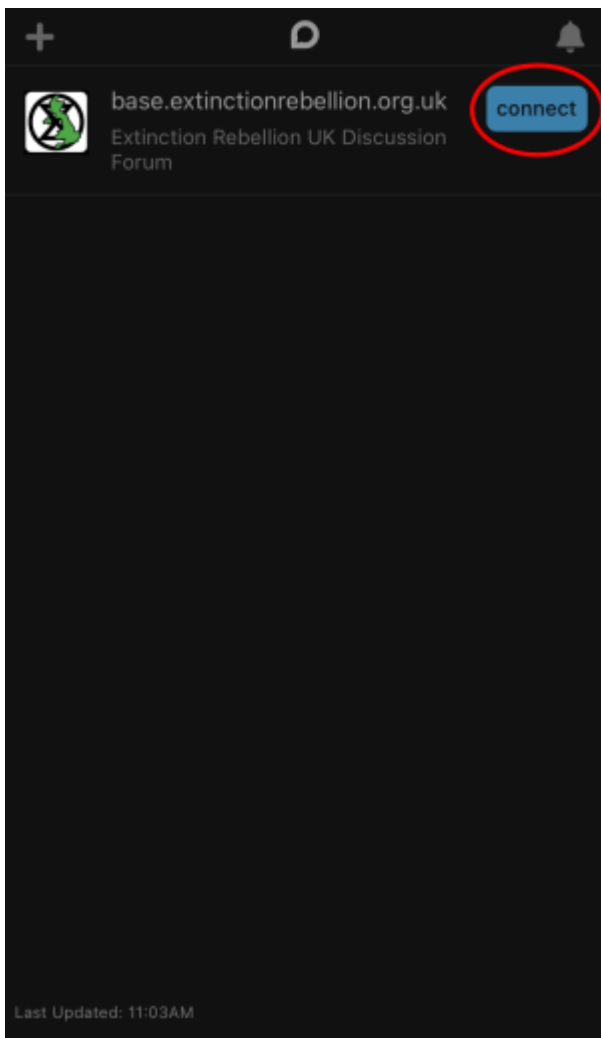
1. Install **Discourse Hub** from either the Google Play Store or Apple App Store

2. Open the app. You will see a screen that looks like this:

3. Click **+ Add your first site**
4. Enter `base.extinctionrebellion.org.uk`. You will then see a screen that looks like this:

5. Click **connect** (circled in red)
6. Follow the remaining instructions to log in using your username and password

Web browser

To access UK Forums via the browser:

1. Navigate to `forums.extinctionrebellion.uk` using the URL bar
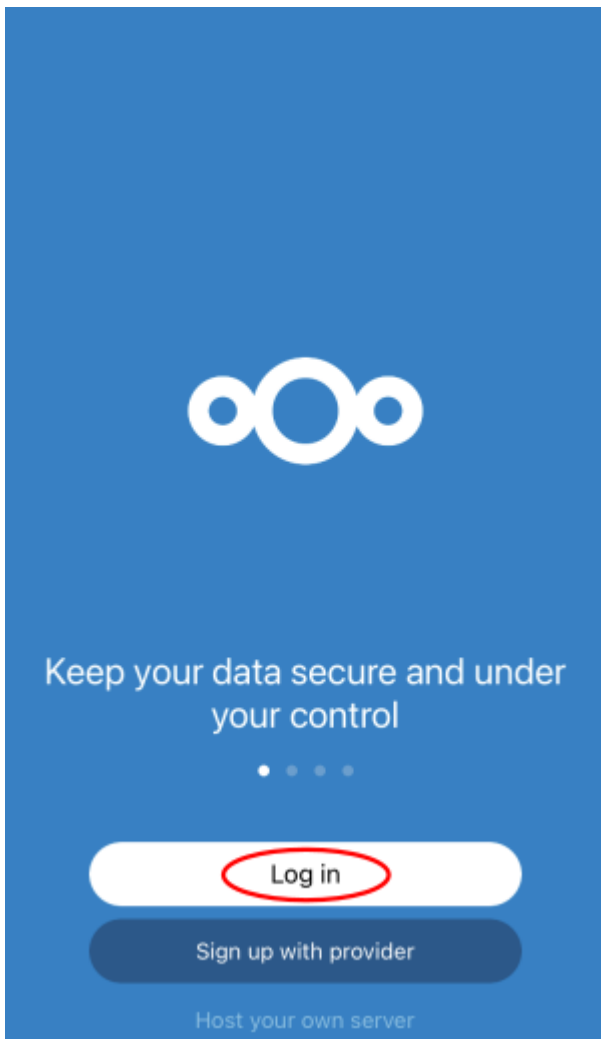2. Enter your username and password and log in

UK Cloud

Note: For general information about UK Cloud, please read this guide.

App

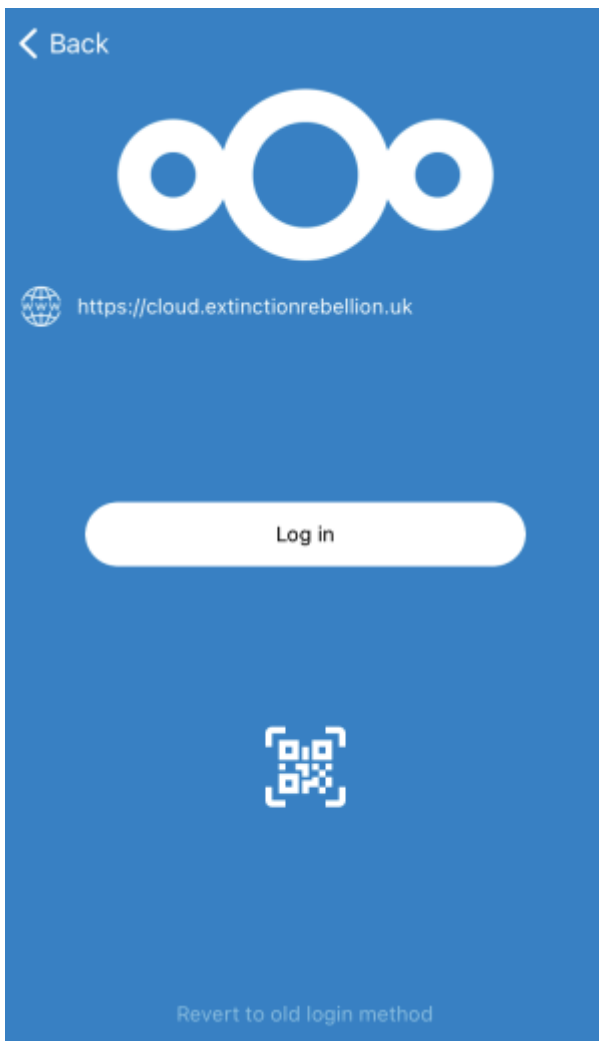To access UK Cloud via the app:

1. Install the **Nextcloud** app from either the Google Play Store or Apple App Store
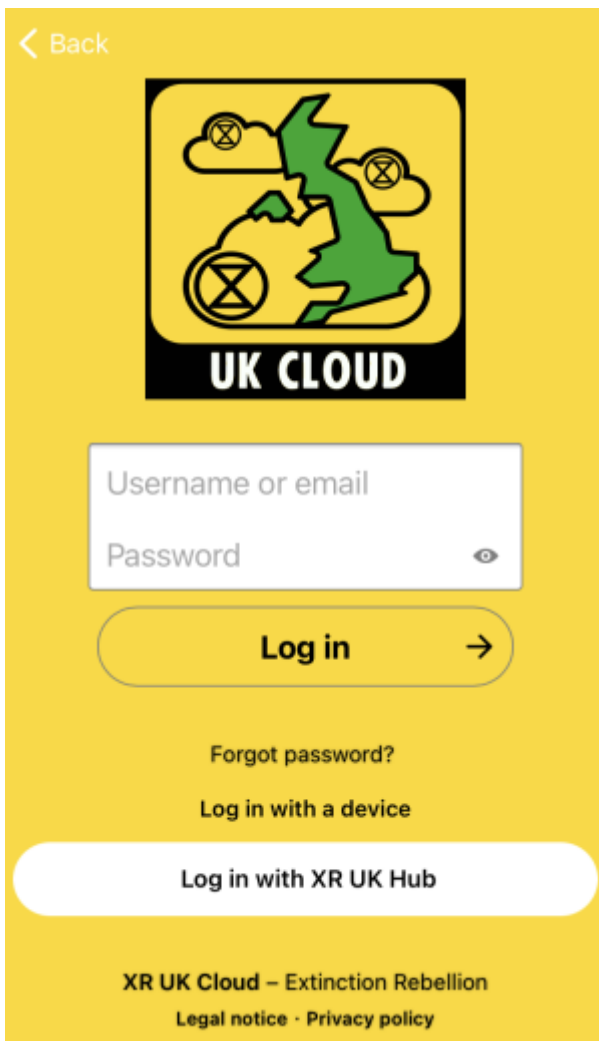
2. Open the app. You will see a screen that looks like this:

3. Click **Log in** (circled in red). You will then be taken to a screen like this:

4. Enter `https://cloud.extinctionrebellion.uk` in the URL field (as shown above) then click **Log in**
5. Click **Log in** one additional time and you should now see this screen:

6. Either enter your username and password and click **Log in** or alternatively you can click **Log in with XR UK Hub** to use your hub credentials

Web browser

To access UK Cloud via the browser:

1. Navigate to `https://cloud.extinctionrebellion.uk` via the URL bar
2. Enter you username and password and click **Log in** or click **Log in with XR UK Hub** to log in with your hub credentials

Key differences

Editing Office documents (.docx, .xlsx files)

Although it is possible to read Office documents on your mobile device, it is unfortunately not possible to edit them, as this is restricted by OnlyOffice's licensing requirements. This applies both to the app and in the browser.

However, there is a good editor for text files build into the Cloud (see The Cloud docs here), which allows formatting with Markdown, so we encourage using this over an Office document wherever possible.

If you absolutely must be able to edit Office documents stored in the Cloud, you can: download the files to your device, edit them with an external tool (e.g. Google Docs, Office), and then re-upload them. Take care when doing this, as using these tools will effectively destroy many of the security guarantees that you get from using UK Cloud.