

Dear community,

It is a regret to inform you all, that **I will be shutting down CleanChat entirely on the 12th of February 2022.**

Why is this happening?

It is something I have chosen to do myself, purely because I cannot maintain CleanChat anymore. And let's be honest here: I should have done this a long time ago.

My initial passion I had for CleanChat is no longer here, and I frankly don't have the energy or time to maintain the bot, nor the community unfortunately. I kept the bot running as long as it funding to pay for itself, which it unfortunately doesn't anymore. It is hard to let go of, but I unfortunately feel like I have to.

So CleanChat is shutting down on the 12th of February 2022.

After this date, CleanChat will no longer be running, and will permanently shut down, and no further messages will be deleted.

It has been a fun ride. Especially seeing this stupid hobby-side project shoot of, into something that 68 500 have been using. It's crazy! Thanks for all the support, and for all the nice people who helped in #for-support. I'm really thankful.

What about Patreon?

As of today, my Patreon page will be frozen and "unlaunched". This means that all payments will be suspended, and no more money will be drawn from any card or PayPal account.

This also means no new Patreons can sign up.

This means that from today's date, no further money will be withdrawn by Patreon. I will then freeze all patreons Patreon status in my own system. This means that any benefits Patreons have had from being a Patreon, will stick around till the 12th of February 2022, regardless of payment is received or not. So, for anyone who just donated, you'll still get your months' worth of benefits. And for everyone else, you'll get a free month, just as an extra thank you for allowing me to do this.

What about the future?

The only thing that will be left behind is my self-hosted bot [CleanChat-AutoClearChannel](#). The bot will however not receive any updates, apart from maybe a bugfix should a critical bug emerge. The hosting-service will however be closed on the 12th of February 2022.

But CleanChat itself will not be released, so CleanChat will be gone, and you'll have to find alternatives for your servers. Luckily, bots have gotten a lot nicer since I first created CleanChat, so CleanChat doesn't serve as big of a purpose as it did earlier. I will probably still be a headache for some. I did once start developing a CleanChat v.2 running as .NET. The features were implemented, but never fully tested. Therefore I do not feel comfortable releasing this to the masses, as it would probably be broken. If someone really feels like CleanChat is their only option, I could be willing to send a CleanChat 2 executable to them. But I won't promise anything would work, and I will not be issuing any form for support for the project.

Once again, thanks for everything. It has been really awesome, but it is time for the end. Thanks again,

Alexander Nørup

If you have any further questions, you can reach out to me by going to <https://www.alexandernorup.com/> and clicking "Send me an email" on the right. – or by going to Discord and tagging @Dev in any channel.