WhatsApp is working on usernames and screen sharing



WhatsApp is developing a number of new features, including usernames and screen sharing, as reported by *WABetaInfo*.

The username feature was spotted in the beta version 2.23.11.15 for Android, and allows WhatsApp users to select a unique username attached to their account. The feature could mean that in the future, users could find each other by their username instead of using a phone number. Conversations that are started using a username are end-to-end encrypted, according to *WABetaInfo.*

Some beta testers using the 2.23.11.19 version of the Android app also noticed a new screen sharing feature. After pressing the screen sharing button, users could confirm and begin sharing the contents of their screen on video calls. The feature also records the portion of the call that is shared, according to screenshots.

Other features rolling out to some beta testers include a “status archive” setting that allows businesses to archive

statuses after 24 hours and then reshare them in the future. *WABetaInfo* notes that the status archive feature so far looks to be limited to businesses.

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