Guide 5 · Connections

Connecting a Telegram bot

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What you get

A private Telegram bot connected to Reactor. Ask it questions from your phone, and get automation results, approval requests, risk alerts and account alerts through it — without opening the app.

Time: about 10 minutes. You need a Telegram account and a Reactor account. Telegram on your computer makes copying and pasting easier.

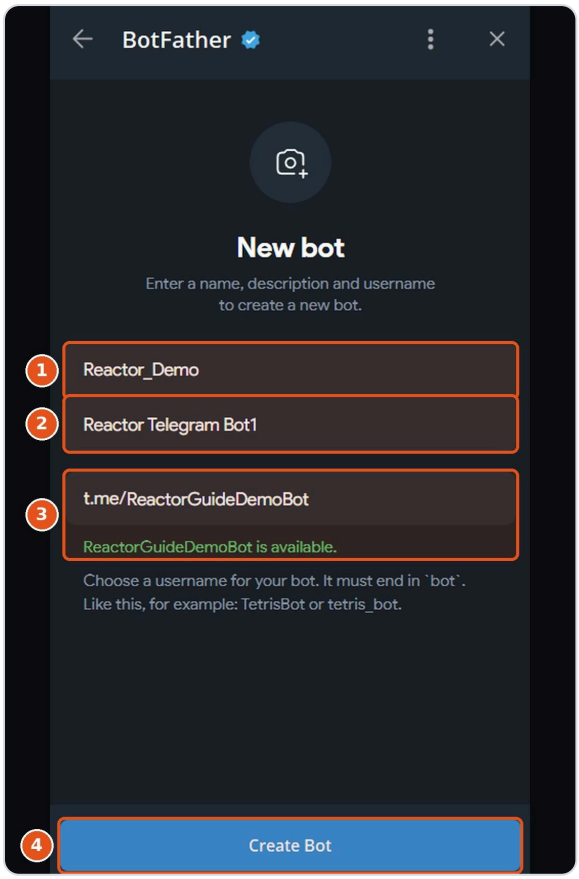
> Before you start, open a private text file or a password manager. You'll save four details in it: the bot's name, its @username, the token, and your numeric ID.

Step 1 — Create a bot in BotFather

In Telegram, search for **@BotFather** with the blue verified badge, and click **Open**.

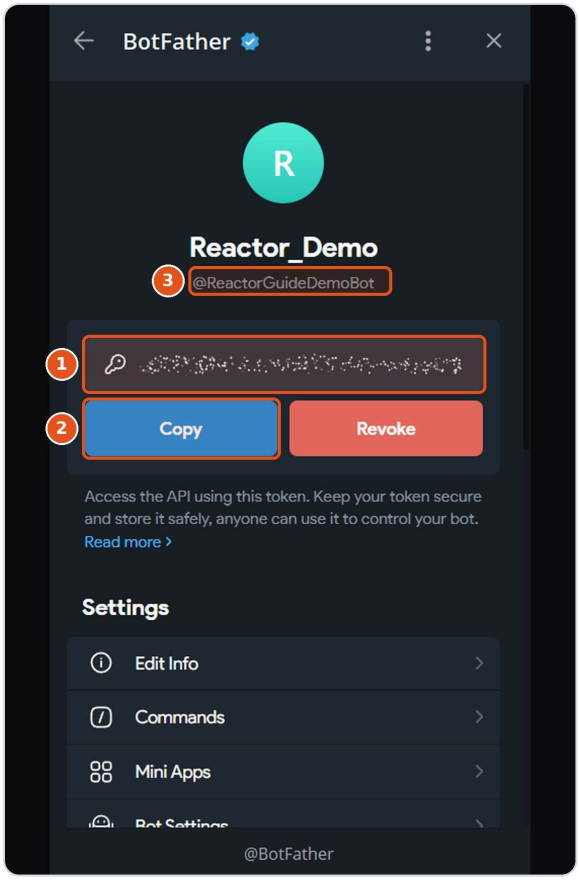


1 **Create a New Bot** — opens a form for a new bot.



1. **Bot Name** — the name shown in Telegram, for example Reactor_Demo.
2. **About** — a short description. You can leave it empty.
3. **Username** — a unique name that ends in bot. Telegram confirms in green when it's available.
4. **Create Bot** — creates the bot.

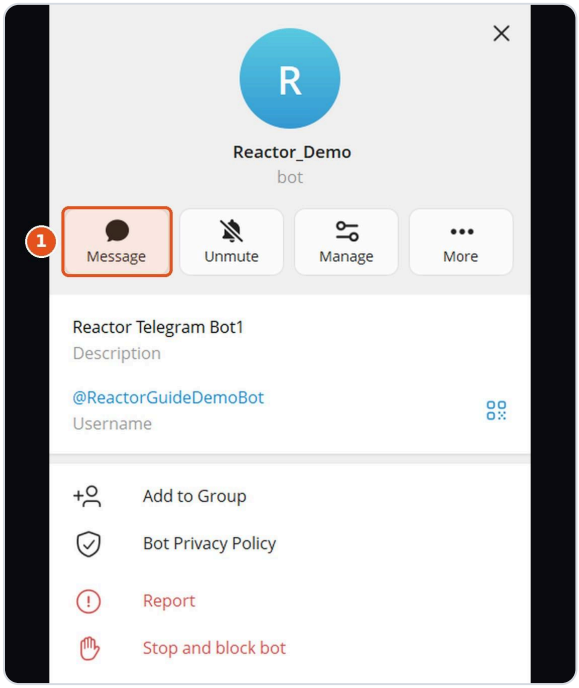
Step 2 — Copy and save the token



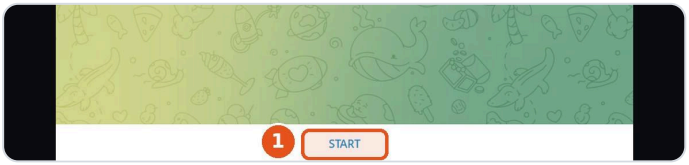
1. **The token** — the bot's key. Whoever holds it controls the bot.
2. **Copy** — copy it and paste it right away into your private file, with the bot's name and @username.
3. **@username** — click it to go to the bot itself.

> Don't paste the token into a chat, an email or a screenshot, and don't keep the file in a shared folder. Don't click Revoke — that cancels the token.

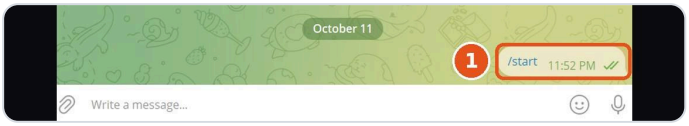
Step 3 — Open the bot and click START



1 **Message** — opens a conversation with the new bot.



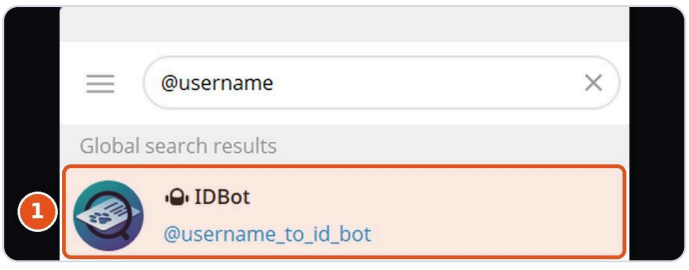
1 **START** — activates the bot. Without this step the bot can't send you messages.



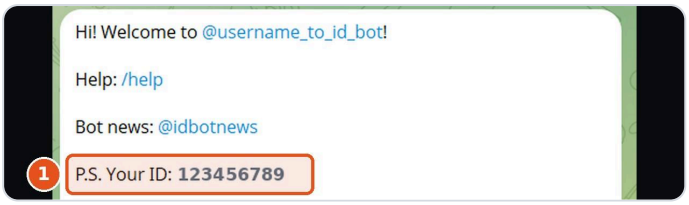
1 **/start** — appears in the chat. The bot doesn't answer yet, because it isn't connected to Reactor yet. That's expected.

Step 4 — Find your numeric ID

Reactor needs the number that identifies you in Telegram, not your @username.



1 **IDBot** — search for @username_to_id_bot, open it and click START.

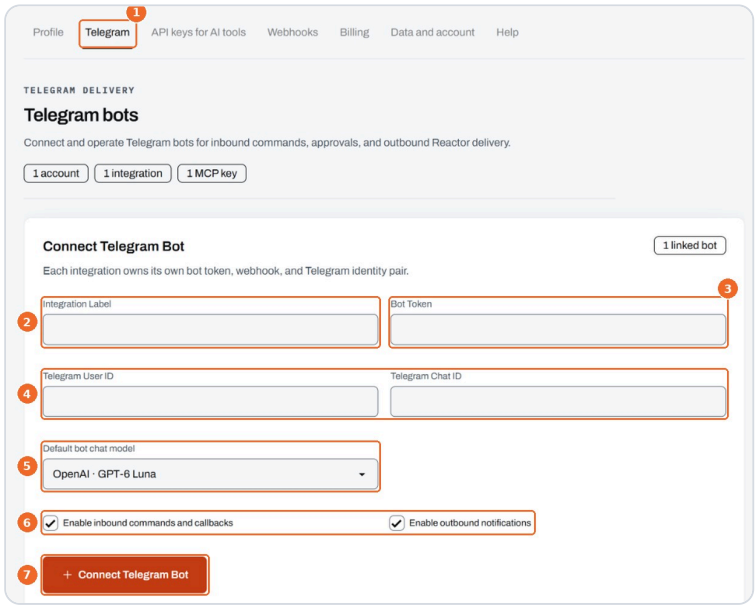


1 **Your ID** — copy only the number, and save it in the same file as the token.

> IDBot is an external bot, not Telegram's and not Reactor's. Send it only /start, never the token. Ignore its ads and subscription offers.

Step 5 — Connect in Reactor

Click your email in the bottom-left corner → **Settings** → the **Telegram** tab.



1 **Telegram** — the Telegram bots tab in Settings.

2 **Integration Label** — a name for the connection, for example the bot's name.

3 **Bot Token** — paste the token from your file.

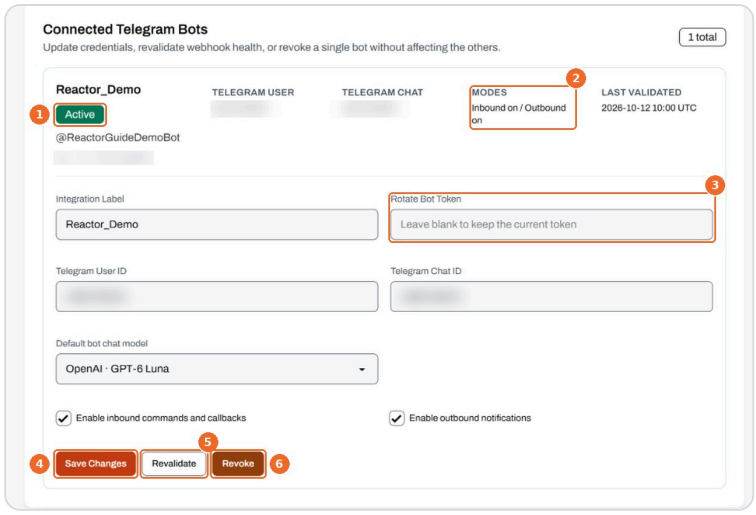
4 **Telegram User ID + Telegram Chat ID** — the same number in both fields.

5 **Default bot chat model** — the model that answers you in Telegram. Pick one from the list.

6 **Both checkboxes** — the first lets you send commands and approve actions from the bot. The second sends alerts to it. Keep both checked.

7 **Connect Telegram Bot** — connects it.

Once connected, the bot appears under **Connected Telegram Bots**.

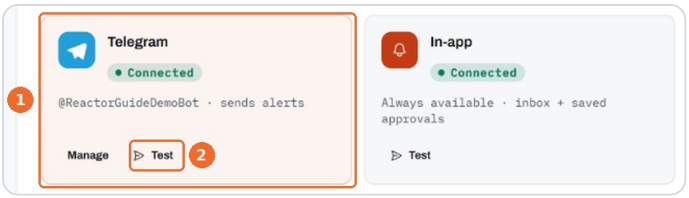


1. **Active** — the bot is connected.
2. **Inbound on / Outbound on** — both directions are active.
3. **Rotate Bot Token** — paste a new token here if you replaced it. Leave it empty to keep the current token.
4. **Save Changes** — saves changes on the card.
5. **Revalidate** — checks the connection again.
6. **Revoke** — disconnects this bot only.

Further down the page, **Telegram Activity Log** shows commands, approvals and failures from the bot, and **Telegram Outbound Log** shows every message Reactor sent to the bot and whether it was delivered.

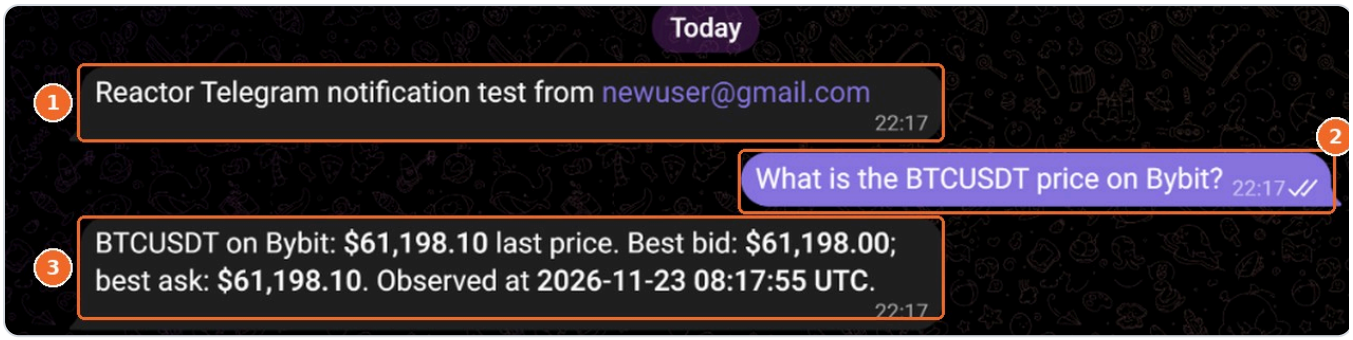
Step 6 — Test it

In Reactor, go to Comms → **Notifications** and scroll to the destination cards.



1. **Telegram · Connected** — the bot is connected as an alert destination. **Manage** opens the bot settings.
2. **Test** — sends a test alert to the bot.

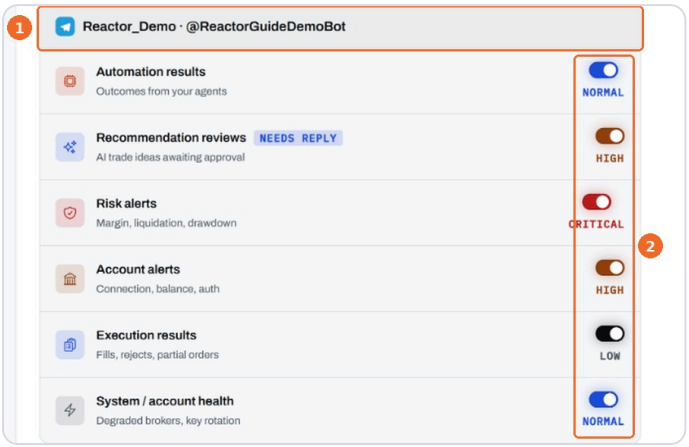
Then ask the bot a question in Telegram.



1. **The test alert** — arrived at the bot.
2. **The question** — for example: What is the BTCUSDT price on Bybit?
3. **The answer** — live data from Reactor, within seconds.

Step 7 — Choose what goes to Telegram

On the same Notifications page, each destination has its own list of events.



1. **Reactor_Demo · @ReactorGuideDemoBot** — the events sent to this bot.
2. **The toggles** — turn each type on or off: Automation results, Recommendation reviews, Risk alerts, Account alerts, Execution results and System / account health. The priority shows under each toggle.

Below the list, **Recent deliveries** shows what was sent recently and to which destination.

If something doesn't work

- **The bot doesn't answer** — check that you clicked START in the chat with the bot and that the first checkbox is checked, then click Revalidate.
- **The test alert doesn't arrive** — check that the second checkbox is checked, and that both ID fields have the same number.
- **Reactor rejects the token** — copy it again from BotFather, with no spaces at the start or end.
- **The token leaked** — click Revoke in BotFather, paste the new token in Rotate Bot Token and click Save Changes.