

How to View WhatsApp Status of Others Without Letting them Know

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Quick answer

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What is WhatsApp Status ?

The new WhatsApp status is the visual representation of the old status message, in which users can post images, gifs, video, etc. as their status message. This message will be available in the status section for the next 24 hours, after which it will automatically be deleted. Before introducing the new feature, there was only a text-based status message that we can set permanently.

In the status message, users can post images or videos in which the video status has limited to 30 seconds. If you upload a video with a length of more than 30 seconds, it will get cropped to 30 seconds before posting.

Now a day, every user is using WhatsApp status to share their special moments with friends and family. But, in some cases, there are situations where we may wish to see the WhatsApp status of others without letting them know.

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There are two ways to achieve this and the first method is the official one, and the second one is the unofficial method.

Official Way to see WhatsApp Status without letting others know

For this, you need to disable the 'Read receipts' option. Do so, follow the steps.

- Step 1: Click on the menu option in your WhatsApp (3 dots)
- Step 2: From the menu, click on Settings
- Step 3: Then, click on Account option
- Step 4: In the account options, click on Privacy
- Step 5: In the privacy section, you will see an option called Read receipts, and it might be turned on. Turn that off.

Done, now you can see your Friends Status, and they will not see you in the Viewed list.

But, by doing this, there is one drawback also. Once you turn off the read receipts option, you will get an option to see other's Status without letting them know. But, on the other side, you cannot see the list of people who viewed your profile too.

Also, the read receipt is standard for Status and the regular message. Once you turn off this, you cannot know whether another person read your message or not. The blue tick option will not work on your WhatsApp until you turn it on back.

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Unofficial method to see WhatsApp status without letting them know

However, this is an unofficial method, and there is no harm or hack involved. So, it is safe to use.

For this thing to work, first, you need to turn on the automatic media download for your WhatsApp account. To do so, follow the below steps.

- Step 1: Click on the menu option in your WhatsApp (3 dots)
- Step 2: From the menu, click on Settings
- Step 3: In the next window, click on Data and storage usage
- Step 4: On the next page, you can see three options under Media auto-download, such as When using mobile data, When connected to Wi-Fi, When roaming.
- Step 5: Click on each section and select Photos and Videos and click on 'OK'.

Do the same for all the three options found in step 4.

Now, all the Videos and Images will be download automatically. You can turn it OFF for Roaming if necessary.

Once you turned on the auto download, proceed with the next step. Now, you need to have any file explorer having hidden files view feature. You can use any file manager such as ES File Explorer or Solid File Explorer.

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In the file manager, you need to turn on the Hidden file view option. Then open the file manager and go to the WhatsApp status folder location.

To do so, open the File Manager, then open the Internal Storage. Then you can see a folder named 'WhatsApp' Open it and go to the 'Media' folder with that. There you can see a hidden folder named '.Statuses'. So the complete folder direction as "WhatsApp >> Media >> .Statuses"

Inside the status folder, you can see all the status images and videos. So you can see all of them directly from the file manager without opening WhatsApp.

One drawback is that you can see all the Statuses, but you cannot identify each Status belongs to which person. There is no identification available on the file. It is all listed together.