1. Find, download, and install an XMPP chat client from your mobile devices app store.
   - *Example*: **Xabber;** chat app available from Google Play store on Android devices

Instructions for third-party apps are in the [APAN KB online](), excerpt below:

1) Server: xmpp.apan.org
2) Protocol: XMPP
3) Port: 5222
4) Domain: xmpp.apan.org
5) Select Enable Connection Security
6) When prompted, Accept the apan.org certificate.
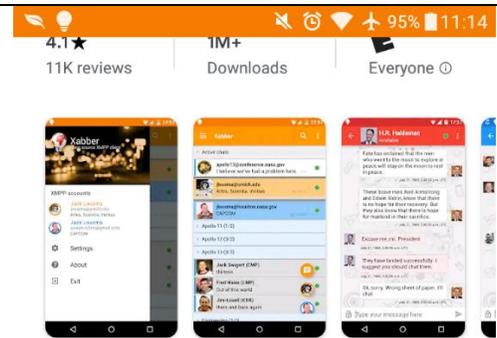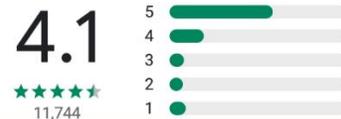
2. Open the **XMPP** chat app settings for your account login
   - Server: **xmpp.apan.org**
   - Username: your APAN account username
      - user@xmpp.apan.org
   - Password: your APAN password (be sure to save so you don't have to keep typing it in again)

Note: you will of course need to register and establish your APAN account BEFORE attempting to use the chat client for APAN chat. Refer to instructions on [www.apan.org]() , the APAN PE19 portal homepage, or email [support@mpe.apan.org]() if you have problems accessing an account you've already created

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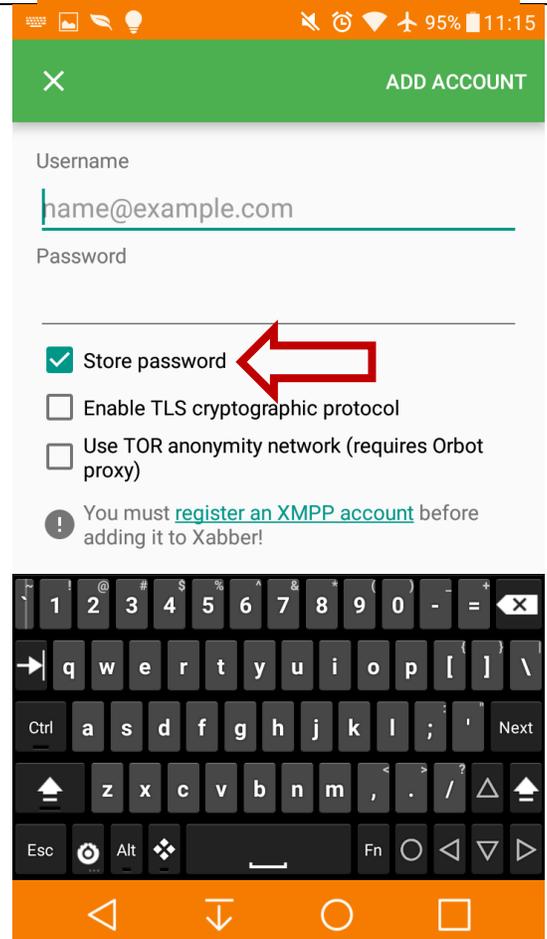
3. Verify you're connected and logged in to the APAN chat servers at xmpp.apan.org with the app settings
    • Refer to app instructions for help or troubleshooting
        • Note: APAN staff members will try to help, but cannot usually assist with 3rd party client apps since we cannot access these from within our DOD facility
    • Contact APAN support if "authentication" fails or there are problems with your existing account	
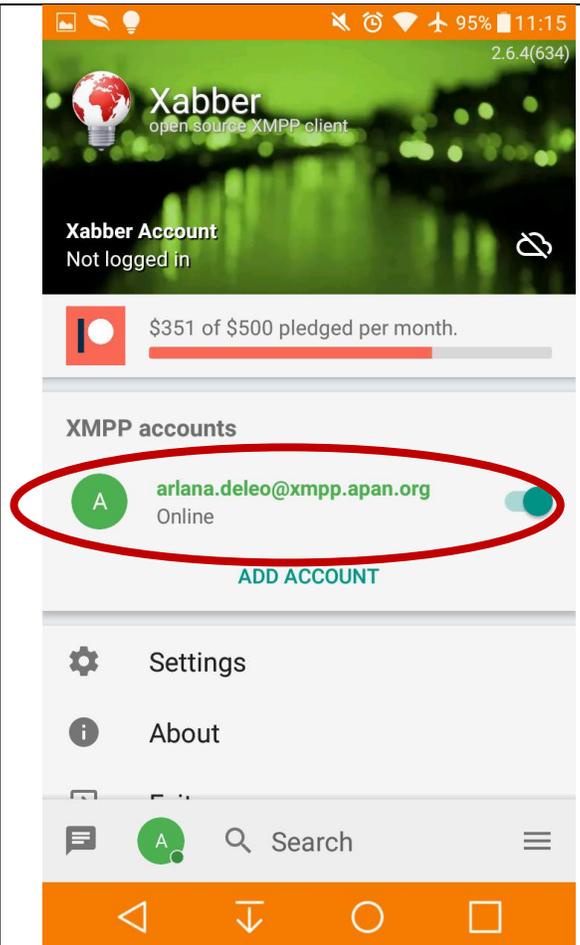
4. From the app menu or settings, find the option to add a group chat or "**add conference**", which equates to the APAN community chat rooms
    • Controls and options for adding a "group" chat room will vary, depending on which 3rd party XMPP client you are using
    • The chat rooms may appear in a list; the rooms available will also depend on which APAN communities you're participating in as a member	
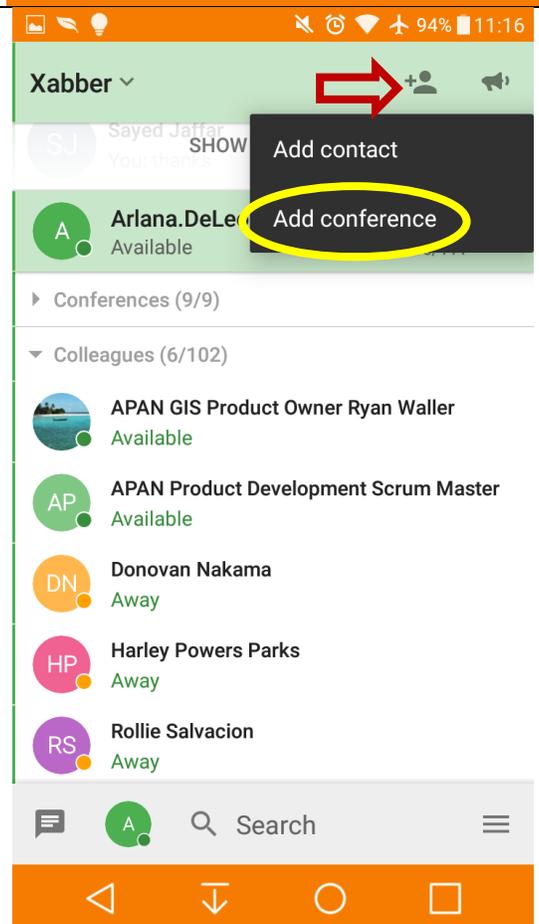
5. Input the name of the chat room – you may be able to find and select from a list or else type in the JID for the room. Examples used for PE19:
   - PE19 All Hands Chat JID: **pe195777**
   - MNCC only JID: **pe195867**
   - DCP1 JID: **pe195868**
   - DCP2 JID: **pe195869**
   - DCP3 JID: **pe195870**

6. Select a chat room and send chat messages to communicate with other exercise participants.
   - Example screenshots shown below for reference