How to install the "Conversations Legacy" app

If you install this app from Google Play (the "Play Store"), you will have to pay for the app, it is about 3$, and this also provides user information to Google when you do so. I don't like to pay for software that is free, open-source, so I get mine from F-Droid.org . If you don't care about paying and being somewhat tracked by Google, get it off the Play Store, it is easier. Otherwise, this gives instructions on how to get it for free and without the Google tracking.

I list 3 methods for doing this.

STEP 1:
Regardless of the method chosen, you must "Allow installation of apps from unknown sources", this is found in Settings, Security – turn this on. **Unknown sources**
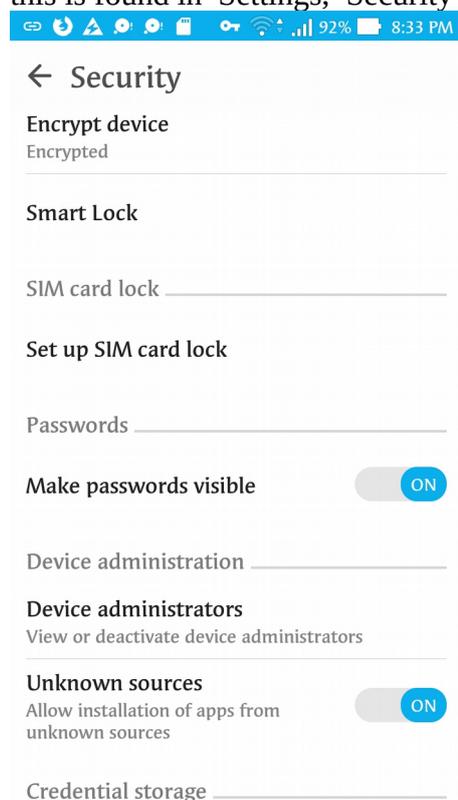
STEP 2: CHOOSE A METHOD

Method #1 Have someone send the .apk file they got from F-Droid. The file is 11.7mb in size.
– Send the Conversations app, or F-Droid app, or both.
A) by email
B) by another app, such as twinme or wire, that sends files, and is installed on both devices.
C) by usb stick – save it from one phone, copy to the other

Method #2 From F-Droid directly.
Note: F-droid is very safe, and has only open-source apps, and these are digitally signed by F-droid to assure that the apps that are downloaded, actually come from F-droid- so it verifies all app downloads it performs.

1) Open the browser installed on the phone (eg Chrome), click in the address bar at the top, type "f-droid.org" and press GO
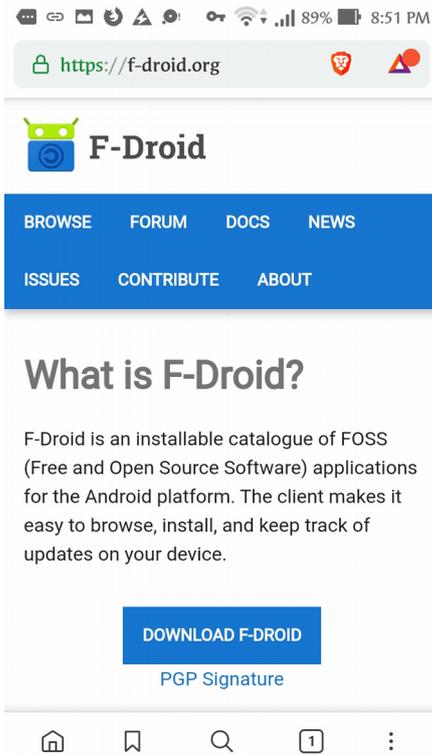
2) When the F-Droid page opens, it has a blue box that says "Download F-Droid" -- click that and download it
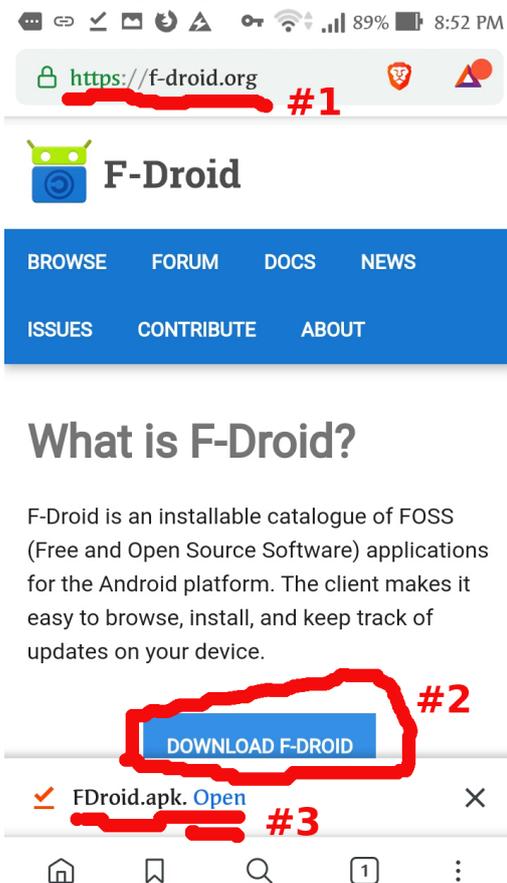
3) As soon as the F-Droid app is downloaded, the browser will offer you to open or install the app-- do that.
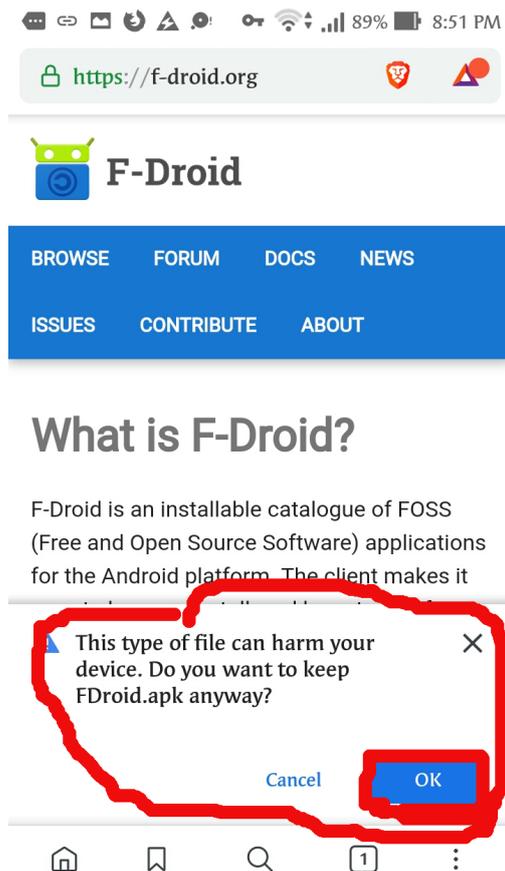
4) If you are prompted to change your security settings to "allow installation of apps from unknown sources" (turn this on)

 *** if an app called "twilight" is installed, you have to disable it first, and then after installation of f-droid, or any apps from f-droid, you can re-enable it afterwards. ***

5) Go back to the Chrome browser you downloaded F-droid on, and attempt to install again (after having changed the security settings in #4 above), even download f-droid again, if necessary.

6) Click to "Install"
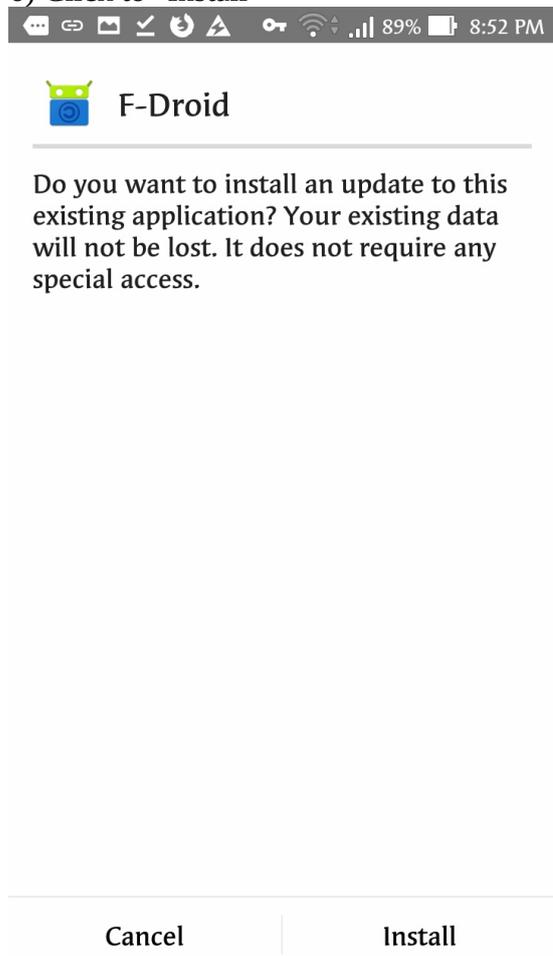
7) Open the F-Droid app, refresh the repositories by dragging the screen down then releasing your finger.   Wait until the app list in F-droid app is refreshed (it downloads the file list).
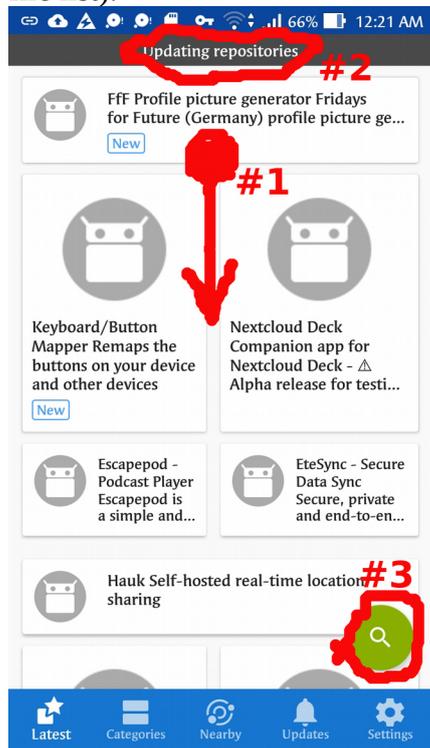
8) Search for "Conversations Legacy" using the magnifying-glass search icon, and select it by pressing on it briefly.
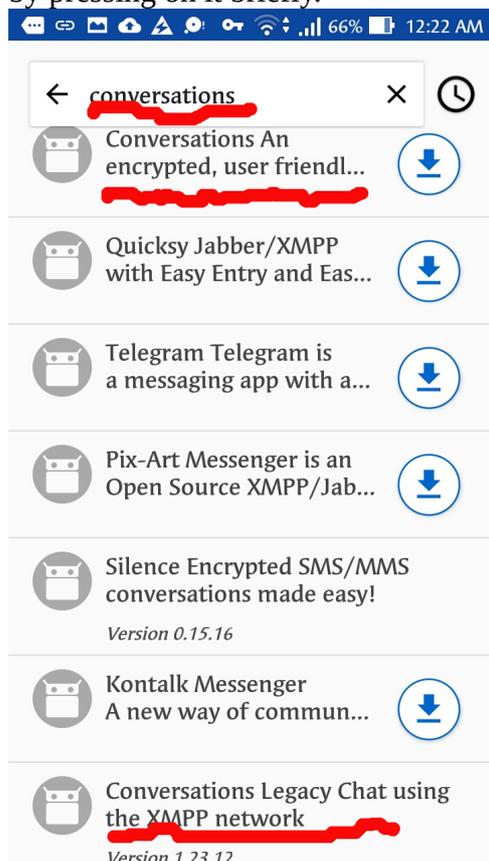
9) Press the blue "Install" button, F-droid will download it and then install.
**Newer Android versions will ask you to give permission for the F-Droid app to install apps- you need to grant this when it asks.