

Introduction

This chat program was created to address communication issue for people tied on the phone and sitting in front of their computer. It's very easy to use the company chat program among co-workers. It provides them with an additional way real-time communication in a busy office environment. It can be used internally or over Internet. Chat messages are not being stored on the Chat-Server, but users can save their conversations locally if they choose to do so. All messages are sent in the text format and are not encrypted. The chat program is written in Microsoft Visual Basic version 6 and to the best of our knowledge shouldn't affect other Microsoft Windows compatible programs.

Chat-Server installation.

If this is an upgrade or reinstall, make sure that previous version is unloaded.

Run "chat-server.exe" program. Create shortcut to the file C:\Chat-Server\Chat-Server.exe.

Run it.. Write down Chat-Server IP number. Type unused port (5000 and up), also write it down and press enter key. It will start Chat-Server and minimize it. You can minimize active box any time by pressing "Esc" key.

Chat-Client installation

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Run "chat-client.exe" program. Create shortcut to the file c:\Chat-Client\Chat-client.exe.

Run it. Select the user name by clicking on "Use Other Name" and typing your name. Type corresponding Chat-Server IP number and port number from your notes. Press enter key. It will open "Main Chat" box.

Main Chat box

Create shortcut on desktop to execute c:\chat-client\chat-client.exe. To simplify, just drag it to startup folder, so it would start automatically each time when you login on computer. Anything you type in the lower part of the box will broadcast in "Main Chat" box to all users listed on right side of the box.

Checking "Quiet Mode" in toolbar will prevents "Private Chat" box to pop-up. Un-checking "autoconnect" option will give you a choice to see chat-client login screen again. To maximize box left-click on it or right-click on it and left-click on "Restore". You can minimize active box any time by pressing "Esc" key.

Private Chat box

To start computer chat with someone, open "Main Chat" box and left-double-click on that name or scroll to highlight and press "Enter" on that name. Private Chat box will pop-up. After typing in the lower part of the box, press enter key. It will send a message and minimize the box. To prevent minimizing, un-check "Minimize on Return" in Windows section of the toolbar.

When you right-click in the lower or upper part of the box, you will to see the other options. To save computer chat activity, click on File in the toolbar and select Save Chat. To get someone attention, click on the "bell" sign, it would pop-up other person's Private chat and make a "beep" sound (if computer has sound capability). You can minimize active box any time by pressing "Esc" key.

Enjoy!