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Goto channel

All available channels are listed. Select the channel you want to join.

Properties

Displays user information about the highlighted caller, including their name, title, speed, activity, and location.

Instant message

Send a real-time message to the highlighted user.

Change color

Opens a color palette, allowing you to change the color that chat user's messages appear in.

Ignore

Lets you ignore another caller. An asterisk will appear by the caller's name when the ignore feature is turned on.

Copy

Copies marked text and places it on the clipboard.

Paste

Places the contents of the clipboard at the cursor location.

The command menu

The **Command** menu contains all the commands you need to run the chat client. You can use these menus to determine how you want the chat client to look and behave. These are the menu options available from the **Command** menu:

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Help

The **Help** menu lets you launch the online help engine. You can get help on specific items or general topics. These are the options available from the **Help** menu:

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Help Topics

Opens the online help system.

About Chat

Displays version and other information about the chat client.

Tools Menu

The tools menu lets you invite other uses to chat, send instant messages, and add, remove, or change sounds associated with the Navigator.
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Sounds

The Navigator comes with sound files already installed. If your system is capable of using sound files, these sounds can be changed to personalize the way you hear the Navigator. The Sounds command opens the **Sound properties** property sheet, allowing you to associate sounds with specific events.

Edit menu

The **Edit** menu lets you manipulate the text on the chat screen. Use these commands to cut, copy, and paste information, or to clear the current chat screen. These are the options available from the **Edit** menu:

Copy
Paste
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Clear

Cut

Deletes marked text from the screen and places it on the clipboard. Note that anything currently on the clipboard will be overwritten.

Clear

Clears the screen of all messages.

View menu

The **View** menu lets you toggle the toolbar and statusbar view on and off, and change the font in which screen text is viewed. These are the options available from the **View** menu:

Toolbar
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Changing Font

Pops up the font dialog box, allowing you to select the font you want to use to display chat messages.

Action menu

The **Action** menu lets change topics and channels, and invite other callers to chat with you.   These are the options available from the **Action** menu:

[Main channel](#)
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Main channel

Takes you back to the main chat channel.

Invite Users

Pops up an instant message dialog box, allowing you   to invite other callers into the chat room.

Change channel

Opens the channel view, showing all available channels. Select the channel you want to switch to.

Change topic

You can select a topic for your personal channel. Enter the new topic for your channel in the text box that pops up.

Chatting with callers

You can use CHAT to chat with other callers (on multiline systems) or the sysop/caller chat (on single-line systems).

To chat with other callers in the "Chat room":
1. Click **Chat** (or the equivalent) on the host system home page. The chat client window appears, displaying all other callers in the "room". This appears on the right-hand side of the chat window. You can change how you <u>see</u> other callers by right clicking on them.
2. You are "announced". wcGUI displays a message telling the other callers that you are available.

Each message sent appears in the main section of the CHAT window.

To add your comments:
1. Type in your message. It will appear in the bottom section of the chat window.
2. Click **Send** to send your message to the group. You can view detailed information about the other callers by double-clicking on the name in the right-hand section of the chat window.

To exit, type

```
/QUIT
```

Chat commands

The chat system recognizes certain words as commands. With these commands, you can see who else is online, page other callers to join you in your channel, and invite another caller into a private conversation. Almost all commands you send to the chat program must begin with a **/** (forward slash). There are many   chat commands - you can see them all by typing

        /HELP [Enter]

or

        /? [Enter]

The only time you don't need to use the **/** character is when you type action words. Action words are converted to a humorous comment which can be seen by others in the same chat channel. These words are preceded by a **!** (exclamation point, or "bang"). You can direct an action word at another individual, for instance **!HUG MARY**, or at nobody in particular, for instance **!SIGH**. When you type **!HUG MARY**, for instance, the others in chat will see:

        <your name> just hugged Mary!

and you will see

        You just hugged Mary!

You can see other *wcChat* commands by typing /HELP or /?

Chat keywords

These chat keywords are available while you are in a chat room. Use these keywords to send private messages, send "action" messages, and change or join channels.

/JOIN
/JOIN <Channel>
/LIST
/MAIN
/PAGE <Name>
/QUIT
/TOPIC <TopicSubject>
/WHO
/<Name> <Message>
//Message
<ActionWord> <Name>

/JOIN

Create a private channel.

/JOIN <Channel>

Join a public or private channel if invited.

/LIST

Display all users and channels.

/PAGE <Name>

Page a message to a user on the remote system.

/QUIT

End the user's chat session and return to the remote system. The same as /EXIT.

/TOPIC <TopicSubject>

Change the channel topic. Available only to the owner of the channel.

/WHO

Display who else is online.

/<Name> <Message>

Send <Name> a message.

//Message

Continue the private chat set up with the /<SenderName/ReceiverName> sequence.

\<ActionWord\> \<Name\>

Execute an action word to \<Name\> user.

/MAIN

Return to the main channel.

Join   a private channel

The **/JOIN** command puts you in your own private channel. From there, you can invite another user or the entire chat group to join you. You can also change the topic of your private channel by typing **/TOPIC** followed by the new topic. The new topic will show up next to your private channel name on the list of channels.

To join someone else's private channel, you must first be invited. Type **/JOIN** followed by the channel name to respond to an invitation.

You can also join a channel by using the right mouse button and clicking on Change Channel, or change your topic by right-clicking and selecting Change Topic.

Private chat

You can send comments privately to another person in your chat channel by typing a forward slash followed by the name of the user, then the message to send. For instance, Jerry and Nancy are in a public channel, but want to correspond privately without leaving the channel.

User "Nancy" would type

/Jerry Do you want to meet at lunch time?

The user "Jerry" would respond with

/Nancy I'd love to, Nancy.

[Nancy]

//Would the garden be a good place to meet?

[Jerry]

//Let's walk down to the lake instead.

File Menu

The **File** menu lets you capture on-screen text and save it to a file, as well as exit the chat client. These are the options available from the **File** menu:

Capture
Disconnect
Exit

Capture

Toggles the capture file on and off, allowing you to capture conversations into an incoming data storage file.

Exit

Exits the chat client and returns you to the remote system.

View Toolbar

Toggles the toolbar view on and off.

View Statusbar

Toggles the statusbar on and off.

Disconnect

Disconnects you from the current connection. All clients will be closed.

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Personal properties

Right click on the user you want information about, and select **Properties**. The User properties sheet pops up, displaying the user's name, title, activity, speed, and location.

Join Chat

If there is a **Chat** option on the host system home page, you can click on that, and the chat client will be launched automatically. Or, from a command line in your chat client directory, type

```
CHAT [Enter]
```

Send a message to the group

To type a message in and send it to all the members of the current chat:

1. Type your message. It will appear in the bottom section of the chat client window.
2. Click **Send**. Your message will be sent out.

Send a private message

To send comments privately to another person in your chat channel:
1.   Type a forward slash followed by the name of the user.
2.   Type in the message you want to send.
3.   Click **Send**.

Leave Chat

To leave chat, type

```
/QUIT
```

Click **Send**.

Change colors for each caller

You can assign a different color to each caller. To select a color for each other online chat user:
1. Highlight the caller and right-click the mouse button.
2. Select **Change Color**. A color palette pops up, allowing you to select a color for the caller.
3. Click on the color you want the specified caller's text to appear in, or custom define a color.
4. When you are satisfied with your selection, click **OK**.

All messages from that caller will appear in the color you have selected.

Ignore another caller

You can block another caller's messages while in the chat room.

1. Highlight the user to be blocked.
2. Right-click the mouse button.
3. Select **Ignore**.

An asterisk will appear beside the caller's name, and you will not see anything typed by that caller until you remove the ignore feature.

Overview

The chat system is like a CB Radio with a number of channels. When you go into *wcChat*, you start out in the main channel. Depending on how the Sysop has set it up, there may be other public channels, where anyone can go.
Everyone on the remote system also has a private channel of their own, where they can invite other callers. You cannot enter someone else's private channel without an invitation.

Command reference

This list contains all commands and a brief definition of each used by the chat client.

File menu commands
Edit menu commands
View menu commands
Action menu commands
Tools menu commands
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Right-mouse commands

File

Capture - Opens the capture file, allowing you to save ongoing conversations to a text file.
Disconnect - Disconnects the current connection and closes all other open clients.
Exit - Closes the chat client.

Edit

Cut - Deletes selected text from your document and places it on the clipboard.
Copy - Copies selected text from your document without removing it from your original, and places it on the clipboard.
Paste - Copies the contents of the clipboard to the current cursor position.
Clear - Clears the current screen of any display.

View

Change font - Pops up the Font selection property sheet, allowing you to select the font to be used by the screen display.
Toolbar - Toggles the toolbar view on and off.
Statusbar - Toggles the statusbar view on and off.

Action

Main channel - Returns you from a private channel to the main channel.
Change channel - Lets you move from one channel to any other.
Change topic - Allows you to change the topic for the channel. This option is only valid in your own private channel.
Invite users - Launches the Instant Message client, allowing you to invite any other caller currently online and available into chat.

Tools

Sounds

    Events - Select the event you want to have associated with a sound.
    Browse - Browse other drives and directories for available sound files.
    Play - Previews the selected sound.
    Clear - Removes an associated sound from the selection.

Help

Help topics - Launches the online help system.
About - Displays version, system resource, and registration information about the chat client.

Right mouse button

Go to channel - Allows you to join a private channel.
Change color - Pops up a color palette, allowing you to select the color you want to use to display other callers' text.
Ignore - Ignore the selected caller. When a caller is ignored, messages sent by that caller are not displayed to you.
Instant message - Send a brief real-time message to other callers.