

# Using Multi-line Chat

Chat provides four functions:

- Chat rooms where many users can chat together.
- Instant messages where you can send messages directly to another user.
- A list of the users currently online.
- A list of the users currently in a chat room.

The Chat commands, and log file commands are grouped together in the Chat menu. The "List of Users On-line" and the "List of Users in this Room" are active only when you connect to a TeleFinder BBS that supports multi-line chat. Multi-line Chat requires TeleFinder Group Edition 3.1 or later and Chat Server software.

Chat rooms appear in the BBS Desktop window just like other areas of the BBS do. The "Channel 3" icon to the left shows the default icon for chat rooms. Sysops can assign any icon to a chat room.

This is a chat room window. Messages you enter appear along with the messages from users in the room. You can enter up to 1K of text to send in this window. The "In" and "Out" status lines show you when users enter and leave the room.

Select the "List of Users On-line" command when you are online you can produce a list like this. This list does not update itself, so its "Update List" button to get a current listing.

- Use the "Mail Form" button to pop open an addressed mail form to the selected user.
- Use the "Mailbox" button to get the "Drop-box" for the selected user.
- Click in the "Instant Message" button to open the window to enter and send an instant message.

Instant Messages are a quick and easy way to send a short note to another user while they are on-line. They are also useful to send a private note to another user while you are chatting in a chat room. You can enter up to 1K of text to send in this window.