

Introduction

ICQ plugins are external applications that can be added to your ICQ program to expand and enhance the functions of ICQ. Your ICQ 2000a program comes with several *pre-installed* plugins developed by ICQ Inc. such as—the Greeting Card plugin, the Voice Message plugin, and the ICQ ActiveList Invitation plugin. You don't need to install these plugins—ICQ has done the work for you, and included these features as options within your program.

In addition, you may download, install and activate additional plugins for ICQ that were developed or provided by third parties. If someone sends you such a plugin and you have not installed or activated it (or if someone sends you a preinstalled plugin that you have removed or disabled from ICQ) you will receive an Unknown Plugin notification. You may download this plugin from the [ICQ Plugins Center](#) if this plugin was developed by ICQ Inc., or you may download it from the user that sent you this plugin. See [Receiving an Unknown Plugin](#) for instructions.

See: [Plugins-Configuring Preferences](#)

See: [Unknown Plugin-Receiving](#)

For more information on configuring your general preferences for the plugins that you attach to your ICQ program, see Plugins Tab* of the main Help File.

Caution! By downloading, installing, activating or using any software component for ICQ ("ICQ Plugin") developed or provided by third parties, you may be subject to various immediate and long-term risks and may cause extreme damage to your system. To review the list of ICQ Plugins developed by ICQ Inc., please refer to the ICQ Plugins Center available at <http://www.icq.com/plugins>.

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Plugins-Configuring Preferences

Configuring Plugins Preferences

You may add a new plugin or configure the settings of a preinstalled plugin from the ICQ button in your ICQ Window.

To set your preferences for a plugin:

1. Click on the **ICQ** button and select **Preferences**.
2. Select the plugin you wish to configure from the list on the left of the **Owner Preferences** dialog.
3. Choose from the following options.
 - Check the **Play Sound** box to set ICQ to play a sound every time you receive a voice message.
 - Click on the **Play**  button to hear the sound that will play. Press the  button to select another sound from another directory on your hard disk.
 - Select the **Set ICQ to display a response dialog** radio button to set ICQ to display a response dialog every time you receive a plugin message.
 - Click on the **Remove** button to disable the plugin.
 - Click on the **Restore** button to restore a disabled plugin.

To add Plugins for ICQ:

1. Click on the **ICQ** button and select **Preferences**.
2. Select **Plugin For ICQ**.
3. Click on the **Add** button on the **Plugins** tab of the **Owner Preferences** dialog to import a plugin from another directory on your computer.

To disable a plugin:

1. Click on the **ICQ** button and select **Preferences**.
2. Select **Plugins for ICQ**.
3. Select the plugin you want to disable and click on the **Remove** button on the **Plugins** tab of the **Owner Preferences** dialog.

Tip: You may need to go offline and then online again in order to activate the change.

To reactivate a disabled plugin:

1. Click on the **ICQ** button and select **Preferences**.
2. Click on the **ICQ Plugins** button and select **Plugins for ICQ**.
3. Select the disabled plugin you want to reactivate and click on the **Restore** button on the **Plugins** tab of the **Owner Preferences** dialog.

Tip: You may need to go offline and then online again in order to activate the change.

In addition to configuring your general preferences for plugins, you may configure specific preferences for each user on your Contact List. Refer to the Plugins Tab* of Alert/Accept Modes in the main Help File.

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Unknown Plugin-Receiving

Receiving an Unknown Plugin

If you receive a plugin that you have removed or disabled from your owner preferences, or one that you have not downloaded or activated, ICQ will not recognize the plugin that was sent to you and you will have to download it or re-activate it. To download plugins developed by ICQ, please refer to the [ICQ Plug-in Center](#).

When you receive a Download Plugin Request for a plugin you don't have installed or activated, you will be notified by a flashing **Unknown Plugin**  icon next to the sender's name on your Contact List and in your desktop tray.

To accept an Unknown plugin request:

1. Double-click on the flashing **Unknown plugin**  icon next to the sender's name on your Contact List and in your desktop tray.

Or, select the sender's name on your Contact List to display the pop-up menu of options, and then choose **Receive**. An **Incoming Unknown Message** dialog will appear.

2. Choose from the following options:
 - Click on the **Reply** button to send the sender an event directly from this dialog. Choose an event from the pull-down menu of options.
 - Click on the **Preferences** button to add or restore this plugin from another directory on your computer (usually C://Program Files/icq/Plugins if the plugin is a preinstalled plugin that you have removed or disabled.) See Plugins—Configuring Preferences* of the main Help File for instructions to configure this tab.
 - Click on the **Download/Get Info on Plugins developed by ICQ Inc.** to read about or download plugins developed by ICQ Inc. from the [ICQ Plugin Center](#).

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