

# What is ChatNet?

ChatNet provides the simplest Macintosh interface to chat and send files on the Internet or a Local Area Network. ChatNet offers two modes for chat. The AppleTalk Mode allows multiple Macintosh computers running ChatNet to chat or send files on a Local Area Network, with or without a Server. The IRC Mode allows chat and file transfer through an Internet Relay Chat Server. ChatNet acts as a client program providing a button oriented graphical interface for all IRC functions. There is no need to know any IRC commands.

ChatNet's simple interface will be familiar to anyone who uses major online services and quickly learned by those who haven't experienced network communications. Users interact via public and private conferences, send private messages, and transfer files to each other.

ChatNet can provide security and control over the entire Chat environment as everyone is concerned about the possibility of children encountering unsuitable material or conversation, especially on the Internet. ChatGuardian and ChatWatcher preference settings give complete control over the ChatNet environment from completely open to very restrictive. ChatGuardian gives you control over channel access and message content by screening out words and phrases that are preselected. ChatWatcher keeps a log of all user activity. IRC Server access can also be controlled.

ChatNet is the perfect tool for homes, schools, businesses, and departmental workgroups. Hold online group conferences or have one-to-one private communication. Workgroups can discuss project status, strategy, and reach each other for questions and answers at the click of a button. All communication can be saved or printed for later reference.

## System Requirements

ChatNet requires any Macintosh computer (Mac SE or newer) running System 7.0 to 7.5.x. ChatNet is a fat binary application that is Accelerated for Power Macintosh computers. RAM memory of 750K is recommended with a minimum setting of 550K. Disk space of 2 Megabytes should be available for the application and support files.

For IRC Mode (Internet Relay Chat) you must have access to the Internet through a direct Internet connection or a SLIP or PPP connection through an Internet service provider (check your local phone directory for Internet service providers in your area). Your Macintosh must also have MacTCP or Open Transport network driver installed.

For AppleTalk Mode, a network must be LocalTalk or EtherTalk compatible, and AppleTalk must be set to active in Chooser. There must be other computers running ChatNet on your network for you to chat or send files.

## What's Included

The ChatNet Installer application will install ChatNet and all its support files to your hard drive. The ChatNet User's Manual.sea is a self extracting file. Double click this file to access the ChatNet User's Manual. The User's Manual provides detailed information for proper installation and describes all of ChatNet's many features in a simple to read format. The ChatNet Registration is a form you can use to register your copy of ChatNet for unlimited use. You can also register for ChatNet online using ELS, Inc.'s secure registration form at their web site listed below.

## Support on the World Wide Web

Visit the ELS, Inc. web site for the latest ChatNet information, to download the most up-to-date version, to register ChatNet online, or just to provide feedback or ask questions.

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