

## **mIRC v4.1 (final release 27th April 1996)**

Welcome to mIRC v4.1, an Internet Relay Chat Client.

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## Overview

mIRC **attempts** to provide a user-friendly interface for use with the Internet Relay Chat network. This version is currently under development and has not been fully tested. ie. it contains bugs. Use at your own risk. Read the [Disclaimer](#).

### **mIRC has the following features:**

- Coloured text to ease reading.
- Uncluttered display.
- Comprehensive Alias definitions.
- Configurable multi-level popup menus.
- DCC Send/Get/Chat/Resume.
- Finger client.
- Remote CTCP tool.
- Simple Event handler.
- Some basic fonts.
- Ident server.
- Simple Fileserver.
- URL Catcher.
- Command history.
- Function Key definitions.
- Toolbar with tooltips.
- Finger Server.
- A handful of options.
- Many other useful bits and pieces.

The various parts of this client have been designed with the aim of simplifying and speeding an IRC session.

## **File Menu**

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## Options

### **Popup setup dialog on startup**

If enabled, this pops up the setup dialog when you run mIRC.

### **Show about dialog on startup**

If enabled, the about dialog pops up when you run mIRC.

### **Move server to top of list on connect**

If a single server is selected in the servers listbox, and you double-click on it, or you click the connect button, the server is moved to the top of the list.

### **On connection failure...**

If you attempt to connect to a server and the connection fails, mIRC will retry the connection the specified number of times and will pause the specified delay inbetween each retry. If you selected multiple servers, mIRC will cycle through the list until a connection is made.

NOTE: Because of the way winsock works, this might cause problems. Winsock has it's own built-in timeout delay, so even if mIRC cancels a connection, winsock might still need to pause for 10 seconds. mIRC can do nothing about this.

## DCC Menu

mIRC supports DCC (Direct Client To Client) Send, Get, and Chat which allows it to make a direct connection to another client, bypassing the IRC network. mIRC also has a DCC Resume capability which allows you to resume a file transfer in the event that it was interrupted.

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On a related note, check out the [File Server](#).

### **NOTE:**

DCC Send and DCC Chat need to use your local host IP address to initiate a connection with another client. If you are having trouble initiating a connection then your IP address might be wrong. See the [local host and IP address](#) explanations for more information.

## **Windows Menu**

The Tile, Cascade, and Arrange Icons menu items work the same way they usually do in windows.

Beneath these, a list of the windows which are currently open is shown.

## Help Menu

### Contents

Where you are.

### About

Where I am.

## **Miscellaneous stuff**

### **Text Wrap**

Text wraps according to the width of the window in which it is printed. If you later enlarge a window that was small, the text already there is not reformatted to the width of the window. Only the new text will wrap to the new width. mIRC tries to wrap lines at whole word boundaries and looks for characters such as fullstops, commas, question marks, etc. at which to wrap a word to the next line. If it can't find any of these, and the word at the end of a line is too long, it doesn't move the whole word to the next line but splits it into two.

### **Saving options**

mIRC saves the main window position and all other settings when you exit the program. Note that the sizes (and not positions) of the finger, dcc get/chat/send, channel list, etc. windows are saved. The next time one of these windows opens up, it will be the same size as the last time you used it.

### **Multiple Instances**

You can only run multiple instances with the 32-bit mIRC. With the 16-bit mIRC, you cannot run multiple instances from the same EXE. However, you can have two copies of mirc, one mirc.exe and the other mirc2.exe, and you will then be able to connect to two different servers at the same time.

### **The Bouncing Dot**

Where oh where can it be? :)

### **Other things I can't remember...!**



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Greetings!

I am **Khaled Mardam-Bey**, residing at 68 Melbury Court, London W8-6NJ, United Kingdom. I can be reached at **khaled@mardam.demon.co.uk** and you can go to **<http://www.mirc.co.uk/khaled>** to see my weird and wonderful homepage.

Please note that **I can't guarantee replies to emails**. I do **not** plan to implement new features or bug fixes anymore since I am now working on **other** things. mIRC is **not** being developed further by anyone else. mIRC was created for my own personal use and it now does much more than what I want it to do, so I'm quite happy with it.

As a home user, you are under no obligation whatsoever to pay for this program.

However, kind contributions of all shapes and sizes are gratefully accepted at the above address. If you like mIRC and want to make a contribution, you can mail me a personal check for however much you think it's worth, or if that's too much then however much you can afford, and if you can't afford it then don't worry about it...

"Why is this the **final version** of mIRC?" is a good question, along with "Why is mIRC **freeware**?", "What's this thing you have about **trout**?", "What does the **m** in mIRC stand for?", and a few others I've been asked over the past year since mIRC was first released. I don't have any good answers to **any** of these but I can say that the answers to **all of them** are in some way or another related to my philosophy of life, my mental state at the time, the limits of my physical endurance, the urge to say "moo" every once in a while, my remarkable ability to perform silly walks, and in general... **me**.

Since its release a **year** ago, mIRC has grown from a small, quick hack into a fairly comprehensive and fun-to-use IRC client. However, it has also grown far beyond being a **hobby** for me... the increasing number of emails asking for support, the requests for features, the coding required, and now competitive IRC clients, have made it exhausting. The fact that over this whole year **so few** users helped me financially was an influence in my decision to give up working on mIRC.

I hope that mIRC has had a part to play in the making of new **friendships**, in the fostering of peaceful **communication**, and in the increased **understanding** and **respect** of other people and cultures. Well, maybe **all** of that is a bit too much to ask for :) but I do hope that mIRC has had an effect on peoples lives that's been more **positive** than negative.

I hope you enjoy, and have enjoyed, using mIRC as much as I enjoyed creating it :)

Khaled

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## Double-click

### Double-Click in...

You can enter a set of commands that will be executed whenever you double-click in the specified window.

For example, for the **channel nickname listbox** you could use:

`/query $1 I have been searching for thee wit (sic) me perishing scopes...`

as the entry which means that when you **double-click** on a nickname the query window opens up and the user receives the above message.

## Aliases

mIRC allows you to define simple aliases to speed up your IRC session. The current implementation allows fairly unsophisticated compound terms to be stored. Each unique alias must be entered on a single line. See the following examples to understand how they work. To use these aliases you must know some [IRC commands](#).

### Alias Examples

```
/gb /join #gb
```

Typing "/gb" is now the same as typing "/join #gb".

```
/j /join $1
```

We have now added a parameter string. If we type "/j #gb", then that's the same as typing "/join #gb". The \$1 refers to the first parameter in the line that you supply.

```
/yell /me $2 $1
```

if you now type, "/yell There! Hello" the action command will be "/me Hello There!" The number after \$ specifies the number of the parameter in the string that you entered.

```
/jj /join $?
```

the question mark indicates that the client should ask you for that parameter. The parameter you supply will be inserted in the line at that point. So if you type "/jj", a dialog pops up asking you for the channel you want to join. If you enter "#gb", then the final command will be, "/join #gb".

```
/jj /join # $1
```

the # sign indicates that the parameter you specify should be prefixed with a hash indicating that it is a channel.

```
/jj /join $?="Enter channel to join:"
```

This does the same thing but now the dialog will have the "Enter channel to join:" line displayed inside it.

```
/aw /away $?="Enter away message:" | /say $!
```

This is similar to the line above except for the addition of the \$! parameter. This refers to the text you just typed into the parameter box. ie. the away message. This saves you having to type the same message twice.

```
/give /me gives $$1 a $$2
```

The double \$\$ means that this command will only be executed if the parameter is given. If you give only one parameter in the above command it will not be executed. You can also do \$\$?1 or \$?1 which means try to fill this value with parameter one if it exists. If parameter one doesn't exist, ask for it. In the first case the parameter is necessary for the command to be executed, in the second case it isn't.

```
/multiping /ctcp $* ping
```

The \$\* means that this command will be executed for ALL parameters individually. So if you typed

"/multiping nick1 nick2 nick3 nick4" then each individual nick will be ping'd.

/slap /me slaps \$1 around with \*2

The \* indicates that everything following (and including) parameter 2 should be appended to the command line. if you type, "/slap Sheepy a large trout", the final line will be "/me slaps Sheepy around with a large trout".

If you had defined the alias as "/slap /me slaps \$1 around with \$2", then the final command line would have been "/me slaps Sheepy around with a".

You can also specify \*2-5 which means use only parameters 2 to 5.

/laugh /me laughs at \$1's joke

Anything appended to a \$ parameter is appended to the final parameter. So if in the above example we type /laugh funnyguy, the final command would be "/me laughs at funnyguy's joke".

/silly /say Hel \$+ lo th \$+ ere \$+ !

Parameters are normally seperated by a space. To prevent mIRC from inserting a space before appending the next parameter you can use \$+. The above line will send "Hello there!".

You can also use the \$++ identifier which also appends parameters, however it does so only after the previous parameter has been evaluated. This is necessary in alias like:

/say " \$+ \$read c:\test.txt \$++ "

where the "\$read c:\test.txt" is evaluated first, and the enclosing quotes are appended to the result.

/p /part #

The # sign refers to the channel you are currently on. So if you are on channel #blah, and you type "/p", then the client replaces the # sign with #blah, and the final command is "/part #blah".

/op /mode # +o \$1

To op someone you can now just type "/op goat" instead of the whole /mode command.

/dop /mode # -ooo \$1 \$2 \$3

You can now deop three users by typing "/dop goat mike bongo"

For multiple commands we use a "|" (the shifted character usually under the \ key). So to write an alias that kicks and bans someone:

/dkb /kick # \$1 | /mode # +b \$1

### **Other identifiers:**

\$day \$time \$date - your current day, time, and date.

\$adate - same as \$date except US style month/day/year.

\$fulldate - Tue Dec 26 15:04:00 1995

\$me - refers to your nickname.

\$cb - refers to the first 256 characters of the current clipboard contents.

\$server - The server to which you are currently connected.

\$ip - your IP address.

\$host - your Local host name.

\$url - the currently active URL in your WWW Browser.

### The \$snicks identifier

This returns a string of the currently selected nicks in the active channel listbox in the form: nick1,nick2,nick3 so it can only be used with irc commands that take multiple parameters in this form.

### The \$r(v1,v2) identifier

This works in two ways. If you supply it with numbers for v1 and v2, it will return a random number between v1 and v2. If you supply it with letters, it will return a random letter between letters v1 and v2.

\$r(a,z) will return a letter in the range a,b,c,...,z

\$r(A,Z) will return a letter in the range A,B,C,...,Z

\$r(0,N) will return a number in the range 0,1,2,...,N

### The \$read identifier

This picks a line from a file and inserts it at the current position. The format is:

\$read [-l# -stext] <filename.txt>

For example:

/say \$read c:\funny.txt

Will pick a random line from funny.txt and insert it at that position in the command.

/say \$read -l24 c:\funny.txt

Will pick line 24 from funny.txt and insert it at that position in the command.

/kick # \$1 \$read kicks.txt

Will pick a random kick line from kicks.txt and use it in the kick command.

You can also use \$read in remote definitions. For example:

1:TEST:/notice \$nick I said " \$+ \$read witty.txt \$+ "

The first line in the file **must** be a single number specifying the number of lines in the file. \$read will insert any text, even commands with identifiers, and these will work like normal commands.

/say \$read -smirc info.txt

Will scan the file info.txt for a line beginning with "mirc" and will use the rest of the line in the alias.

### The \$file, \$hfile, and \$dir identifiers

This allows you to select a filename which is then inserted into that position in an alias. The **\$dir** identifier pops up a full directory and file dialog, while the **\$file** just pops up a quick file dialog. The \$hfile is the same as \$file except that it lists files horizontally.

\$file[="Select a file"] <path and filename>

\$dir[="Select a file"] <path and filename>

For example, in a popup definition:

Play A Wave:/wavplay \$file="Choose a wave!" c:\mywaves\\*.wav

**NOTE:** You should **not** use \$file or \$dir with the **/dcc send** command which has it's own built-in dcc send dialog.

Check out the [Variables](#) section to see how variables can be set and unset.

### Function Key support

You can redefine function keys to perform certain commands, just like aliases. For example:

/F1 /say Hello!

/sF2 /query \$1

/cF3 /ctcp \$1 version

The 's' and 'c' stand for Shift key and Control key respectively.

Note that a function key will behave differently depending on the window in which it is used. For example, when using it in a **query window** the \$1 parameter refers to the selected users nickname. If you're on a **channel** and the **nickname listbox** is active then the function key will work on the selected nicknames. If the listbox is **not** active, the function key will just work on the channel.

#### Notes:

1. If you create an alias that has the same name as an existing IRC command, the alias takes priority over the command (but does not replace it). So if you define an alias as "/join /join #gb", this will work fine.
2. An alias cannot call itself or another alias.
3. Aliases can be called from popups, remote, or any other definitions, so be aware of the aliases you've written in case they replace standard commands!

## Popups

mIRC allows you to create **three** different types of popup menu: one for the main window, one for query/chat windows, and one for the listbox where users nicknames on the current channel are listed. To use these you must know some [Basic IRC commands](#).

If you press the right mouse-button, the popup menu will appear and you can select menu-items which you have defined to perform certain tasks, such as Opping a user or joining a channel. In fact, each menu-item is associated with a set of aliases, just like the alias window. Note that the popup menu-item **can** call the commands defined in the alias window.

You can create as many levels of popup menus as you want. ie. menus within menus.

To understand how popup menus can be defined, see the following examples.

On a single line, enter:

Get Help:/join #irchelp

The words before the ":" (colon) are the name of the menu-item. The words after the ":" are the commands that are to be performed. In this case, the menu-item you would see when you click the right mouse-button in the main channel window is "Get Help". The command that would be performed would be "/join #irchelp", as if you had typed it.

The format of the commands follows precisely the same as those in normal aliases. See the [aliases](#) help section to understand how to write an alias.

To create a **Sub-menu**, use a "." (a fullstop/period). Thus:

Join a Channel

.Get IRC help!:/join #irchelp

.Visit the folks at #friendly:/join #friendly

.Who shall we join?:/join \$?

In this case, the name of the sub-menu is "Join a Channel". All the commands following it beginning with a "." are part of the submenu that fits under this menu-item.

To create menus within a submenu, you just add more fullstops:

Join a Channel

.Fun Stuff

..Type1 Fun

...Fun1:/join #fun1

...Fun2:/join #fun2

..Type2 Fun

...Fun2:/join #fun2

...Fun3:/join #fun3

.Help

..Get IRC help!:/join #irchelp

..Help1:/join #help1

..Help2:/join #help2

.Other Channels

..Visit the folks at #friendly:/join #friendly

..Wibble Wobble:/join #wibble



.Who shall we join?:/join #\$\$?="Please enter a channel name:"

And another example:

whois ?:/whois \$?

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Misc

.Edit Temp:/run notepad.exe temp.txt

.say?: /say \$?

.action?:/me \$?

Names

.#irchelp: /names #irchelp

.#friendly: /names #friendly

.names ?:/names \$?

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channel list:/list

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Join a Channel

.Get IRC help!:/join #irchelp

.Visit the folks at #friendly:/join #friendly

.Who shall we join?:/join \$?

The above menu would probably be suitable for the main channel window.

NOTE: You can separate menu items by placing a single "-" (minus sign) on a line by itself.

To use the popup menu for the nickname listbox, you need to select a nickname before the menu will pop up. The following example follows the same design as the one above, except that it is oriented towards performing commands on a nickname. Here is a typical listbox popup menu:

Who Is?:/whois \$1

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Modes

.Give Ops:/mode # +o \$1

.Deop:/mode # -o \$1

.Deop, Kick, Ban:/mode # -o \$1 | /kick # \$1 | /ban \$1

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DCC Send:/dcc send \$1

DCC Chat:/dcc chat \$1

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Slap!:/me slaps \$1 around a bit with a large trout

Query:/query \$1 Hey you! hello? are you there...?

### Activation

To activate/deactivate popup menus, turn the Active option on or off for each one.

The popup menu for the **Query/Chat** and the **MenuBar** works more or less the same as the channel listbox popup menu. The \$1 always refers to the nickname of the user you have selected.

## Extras

The options in this menu are more or less after-thoughts... thus the highly descriptive title. Since there are many options that could still be added, they will probably all end up here until they grow to warrant a separate dialog box all to themselves.

### Multi-line editbox

In single line mode, the text scrolls to the right when you reach the end of the edit box. In multi-line mode, the text starts again at the left and scrolls downwards. It's probably easier to use multi-line mode since you can see what you've typed if the line is long. This mode also allows you to paste several lines of text into the editbox.

NOTE: The status window permanently has a single line edit box.

### Windows colours

You can have mIRC use your windows colours, however it will only display monochrome text. This is because mIRC cannot know which other colours are compatible with the background window colour you've chosen.

### Toolbar and tooltips

You can choose to have the toolbar and its tooltips hidden or shown.

### Small fonts in...

Selecting this option will make mIRC display text in the Aliases, Popups, and Remote windows using a small font instead of the regular font.

### ESCape key minimizes window

To have a window minimize whenever you press the ESCape key select this option.

### Line separator

You can specify a line separator to be used in the status window. You can use a space to have a blank line. If you leave the box empty, lines in the status window will not be separated.

### Command Prefix

The default standard prefix to a command is a "/" character, however you can specify another character if the "/" key is hard to access on your keyboard. Some people use the "." character to prefix commands. Note that regardless of what character you choose here, mIRC still recognizes the "/" character and uses it internally.

### Scrollbar buffer size

This limits the scrollbar buffer to the specified number of lines. Note that if a scrollbar buffer already contains more than the specified number of lines it **will** be shortened. You can always use the /clear command in a window to clear the scrollbar buffer completely. If you are scrolling back through the buffer, lines will not be removed until you return to the bottom of the buffer.

### Append this text to the application title bar

This allows you to specify text that will be shown in the mIRC application title bar.

## Future Work

This is **UNSUPPORTED** software.

mIRC is not meant to be highly-configurable or comprehensive. It's meant to be quick, simple, and user-friendly, providing the user with the basic functions of an IRC client. I have gone to a lot of trouble to make things transparent... I hope no one notices.

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## Installation

This package consists of the following files:

mIRC.exe	16-bit version
mIRC32.exe	32-bit version
mIRC.hlp	the help file
readme.txt	this intro text file
versions.txt	version history

mIRC.ini	the main ini file
aliases.ini	the aliases ini file
popups.ini	the popups ini file
remote.ini	the remote ini file

Place all of these files together in a directory.

To use the 32-bit version you will need to have either Win32s installed on your system or you must be using a 32-bit operating system. Once you have installed mIRC, run it from windows, fill in the required setup information, and connect to the IRC server.

The **mirc.ini** file stores general mIRC information, whereas the other .ini files store the aliases, popups, and remote section information respectively. You should store these sections separately from the mirc.ini file. These .ini files come with useful examples and pre-written aliases and popup menus that will help you understand how to configure these options.

Please read the versions.txt file from now on to find out what has been changed/fixed in newer versions.

To use mIRC you will need a **Winsock.dll** of which several versions exist (both commercial and shareware) and a connection to the internet. If you don't have either of these, ask someone about them!

## Some Basic IRC Commands

mIRC does not come with a tutorial and assumes that you are already somewhat familiar with IRC. For those with limited IRC experience, the following list of commands should help you get started. Note that you can join channel #irchelp to get help if you are confused about a command. There are also [mIRC-specific commands](#) you can look at.

Once you have connected to an IRC server, you can try some of the following commands:

### **/JOIN #channel**

Join the specified channel.

example: /join #irchelp

This will join you to the #irchelp channel. Once on a channel, anything you type will be seen by all the users on this channel. The #irchelp channel is very useful, so say hello and then ask any questions you want. If the channel you specified doesn't exist, a channel with that name will be created for you.

### **/PART #channel**

Leave a channel.

example: /part #irchelp

### **/LIST [#string] [-MIN #] [-MAX #]**

Lists currently available channels. You can also tell mIRC to show only channels with a minimum and a maximum number of people. If you specify a #string then mIRC will only list channels with that string in their title.

example: /list

example: /list -min 5 -max 20

example /list #love

### **/ME message**

Tells the current channel or query about what you are doing.

### **/MSG nickname message**

Send a private message to this user without opening a query window.

### **/QUERY nickname message**

Open a query window to this user and send them a private message.

### **/WHOIS nickname**

Shows information about someone.

### **/NICK nickname**

Changes your nickname to whatever you like.

### **/QUIT [reason]**

This will disconnect you from IRC and will give the optional message as the reason for your departure. (this message only appears to people who are on the same channels as you).

example: /quit That's all folks!

### **/AWAY [away message]**



Leave a message explaining that you are not currently paying attention to IRC. Whenever someone sends you a MSG or does a WHOIS on you, they automatically see whatever message you set. Using AWAY with no parameters marks you as no longer being away.

example: /away off to get something to eat, back in a moment!

### **/TOPIC #channel newtopic**

Changes the topic for the channel.

example: /topic #friendly Oh what a beautiful day!

### **/INVITE nickname #channel**

Invites another user to a channel.

## **Channel and User Control**

The following commands give you control over both a channel and the users on that channel (assuming you have Op status). It's probably wise not to abuse either of them.

### **/KICK #channel nickname**

Kicks named user off a given channel.

example: /kick #gb Ed

### **/MODE #channel|nickname [[+|-]modechars [parameters]]**

This is a powerful command that gives channel operators control of a channel and the users on it.

#### Channel modes

ModeChar	Effects on channels
b <person>	ban somebody, <person> in "nick!user@host" form
i	channel is invite-only
l <number>	channel is limited, <number> users allowed max
m	channel is moderated, (only chanops can talk)
n	external /MSGs to channel are not allowed
o <nickname>	makes <nickname> a channel operator
p	channel is private
s	channel is secret
t	topic limited, only chanops may change it
k <key>	set secret key for a channel

#### User modes

ModeChar	Effects on nicknames
i	makes you invisible to anybody that does not know the exact spelling of your nickname
o	IRC-operator status, can only be set by IRC-ops with OPER
s	receive server notices
v	gives a user a voice on a moderated channel

Here a few examples of the MODE command:

**To give someone Op status:**    /mode #channelname +o nickname

Giving someone Op status means giving them control over the channel and the users on it. Give this out sparingly and to people you trust.

**To op several people:**    /mode #channelname +ooo nick1 nick2 nick3

**To de-op someone:**    /mode #channelname -o nickname

**To ban someone:** /mode #channelname +b nickname (or user address)

example: /mode #animals +b Jiminy

example: /mode #tree +b joe@bloggs.edu

**To Unban someone:** /mode #channelname -b nickname (or user address)

example: /mode #gb -b Ed

**To Make a channel invite only:** /mode #channelname +i

You must now **invite a user** for them to be able to join your channel.

There many more commands but this list should help you get started.  
To learn more about IRC commands you should download an IRC FAQ.

Good luck!

## DDE Control

mIRC currently supports a limited **DDE** capability.

All DDE transactions are **synchronous**, mIRC waits at most one second for a reply or acknowledgement to any dde poke or query it makes.

As a server, mIRC's **default service name** is... **mIRC**. At this time, mIRC defaults to non-DDE Server mode at startup, so you can use:

**/ddeserver [[on [service name]] | off]**

to turn on/off the dde server mode. If you have more than one mIRC acting as a DDE server then you should specify a different [service name] for each mIRC since if they all have the same service name you won't be able to predict which dde message will go to which server. For example:

/ddeserver on mIRCBot

For each of the following DDE topics, an example is given using mIRC's /dde command and \$dde identifier (both are explained after this section) which should help you understand how they work.

The following DDE topics are supported:

Topic: **CHANNELS**

Transaction Type: XTYP\_REQUEST

Item: None

Data (Arguments): None

Returns: A single line of text listing the channels which you are currently on separated by spaces. eg.

"#mirc #mircremote #irchelp"

Example: This should only be called by an application, not from within an mIRC alias.

Description: The line of text that this returns could end up being quite long, maybe several k's worth of text, so an application should be prepared to handle this.

Topic: **COMMAND**

Transaction Type: XTYP\_POKE

Item: None

Data (Arguments): One line of text containing the command to be performed.

Returns: Nothing

Example: /dde mirc command "" /server irc.demon.co.uk

Description: This is essentially the same as the remote DO ctcp command, it just executes whatever command you give it.

Topic: **CONNECTED**

Transaction Type: XTYP\_REQUEST

Item: None

Data (Arguments): None

Returns: "connected" if you're connected to a server, "connecting" if you're in the process of connecting to a server, and "not connected" if you're not currently connected to a server.

Example: /say mIRC is currently \$dde mirc connected "" to a server

Description: Self-explanatory.

Topic: **EXENAME**

Transaction Type: XTYP\_REQUEST

Item: None

Data (Arguments): None

Returns: The full path and name of the mIRC EXE file. eg. "c:\mirc\mirc.exe"

Example: /say The mIRC exe path and name is \$dde mirc exename ""

Description: This might be useful for applications that need to know the path and name of the exe file.

Topic: **INIFILE**

Transaction Type: XTYP\_REQUEST

Item: None

Data (Arguments): None

Returns: The full path and name of the main INI file that is being used. eg. "c:\mirc\mirc.ini"

Example: /say mIRC's main ini file is \$dde mirc inifile ""

Description: This might be useful for applications that need to take a look at the INI file for various bits of information.

Topic: **NICKNAME**

Transaction Type: XTYP\_REQUEST

Item: None

Data (Arguments): None

Returns: The nickname currently being used.

Example: /say My mIRCbot is using the nickname \$dde mirc nickname ""

Description: Self-explanatory.

Topic: **SERVER**

Transaction Type: XTYP\_REQUEST

Item: None

Data (Arguments): None

Returns: The server to which you were last or are currently connected. eg. "irc.server.co.uk"

Example: /say My mIRCbot's irc server is \$dde mirc server ""

Description: Self-explanatory.

Topic: **USERS**

Transaction Type: XTYP\_REQUEST

Item: Channel name, in the form #channel

Data (Arguments): None

Returns: A single line of text listing the users on the specified channel separated by spaces.

Example: This should definitely only be called by an application, not from within an mIRC alias.

Description: You can only request the names of users on a channel which mIRC has joined. This is a dangerous command because the line of text it returns could be very, very long, so any application that uses this must be prepared to handle a single line of several k's worth of text.

Topic: **VERSION**

Transaction Type: XTYP\_REQUEST

Item: None

Data (Arguments): None

Returns: mIRC version number eg. "mIRC16 4.1" or "mIRC32 4.1"

Example: /say mIRC's version number is \$dde mirc version ""

Description: Self-explanatory.

To use the following /dde command and \$dde identifier you must know the DDE specifications of the application with which you want to communicate.

### The /dde command

/dde [-r] <service> <topic> <item> [data]

The command defaults to sending an XTYP\_POKE unless you specify the -r switch in which case an

XTYP\_REQUEST is sent. If you are sending an XTYP\_POKE then all four arguments are mandatory, if you are sending an XTYP\_REQUEST then the first three arguments are mandatory. This is why you can see a "" in the examples above, it acts as a filler and isn't actually used for anything. This filler is important because you might have the /dde or \$dde mixed with other commands, and mIRC has to know the exact number of parameters when parsing.

```
/dde monolog talk "" Greetings Earthling!
```

### **The \$dde identifier**

```
$dde <service> <topic> <item>
```

This sends an XTYP\_REQUEST and retrieves any data returned by the specified service. All three arguments are mandatory (as explained in the above paragraph). Any retrieved data is inserted in the current position in an alias.

```
/say My other mIRC is $dde mirc connected "" to $dde mirc server ""
```

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## DCC Resume

This allows you to resume DCC transfers that failed to complete.

**This will only work with another mIRC client.**

If a user tries to send you a file that already exists in your get directory then you will be shown a DCC Get dialog warning that the file exists. The dialog gives you the option to either overwrite, resume, or rename the file.

If you select **overwrite** then the whole file will be downloaded from the beginning and any existing file of the same name will be erased.

If you select **resume** then mIRC will attempt to negotiate a transfer resume to get the remaining part of the file. It will append this to the portion of the file you already have.

The negotiation method is specific to mIRC. It is not standard and will not work with other DCC implementations (especially since most do not have resume capability). The negotiation is automatic, and once the receiving user clicks the resume button, the transfer will commence as normal.

Here is a description of the mIRC [DCC Resume Protocol](#).

## Connect

Select this menu item to initiate a connection to IRC. You must have input the required information in the Setup window. This menu item changes to "Cancel connect" while attempting to connect to an IRC server, and it changes to "Disconnect" while you are connected.



## IRC Servers

You must enter basic information about yourself in this dialog. mIRC will **not** connect if any of the fields are empty.

### IRC Servers

You can build up a list of IRC servers that you use regularly by clicking on **Add** to add a new server, **Edit** to edit an existing server, and **Delete** to delete a server.

For each server you can type in a description, the server address, and a port number (usually 6667). You can also type in a group name which allows you to group servers together when they are sorted with the **Sort** button.

For users who need special access to servers a password can be supplied. Note that a password is only required for special types of users, if you don't **know** if you need one then you don't!

If you double-click on a server then mIRC will try to connect to it.

If you try to connect to a server and you get "Unable to resolve IRC server name" then the problem could be that 1) Your Internet Provider's DNS isn't working, or 2) The address doesn't exist, 3) You're trying to use the 32bit mIRC with a 16bit winsock.

Remember that if you try to connect to an IRC server that is geographically far away from you, it will take longer to connect to it. In fact, some servers might refuse you a connection if you're too far. So just try a different, closer server until one catches.

### Real Name and Email Address

The first entry can be either your real name or a witty one liner which will appear in your /whois information. You must also enter a **full** email address eg. khaled@mardam.demon.co.uk. The username part of the email address is used to register with the server.

### Nickname and Alternate

As well as entering a regular nickname, you can also enter an alternate nickname so that if the first nickname is in use when you try to log on, the alternate will be tried. If both nicknames are in use, mIRC inserts "/nick" into the edit box so that all you have to do is enter a new nickname and press enter. These values cannot be changed while connected to a server.

## Identd

mIRC can act as an ident server and sends the specified User ID and System as identification. This server will be more useful to some people than others. In general it is better to leave it active as some systems might refuse a connection if there is no reply to an ident request.

**User ID** can be your account or user name on your system. For most people this will be the User ID portion of their email address (the text before the @ sign).

**System** identifies your operating system. For all intents and purposes, replying with a value other than UNIX would not be very useful for most people.

**Port** should usually be 113.

NOTE: This server will reply to ALL ident queries sent to the specified port ie. it is not limited to replying to an IRC server for mIRC. If you have turned on the identd server and it isn't replying to identd queries then it is probable that the type of internet account you have is preventing mIRC from replying, or that another program is running which has control of the identd port.

## Finger

This fingers a persons address to find out more information about them. If a user has their own personal address, this will only work if they run a finger server. Most other addresses eg. school, government, etc. can usually be fingered sucessfully, though they will not necessarily give you any useful information. For some users this can be a way of checking if they have mail.

You can also type `/finger <nick/address>` at the command line, eg. `/finger xhlecc@wmin.ac.uk`

If there's a "." in the parameter you provide then it assumed to be an address and is immediately fingered, otherwise it is assumed to be a nickname, so mIRC does a `/whois` on the nickname to find the users address and then fingers that.

On a related note, check out the [Finger Server](#).

## Timer

The online timer is displayed in the status window next to your nickname. You can choose to have the timer reset to zero every time you connect so that you can tell how long you are on for that session, or If you select the second option, the timer will be cumulative and will show the total amount of time you have used IRC since the last reset.

## Remote

The Remote Tool allows you to specify both how mIRC replies to CTCP queries from other users and how it reacts to certain kinds of IRC events. This tool is the most complex part of mIRC and requires that you understand the format of [aliases](#) and [IRC commands](#) precisely.

With this tool you will be able to let mIRC respond to almost any remote command you can think of... in fact, any command that you can type can be executed remotely. You can do things like give your friends Op status or invite them to a channel at their request, you can give them access to your files, or you can let them control your mIRC in other ways.

You will also be able to set up mIRC to react to events such as users joining channels, responding to queries with certain words in them, and opping or deopping users automatically.

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The following examples describe, with increasing complexity, how the remote tool can be configured.

Example 1: [How to change replies to standard CTCP queries...](#)

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## The Remote window

The remote window consists of

- the **Users** list where you keep a list of all authorized users and their access levels,
- the Variables list where a list of all currently defined variables can be edited,
- the **Commands** list where you keep a list of all commands and their access levels,
- the **Events** list where you keep a list of events to which mIRC should react,
- the **Listen** switch which turns the remote on and off, and
- the **Default level** number which controls the number of commands to which unlisted users have access.

The Internal Address List option is related to User and Access level maintenance described below.

mIRC also understands the following commands:

**/remote [on | off]** - switches both commands and events on and off.

**/commands [on | off]** - switches commands on and off.

**/events [on | off]** - switches events on and off.

**/dlevel <level>** - changes the default user level eg. /dlevel 2

**/groups [-e | d]** lists either all, enabled, or disabled groups in your remote definitions.

**/ulist [< | >]<level>** - lists users in the remote list with the specified access levels. For example:

/ulist <10     lists users with access levels less than or equal to 10  
/ulist >5     lists users with access levels larger than or equal to 5  
/ulist 4       lists users with access level 4

**/enable** and **/disable** are used to make groups of commands active or inactive. See Access Levels.

## Maintaining Users and their Access Levels

You can use the following three commands to add and remove users to the users list, as well as to add and remove levels from existing users.

**/auser [-a] <levels> <nick | address>**

This adds the specified nick/address exactly as it is given to the users list with the specified levels. If you specify [-a], then if the user already exists, the specified levels are added to the current levels the user has.

Remember, if the first level is not preceded by an equal sign then it is a general access level.

/auser 1,2,3 Nick

This adds this nick with these access levels to the user list (replacing an existing user of the same name).

/auser -a 1,2,3 Nick

This adds the specified levels to this user. If the user doesn't exist, it is created.

```
/auser -a =1,2,3 Nick
```

This looks like the above command, however the =1 is very important. The =1 means that the initial general access level is **not** replaced. If you had used 1 then the initial access level **would** be replaced.

This is a complicated command and it's best to play around with it for a while to understand what it does and why it does it. The way it handles/replaces levels (both the initial general access level as well as = levels) should hopefully make sense.

**/guser [-a] <levels> <nick> [type]**

This works the same as the /auser command except that it looks up address of the specified nick and adds it to the user list. It does this by doing a /whois on the given nickname, and returning an address in the format specified by [type], a number between 0 and 4. If no [type] is given then the default is type zero.

**/ruser [levels] <nick | address> [type]**

If used without specifying [levels], this removes the specified user from the user list. If you specify [levels] then these levels are removed from the current access levels of this user. If **all** levels of a user have been removed, the user is removed. If you specify a [type] then the user's address is looked up with a /whois and any users in the user list matching this address are removed.

```
/ruser Nick  
/ruser 1,2,3 Nick  
/ruser 1,2,3 Nick 1
```

If you use /ruser Nick! (with an exclamation mark at the end), it removes all users with an address beginning with Nick!.

**/rlevel [-r] <levels>**

This removes all users from the remote user list with the specified general access level.

```
/rlevel 20  
/rlevel =10
```

If the [-r] option is specified, then this applies to all the access levels for a user (not just the first general access level). Any matching levels are removed and if a user has no more levels left then the user is also removed.

```
/rlevel -r 1,5,7,8
```

**/flush [levels]**

This clears the remote user list of nickname definitions that are no longer valid.

```
/flush 1,2,3
```

For each nick in the remote user list that matches the specified levels mIRC checks to see if that nick is on any of the channels that you are currently on. If not, the nick definition is removed from the remote user list. If you do not specify [levels] then mIRC clears all nicks from the remote user list that don't exist on channels you are on.

**NOTE:** The /guser and /ruser commands do a /whois on a nick to find the nick's address, thus they are delayed commands since they need to wait for a reply from the server. mIRC tries to get around this delay by maintaining it's own Internal Address List which will speed things up in certain situations.



## Access Levels and Commands

Access levels define which users can access which commands.

The **default access level is 1** for users that are not listed in the Users list. All users can access level 1 commands. The higher a user's access level is, the more commands that user can access. You can change the default user level to allow unlisted users to access more commands (see the [/dlevel](#) command). However, Users that **are** listed will still have the same access level regardless of the default level setting.

In the **Users** window you can specify a list of users and their access levels in the format:

<access level> : <user nickname/address>

For example:

```
2:!*jimmy@widgets.com
5:!*parrot@crackers.inc
19:!*xhlec@wmin.ac.uk
```

You can specify the users nick or the users nick!user@address. You can also use wildcards.

In the **Commands** window you specify a list of commands and their access levels in the format:

<access level> : <ctcp command> : <alias commands and parameters>

For example:

```
1:MYLEVEL:/notice $nick You are weak! You have at least access level 1
5:MYLEVEL:/notice $nick You are a friend! You have at least access level 5
7:MYLEVEL:/notice $nick I trust you completely! You have at least access level 7
50:MYLEVEL:/notice $nick You are the boss! You have at least access level 50!
```

The command "MYLEVEL" can be executed by anyone who has an access level equal to or greater than it's corresponding access level.

If jimmy does a /ctcp yournick MYLEVEL, the reply will be "You are weak! You have at least access level 1". For parrot the reply will be "You are a friend! You have at least access level 5", and for xhlec the reply is "I trust you completely! You have at least access level 7".

The remote always replies with the **highest level command** that matches the users ctcp query and that is within the users access level.

### Limiting Access

Note that the following control prefixes are sensitive to positioning. It is best to set up your definitions starting with the lowest access levels at the top of the list and increasing numerically towards the bottom of the list.

You can **prevent** a user from accessing any levels by prefixing their level with an **equal sign**:

```
Users:
=150:bannednick!user@not.nice.com
```

Commands:

150:\*/notice \$nick Go away, you are banned from using this remote.

bannednick now has access **only** to command 150 and will always get this reply. Notice that the ctcp command is a \* which means that this will match **any** ctcp command that this user sends.

The = prefix can also be used to give a user access to several specific levels:

Users:

10,=20,=22,=26:bannednick!user@not.nice.com

The first level in the list is treated normally and can be anything. The remaining levels are treated as = levels (even if you don't put the = in front of them). This user can access any commands equal to or lower than level 10, but the user also has access specifically to only level 20, 22, and 26 commands.

You can **limit commands to users with a certain access level** by prefixing a command with a **plus sign**, for example:

Users:

3:!\*rocky@crackers.inc

10:!\*nicky@crackers.inc

17:!\*wacky@crackers.inc

Commands:

+10:OPME:/notice \$nick Hi nicky! Only users with level 10 can access this command!

You can also **prevent users with higher access levels from accessing lower access level commands** by using an **equal sign** in the following way:

Users:

17:!\*nicky@crackers.inc

Commands:

3:HELPME:/notice \$nick Help is unavailable!

4:HELPUS:/notice \$nick Here is your help...

10:HELPME:=

This would prevent users with access levels higher than 10 from accessing matching commands with levels lower than or equal to 10. Thus, nicky cannot access the level 3 HELPME but she can access the HELPUS command.

You can **prevent a command from reacting to a command sent by you** by using the exclamation mark in the following way:

Users:

17:!\*nicky@crackers.inc

Commands:

3:HELPME:/notice \$nick Help for level 3 is unavailable!

10!:HELPME:/notice \$nick Help for level 10 is unavailable!

If nicky has this definition in her remote setup and sends herself a /ctcp nicky HELPME then even though she has access level 17, the level 10 command will be skipped and she will get the reply from the level 3 command.

**Events that require you to have Ops**

You can limit events to being executed only when you have Ops using the \* prefix:

Events:

```
*2:ON JOIN:#mychannel:/mode $chan +o $nick
```

So if someone joins this channel you will only issue the auto-op command if you have Ops on the channel. This does NOT work for command definitions, only events.

### Creating Groups of Commands/Events

You can create separate groups using the # prefix in this way:

```
#groupA start  
1:ON JOIN:...  
1:ON TEXT:...  
#groupA end
```

You can use **/enable #groupA** or **/disable #groupA** to enable/disable group #groupA. A group that is disabled will be ignored by the remote when processing remote commands/events. A disabled group looks like this:

```
#groupA disabled  
1:ON JOIN:...  
1:ON TEXT:...  
#groupA end
```

You **cannot** have groups within groups. You can also specify multiple groups with /enable and /disable, eg. /enable #group1 #group2 #group3.

## How to change replies to standard CTCP queries...

Here are simple examples that show how you can customize your normal ctcp replies for finger, ping, time, etc... You do not need to modify your remote Users list, just copy the following lines to your Commands list, and turn on the Listen option in the remote window:

```
1:PING:/notice $nick Hee hee, that tickles! :>
1:FINGER:/notice $nick If you want to know something about me... ask!
1:TIME:/notice $nick Time to get a real watch! :>
1:VERSION:/notice $nick I'm using mIRC v4.1! :>
1:USERINFO:/notice $nick You have reached a non-working number, please try again...
```

### Description:

1. The number 1 at the beginning of each line specifies the access level required to execute this command. All users have default access level 1 if they are not specified in the users list, so all users can execute level 1 commands.
2. The word following the number 1 eg. PING is the ctcp query that the user has sent you. It is not case-sensitive.
3. The /notice is the alias command. You should already know how to write aliases if you are reading this section. If not, read the [aliases](#) help section first!
4. The \$nick is the nickname of the user who sent you the ctcp query. Other variables you can use are \$address (which is the address of the user), \$parms (the parameters that the user sent), and \$me (your own nickname).
5. The :> at the end of a line indicates that the normal reply to this ctcp query should **also** be sent. If you do not add the :> then only your reply is sent.

## How to Op, Invite, and Unban your friends...

This simple example shows how users can ask your remote to execute an IRC command for them.

Users:

2:friendA  
5:friendB  
6:friendC  
9:friendD

Commands:

1:WHOAMI:/notice \$nick You are \$nick your address is \$address and you sent parameters \$parms  
1:OPME:/notice \$nick Sorry, you do not have the required access level for this command  
2:INVITE:/invite \$nick \$parm1  
5:UNBAN:/mode \$parm1 -b \$parm2  
7:OPME:/mode \$parm1 +o \$nick

Description:

1. If any of your friends send you a "/ctcp yournick WHOAMI", the remote will reply with their nick, address, and any parameters they sent.
2. All of your friends can send you a "/ctcp yournick INVITE #channel" and the remote will invite them to the channel they specified (assuming you are on that channel).
3. friendB, friendC, and friendD can send you a "/ctcp yournick UNBAN #channel friendX" and if you have Op status on #channel then the remote will unban them.
4. friendD can send you a "/ctcp yournick OPME #channel" and if you have Op status on #channel then the remote will give friendD Op status. All other users will get the level 1 OPME reply.

## How to control mIRC remotely...

Users:

10:yournick!\*@youraddress

Commands:

10:PART:/part \$parm1 | /notice \$nick I have left channel \$parm1

10:QUIT:/notice \$nick Okay boss, I'm quitting... see you later! | /quit

10:SEND:/dcc send \$nick \$parms

10:DO

Description:

1. If you send a "/ctcp yournick PART #channel", the remote will part the specified channel and tell you that it has done so.
2. If you send a "/ctcp yournick QUIT", the remote will quit IRC and tell you that it has done so.
3. With the SEND command, you can ask the remote to send you a file. So if you send a "/ctcp yournick SEND info.zip", the remote will dcc send you this file.
4. DO is the most powerful command in the remote. It executes any IRC command you send to it. This allows you to perform commands remotely without having to define them first. For example:

/ctcp yournick DO /join #mirc

/ctcp yournick DO /quit See you later folks...

/ctcp yournick DO /mode #mirc +o yourothernick

/ctcp yournick DO /dcc send yourothernick info.txt

**WARNING:** This command gives authorized users complete control of mIRC...! You should not let **anyone** have access to this command unless you trust them!

## How to offer files for people to DCC...

This example shows how the remote can reply differently for levels of users. Level 1 users cannot request files from you while level 2 users can. Only a level 3 user can get the special file. The level 3 user can also get files #1 and #2.

Users:

1:jimmy!\*@widgets.com  
2:parrot!\*@crackers.inc  
3:\*!xhlecc@wmin.ac.uk

Commands:

1:CMDS:/notice \$nick Existing commands are : cmds, mylevel, mycmds, xdcc

1:MYCMDSD:/notice \$nick Commands available: cmds, mylevel, mycmds

1:MYLEVEL:/notice \$nick You have access level 1

2:MYCMDSD:/notice \$nick Commands available: cmds, mylevel, mycmds, xdcc

2:XDCC LIST:/notice \$nick Files offered: #1 readme.txt(4K) ; #2 utils.zip(132K)

2:XDCC SEND #1:/dcc send \$nick c:\files\readme.txt

2:XDCC SEND #2:/dcc send \$nick c:\files\utils.zip

2:XDCC SEND:/notice \$nick You must specify file #1 or #2

2:XDCC:/notice \$nick Try XDCC LIST

2:MYLEVEL:/notice \$nick You have access level 2

3:XDCC LIST:/notice \$nick Hello \$nick !! Files offered: #1 readme.txt(4K) ; #2 utils.zip(132K); #3 special.zip

3:XDCC SEND #3:/dcc send \$nick c:\files\special.zip

3:XDCC SEND:/notice \$nick You must specify file #1, #2, or #3

3:MYLEVEL:/notice \$nick You have access level 3

## Special Identifiers

In the parameters supplied to an alias command you can use the following identifiers to refer to certain values. Don't worry if you don't understand how these are used right now, they'll be explained in the examples.

\$me refers to your own nickname.

\$nick and \$address refer to the nickname and address of the user sending the ctcp query. You can also use \$site to refer to the portion of \$address after the @.

\$parms refers to the **whole** parameter line that the user sends with the ctcp query.

If you want to refer to particular parameters within the user supplied parameter line, you can use:

\$parmN    where N is a number    eg. \$parm1    or    \$parm2

To refer to all parameters from a certain position:

\$parmN\*    where N is the parameter position. eg. \$parm3\*

\$parmN1-N2 which means use parameters N1 to N2, eg. \$parm2-5

You will see later that it is important to specify a parameter number in certain situations. For example, if you define a command that requires only 1 parameter and the user sends 2 parameters then this could affect the way the command works.



## Other notes...

Another example of a multiple command is:

```
5:XDCC SEND #1:/notice $nick I acknowledge your XDCC SEND #1 | /dcc send $nick somefile.zip
```

As you can see, things can get a bit messy! It is wise to test out every command you define to make sure it does what you want and **nothing else**. For example:

```
5:OPME:/mode $parms +o $nick
```

With this definition, if a user supplies more than one parameter then the /mode won't work or it might do something unpredictable. You should redefine the command as:

```
5:OPME:/mode $parm1 +o $nick
```

This makes sure that only the first parameter that the user supplies is used in the final command executed by the remote.

### Redirection

You can also tell the remote to execute several commands by using the :> switch. This is useful mainly because it saves you from having to retype similar commands. For example:

```
5:HELP1:/notice $nick This is help1 :> HELP2
5:HELP2:/notice $nick and help2 :> HELP3 :> HELP4
5:HELP3:/notice $nick and help3
5:HELP4:/notice $nick and help4
```

Be careful you don't do this:

```
5:HELP1:/notice $nick This is help1 :> HELP2
5:HELP2:/notice $nick and help2 :> HELP1
```

As this will result in an infinite loop. The remote does NOT check for this. You've been warned!

### Pass through commands

You can allow only certain commands to be executed by doing this:

```
5:PING
5:VERSION
5:*:!
```

The remote will now only allow replies to PING and VERSION. All other **level 5** commands will be ignored. The exclamation mark ! at the end of the line tells the remote to halt any further processing of level 5 commands.

### Commenting out commands and events

You can comment out definitions by prefixing them with a ; (semi-colon) or REM.

```
5:PING1
rem 5:PING1
```

;5\*:PING1

**Ordering of definitions**

Remember that many of the prefixes and controls are sensitive to numerical order of the definitions. The safest thing is to order your definitions starting with the lowest access levels first and increasing numerically down the list.

## DCC Send

DCC Send allows you to send a file to a user by specifying their nickname and the name of the file you want to send. Once you have input the nickname and the filename, select "Send" and mIRC will send information to the nickname you specified telling them that you want to send a file. The user then has to accept your send request, at which point the file transfer should begin.

You can also select **multiple files** to send at one time but only up to a maximum of nine.

The **Packet Size** is the number of bytes that mIRC will send to another client in one packet. The minimum is 512, the maximum is 4096. Each DCC Send session can have a different packet size... just change it before you start the DCC Send. mIRC can receive packets up to 4096 bytes.

If you check **minimize** then the dcc send window(s) will be minimized automatically.

The **Fill Spaces** option is only available in the 32bit version and only under operating systems that allow spaces in filenames. It is highly recommended that you leave this option turned **on**. For a better explanation, read [this](#).

**NOTE:** There is an experimental DCC Fast Send option which you can try out.

## **DCC Chat**

DCC Chat allows you to talk privately by connecting directly to another client, bypassing the IRC network. Enter the nickname of the user and select "OK" and mIRC will send information to the nickname you specified telling them that you want to DCC Chat. The user then has to accept your chat request, at which point you can talk with them normally as if you were in a query window on IRC. If a user replies to a /dcc chat request by initiating another dcc chat with you then mIRC treats this as an acceptance of it's own request.

If a user sends you a chat request, a dialog will popup asking you whether you want to talk to them. You can then accept or decline.

## **DCC Get**

The DCC Get dialog only appears in response to a send request from another user. If you choose to accept the file that the user wants to send you, mIRC will tell the sender to begin the file transfer, at which point you should begin receiving the file.

## DCC Options

### Show Get Dialog/Auto-get file/Ignore all

By default, a send request must be accepted by you before transfer begins. However, if you select the auto-get file option then mIRC will automatically accept a send request and begin receiving a file. It will also **minimize** the receive window if you select the minimize option. You can also have mIRC close the get window automatically after a transfer is complete by selecting the Auto-close get window option. If you select Ignore All then all incoming dcc send requests are ignored.

### On transfer completion...

mIRC will perform the selected options once a transfer has been completed. mIRC will indicate in the status window whether the transfer was a success or a failure. The Notify with beep depends on the settings in the [Extras](#) window.

### Show progress as percent

For DCC Get, this depends on whether the sending client provided the size of the file when it initiated the send session. If no file size was sent, then percentage cannot be displayed and only the bytes received are shown.

### Auto-resume existing files

If someone tries to send you a file that already exists in your dcc get directory then mIRC usually pops up a dialog asking you if you want to overwrite/resume/rename the file. Checking this option forces mIRC to always resume a file automatically if it already exists.

### Show Chat Dialog/Auto-accept chat/Ignore all

By default, a chat request must first be accepted by you before chatting begins. However, if you select the auto-accept option then mIRC will automatically open a DCC chat window and accept the chat request. It will also **minimize** the chat window if you select the minimize option. If you select Ignore All then all incoming dcc chats are ignored.

### Get/Chat Dialog Time Out

When a user sends you a Send or Chat request, a dialog pops up and waits for you to accept or decline. The dialog will wait the specified number of seconds before disappearing.

### Send/Get Transfer Time Out

During a transfer mIRC will wait the specified number of seconds for a response from the other client before closing the connection.

### Fileserver Time Out

mIRC will close the [fileserver](#) window if a user has been idle for the specified number of seconds.

### Max. DCC Sends

This limits the number of simultaneous **remote** DCC Sends. ie. it does not apply to you manually initiating a DCC Send but it does apply to users who request a DCC Send remotely.

### Max. Fileservers

This limits the number of users that can be served simultaneously.

### DCC Get Directory

The directory where received files are stored.

## DCC Resume Protocol

In it's current form the protocol is very simple.

User1 is sending the file.  
User2 is receiving the file.

To initiate a DCC Send, User1 sends:

**PRIVMSG User2 :DCC SEND filename ipaddress port filesize**

Normally, if User2 accepts the DCC Send request, User2 connects to the address and port number given by User1 and the file transfer begins.

If User2 chooses to resume a file transfer of an existing file, the following negotiation takes place:

User2 sends:

**PRIVMSG User1 :DCC RESUME filename port position**

filename = the filename sent by User1.  
port = the port number sent by User1.  
position = the current size of the file that User2 has.

User1 then responds:

**PRIVMSG User2 :DCC ACCEPT filename port position**

This is simply replying with the same information that User2 sent as acknowledgement.

At this point User2 connects to User1 address and port and the transfer begins from the specified position.

**NOTE:** the newer versions of mIRC actually ignore the filename as it is redundant since the port uniquely identifies the connection. However, to remain compatible mIRC still sends a filename as "file.ext" in both RESUME and ACCEPT.

## ON CHAT/SERV

### To listen for messages in DCC Chat windows:

1:ON CHAT:boo:/msg =\$nick boo back!

If someone says "boo!" in a dcc chat window, the remote replies with "boo back!". **Note** that to send this as a dcc chat message to this user you have to use the standard "=" prefix with the nick. ie. =\$nick

### To listen for messages in Fileserver windows:

1:ON SERV:\*/msg =\$nick I say \$nick, what do you mean by " \$parms " ?

This listens for any message from the user and sends the message back. Notice that I can use both **=\$nick** for a dcc chat message and also **\$nick** for normal messages. In a fileserver session, you can use **\$cd** in a remote definition which represents users current directory.

See the ON TEXT event for an explanation of the uses of the "text" section.

NOTE: The above commands react to all users level 1 and above because of the way dcc chat works.



## How to listen for events...

The events window allows you to specify how mIRC reacts to certain types of events. The set of events currently available is limited to the most basic types, each of which will be given simple examples to illustrate how they work.

The event handler listens to events caused by users specified in the Users List (which it shares with the Commands list). Each event has an access level which is matched to a users access level. The default level works the same as in the commands list. You can also define normal command definitions in this window.

The examples cover each type of event:

The ON TEXT event listens to messages from users either on certain channels or in query windows.

The ON CHAT/SERV events listen to messages from users in dcc chat and fileserver windows.

The ON JOIN/PART events react to users joining or parting a channel.

The ON KICK event occurs when a user is kicked from a channel.

The ON OP/DEOP events occur when a user is opped or deopped.

And a few Other Events which react to various situations.

## ON TEXT

### Keys:

? = Any private message  
# = Any channel  
#mirc = Channel #mirc  
\* = Both private and channel messages

The match text can contain the \* wildcard, for example:

\* = any text  
text = if user said only this word  
text\* = if user started line with this word  
\*text = if user ended line with this word  
\*text\* = if user said this word anywhere

### To listen for messages on channels...

```
1:ON TEXT:hello*:#:/msg $nick Hello back!
```

This command listens for the message "hello" from any user on any channel and replies with the message "Hello Back!".

```
1:ON TEXT:hello*:#mIRC:/msg $chan Welcome to #mIRC!
```

This command listens for the message "hello" from any user on channel #MIRC and replies with the message "Welcome to #mIRC!".

```
5:ON TEXT:goodbye:#mIRC:/msg $chan Goodbye $nick!
```

This command listens for the message "goodbye" from any user with access level 5 on channel #MIRC and replies with the message "Goodbye NickName!"

### To listen for private messages...

```
1:ON TEXT:help:?:/msg $nick Please use /ctcp $me help for more information...
```

This command listens for a private message with the word "help" in it from any user and replies with the message " Please use /ctcp mynickname help for more information..."

```
1:ON TEXT:*:?:/msg $nick I'm not here! Go away!
```

This command listens for any private message from any user and replies with the message "I'm not here! Go away!"

### To listen for any messages...

```
1:ON TEXT:*:*/msg $nick Not Listening...
```

This command listens for any message both private or public from any user and replies with the message "Not Listening..."

The **ON NOTICE** and **ON ACTION** events work exactly the same way as the ON TEXT event.

There is also an **ON SNOTICE** event which listens for server notices and can prevent them from being displayed. The format is slightly different:

1:ON SNOTICE:Client connecting:!

1:ON SNOTICE:Client exiting:!

This would prevent "client connecting" and "client exiting" server notices from being displayed.

**NOTE:** You cannot test out these events by typing text to yourself! They are initiated by someone else saying something in a channel or in a private message.

## ON JOIN/PART

You can have mIRC perform certain actions whenever a user joins a channel...

2:ON JOIN:#:/msg \$chan Welcome \$nick!

When a user with access level 2 joins any channel, you say "Welcome nickname" on the channel.

10:ON JOIN:#mIRC:/kick \$chan \$nick | /msg \$nick And OUT of \$chan \$nick goes! :)

When a user with access level 10 joins channel #mIRC, you immediately kick them out and send the above message to them.

14:ON PART:#:/msg \$chan Yahoo! \$nick is gone! ;)

When a user with access level 14 parts any channel you tell everyone how happy you are :)

## ON KICK

```
2:ON KICK:#/kick $chan $nick | /invite $knick $chan | /msg $nick That person is my friend!
```

When a certain user is kicked out of any channel you kick the person who kicked them, send them a message, and invite the person who was kicked back to the channel.

```
2:ON KICK:#mIRC:/notice $me Hey! Wake up! $nick was just kicked with the message " $parms "
```

When a certain user is kicked from a channel you send yourself a notice telling you what just happened.

You can **compare the levels** of the kicker and the kicked by prefixing the line with <,>,<=,>,<=, or =, in the following way:

```
>=2:ON KICK:#mIRC:/msg $chan $nick kicked $knick (legal)
```

```
1:ON KICK:#mIRC:/msg $chan $nick kicked $knick (illegal)
```

In this situation, if the kickers level is larger than or equal to the kicked users level, then it is a legal kick. Otherwise, it defaults to the second ON KICK line which indicates that it is an illegal kick. Remember, this is comparing the **kickers and kicked users levels** and has nothing to do with with the level "2" in the definition.

Note that **this event works on a nickname and not an address**. This is because the IRC server only sends the address of the user doing the kicking and not of the user being kicked.

## ON OP/DEOP

These two events are concerned with operator status. The event is performed for each user that is opped/deopped:

```
100:ON OP:#!/mode $chan -o $nick | /msg $nick Don't Op that person!
```

When a user with access level 100 is opped, you immediately deop them and send a message to the person that opped them.

```
9:ON DEOP:#mirc:/mode $chan +o $opnick | /msg $nick Hey! That person is my friend!
```

When a user with access level 9 is deopped, you immediately op them and send a message to the person that deopped them.

```
1:ON SERVEROP:#!/mode $chan -o $opnick | /notice $me $opnick was opped by $nick!
```

When a user is opped by a server I deop the user and send myself a notice. The \$nick refers to the server that did the opping.

You can **compare the levels** of the opper and the opped by prefixing the line with <,>,<=,>,<>, or =, in the following way:

```
>=2:ON DEOP:#mIRC:/msg $chan $nick deopped $opnick (legal)
```

```
1:ON DEOP:#mIRC:/msg $chan $nick deopped $opnick (illegal)
```

In this situation, if the deoppers level is larger than or equal to the deopped users level, then it is a legal deop. Otherwise, it defaults to the second ON DEOP line which indicates that it is an illegal deop. Remember, this is comparing the **oppers and opped users levels** and has nothing to do with the level "2" in the definition.

Note that **these events work on nicknames and not addresses**. This is because the IRC server only sends the address of the user doing the opping/deopping and not of the users affected ie. it only sends the **nicknames** of the users being opped/deopped.

## Other Events

3:ON NOTIFY:/msg \$me Hey, wake up! \$nick just joined IRC!

When a user joins IRC and you have their nick in your notify list (and the notify is turned on) then this will react to the notification.

2:ON INVITE:#mIRC:/join \$chan | /describe \$chan appears in a puff of smoke!

When a user invites you to channel #mIRC, you automatically join the channel and send the above action to it.

2:ON NICK:/describe \$newnick thinks \$nick was a nicer nickname!

When a user changes their nickname, you tell them you thought their last nickname was nicer.

2:ON QUIT:/notice \$me Hey! Wake up! \$nick just quit with the message " \$parms "

When a user quits IRC you alert yourself with a notice.

2:ON TOPIC:#/describe \$chan admires \$nick's new topic!

When a user changes the channel topic...

1!:ON MODE:#mirc:-spmi+tnlk 20 mykey:/notice \$nick illegal \$chan mode change!

When someone changes the #mirc channel mode, mIRC enforces the "-spmi+tnlk 20 mykey" channel mode instead, and sends the user a notice. This reacts to any channel mode change, so there is no way to react to specific mode changes. The ON SERVERMODE works the same way but reacts to server mode changes.

## DCC Fast Send

DCC Fast Send is a simple and experimental extension to a normal dcc send. The aim was to see if it was possible to write a dcc send algorithm that would a) increase transfer speed, and b) remain compatible with the standard dcc get routine.

Basically, dcc fast send attempts to maintain a steady flow of packets by sending slightly ahead of acknowledgements. It does not require the receiving client to implement a special DCC Get algorithm. ie. it will/should work with any client.

By varying the packetsize (using `/dcc packetsize <size>`) and turning on the fast dcc send option, it is possible to achieve a fair increase in transfer speed. The packetsize is crucial to finding a good balance for maintaining a steady packet flow. 4096 bytes is **not** necessarily the best choice. It is probably better to use something like 2048 bytes.

However, how well it works really depends on both the senders and receivers internet setup and connection speed.

You can turn DCC Fast Send on and off using: `/fsend [on|off]`

**Note:**

- 1.This option has been included just to see if it really does work for most people. It's possible that it might not increase transfer speed for you and in fact, it might even make things slower.
- 2.If you have problems DCC Fast sending files, then just use the normal DCC send.



## mIRC-specific Commands

The following commands are either mIRC-specific or slightly modified standard commands...

**/amsg <message>** and **/ame** send the specified message or action to all channels which you are currently on.

**/auser** and related commands are listed in the [remote](#) section.

**/ban [#channel] <nickname> [type]** bans someone from the current channel using their address. To do this, it first does a /whois on the user, which gives it the user's address, and then it does a /mode # +b <user address>.

There are four levels of ban, the type ranges from 1 to 4, least to most severe respectively. If you do not specify a ban type, then mIRC uses the whole nick!\*user@host.domain to do the ban. If you are banning an IP address then a wild card replaces the last number of the IP address. If you are on the channel then the #channel specification is not necessary.

Type 1: \*!\*user@host.domain  
Type 2: \*!\*@host.domain  
Type 3: \*!\*user@\*.domain  
Type 4: \*!\*@\*.domain

Default: nick!\*user@host.domain

**NOTE:** This command uses the [Internal Address List](#) maintained by mIRC.

**/beep <number> <delay>** beeps a number of times with a delay.

**/channel** pops up the channel central window (only works in a channel)

**/clear** clears the entire scrollbar buffer of the current window.

**/closemsg [messagewindow]** closes the specified message window, useful in remote commands.

**/creq [ask | auto | ignore]** is the command line equivalent of setting the DCC Chat request radio buttons in the dcc options dialog (see /sreq below).

**/dcc send** can take multiple file names, the format is:

/dcc send <nickname> <file1> <file2> <file3> ... <fileN>

This will initiate multiple dcc send sessions to the specified user.

**/dde [-r] <service> <topic> <item> [data]** allows you to send information to other applications. Please see [DDE Control](#) for a full explanation.

**/disconnect** forces a hard and immediate disconnect from a server. This is different from the /quit command which sends a quit message to the server and waits for the server to disconnect you.

**/dns <nick|address>** is used to resolve addresses. If mIRC sees a "." in the name you specify it assumes it's an address and tries to resolve it. Otherwise it assumes it's a nickname and does a /whois to find the user's address and then resolves it. If you give it an IP address, it looks up the host name.

**/echo [colornumber] <-s|#channel|nick> <text>** this prints text in the specified window using the specified colour (1 to 6).

/echo 3 #mIRC Testing

would print "Testing" in the colour green in channel window #mIRC, assuming it's already open. To print in the status window use the **-s** switch. Note that this is only printed, it isn't sent to the server. It's probable use is as a debugging aid for the remote.

**/exit** forces mIRC to closedown and exit.

**/finger <nick/address>** does a finger on a user. If you specify an address then the address is immediately fingered. If you specify a nickname then the users address is looked up using a /whois and then it is fingered.

**/flood <numberoflines> <seconds> <pausetime>** is a crude flood control method. The format is:

This translates to: if mIRC has sent a certain number of lines to the server within a specified number of seconds then prevent mIRC from sending replies that are initiated remotely ie. by another user (such as a version reply). mIRC will not respond to user queries for the specified number of seconds.

/flood 10 5 3

If mIRC has sent 10 lines in the last five seconds, prevent any further sending to the server for 3 seconds.

You will still be able to carry on IRCing normally, but any replies requested by other users will not be acknowledged.

**/font** pops up the font dialog for the active window.

**/fsend [on | off]** allows you to turn dcc fast send on or off.

**/fserve** initiates a fileserver session to another user. See the File Server section.

**/help** brings up the Basic IRC Commands section in the mIRC help file. You can also do /help <keyword> and if the keyword matches a help topic you will be taken to it.

**/ignore** allows you to ignore messages from the specified nick.

**/links** retrieves the servers to which your current server is linked and lists them in a Links List window for easy viewing and access.

**/load <-apuce> <file.ini>** is the command line equivalent of the **Load** button in the alias, popups, and remote dialogs and is used to load one of the following sections where a = aliases, p = popups, u = users, c = commands, and e = events. For example, if you wanted to load aliases from a file you would do:

/load -a aliases2.ini

NOTE: You can only refer to one section at a time, so you can't do /load -uce some.ini.

**/log [on | off]** allows you switch logging on and off for a window.

**/nick <nickname> [alternate]** allows you to change your current nicknames.

**/notify** allows you to add nicknames to your notify list.

**/omsg** [#channel] <message> and **/onotice** send the specified message to all channel ops on a channel. You must be a channel operator to use these commands. If the #channel isn't specified, then the current channel is used.

**/partall** parts all of the channels you are currently on.

**/play [-cp q# m# rl# t#] [channel/nick] <filename> [delay]** is a powerful command that allows you to send text files, or parts of them, to a user or a channel.

The **[delay]** is in milliseconds. If you play files too quickly to a server you will probably be disconnected for flooding. The default setting is 1000 ie. 1 second. Empty lines between text are treated as a delay.

```
/play c:\text\mypoem.txt 1500
```

The **-c** switch forces mIRC to interpret lines as actual commands instead of plain text.

The **/play** command **queues** requests by users; it does this because if it tried to play all requests at the same time you would probably be disconnected from a server for flooding.

The **-p** switch indicates that this is a priority play request and should be placed at the head of the queue for immediate playing. The current play request will be paused and will resume once this play request is finished.

The **-q#** switch specifies the maximum number of requests that can be queued. If the queue length is already larger than or equal to the specified number then the play request is ignored.

```
/play -q5 c:\text\info.txt 1000
```

The **-m#** switch limits the number of requests that can be queued by a specific user/channel. If the user/channel already has or exceeds the specified number of requests queued then the play request is ignored.

```
/play -m1 info.txt 1000
```

The above line limits each user to a maximum of one request at a time and ignores all of their other requests.

**NOTE:** The **-q#** and **-m#** switches only apply to a **/play** initiated via a remote definition, not by you.

To combine the above switches you would do:

```
/play -cpq5m1 info.txt 1000
```

The **-r** switch forces a single line to be chosen randomly from a file and played.

```
/play -r action.txt 1500
```

The **-l#** switch forces the specified line-number to be read from a file and played.

```
/play -l25 witty.txt 1500
```

For both **-r** and **-l#** the first line in the file **must** be a single number specifying the number of lines in the file.

The **-t** switch forces mIRC to look up the specified topic in the file and play all lines under that topic. For

example:

```
/play -thelp1 c:\help.txt
```

In the help.txt file you would have:

```
[help1]
line1
line2
line3
```

```
[help2]
```

```
...
```

mIRC will play everything after [help1] and stop when it reaches the next topic header or the end of the file.

You can also use the **\$pnick** identifier in commands which identifies the nick/channel to which you are playing.

**/pop <delay> [#channel] <nickname>** performs a delayed Op on a nickname. The purpose of this command is to prevent a channel window filling up with Op mode changes whenever several users have the same nickname in their auto-op section.

mIRC will pause around <delay> seconds before performing the Op. If <delay> is zero, it does an immediate Op. Before performing the Op it checks if the user is already Opped. If you do not specify the #channel, the current channel is assumed.

**/raw [-q]** sends any parameters you supply directly to the server. You **must** know the correct RAW format of the command you are sending. Useful for sending commands which mIRC hasn't implemented yet. The -q switch makes the raw work quietly without printing what it's sending.

```
/raw PRIVMSG nickname :Hellooo there!
```

**/run <file.exe> [parameters]** allows you to run the specified program with parameters.

```
/ftp /run c:\comms\ftp\ftp.exe sunsite.unc.edu
```

This runs the ftp program with the parameter sunsite.unc.edu.

```
/edit /run notepad.exe $?
```

This asks you for a parameter and runs notepad using the parameter as the filename.

**/remove <filename>** deletes the specified file.

**/save <-apuce> <file.ini>** is the command line equivalent of the **SaveTo** button in the alias, popups, and remote dialogs and is used to save the specified section, where a = aliases, p = popups, u = users, c = commands, and e = events. For example, if you wanted to save aliases to a file you would do:

```
/save -a aliases.ini
```

NOTE: You can only refer to one section at a time, so you can't do /save -uce some.ini.

**/say <message>** lets you define an alias that writes directly to a channel as if you were saying something. So "/say Hello there" would be the same as just typing "Hello there". This is useful in an alias

when you want to ask the same question (or send the same information) again and again.

/info /say Please note that the games server is currently down and will be offline for a few hours...

NOTE: You **cannot** use this command in the remote section. Use /msg #channel <message> instead.

**/server <server/groupname> [port] [password]** connects you to a server.

/server irc.server.co.uk 6667 mypassword

If you type /server with no parameters, mIRC will connect to the last server you used. If you use the server command while still connected, you will be disconnected with your normal quit message and will then connect to the specified server.

You can also use /server N which connects to the Nth server in the server list in the setup dialog.

You can also use /server groupname which will cycle through all the servers in the server list which have that group name until it connects to one of them.

**/set** and **/unset** allow you to define and undefine your own Variables.

**/speak <text>** sends the specified text to monolog which is a program that speaks whatever text is sent to it.

**/sound** sends a sound request to another user. See the Sound Options dialog for more information.

**/sreq [ask | auto | ignore]** is the command line equivalent of setting the DCC Send request radio buttons in the dcc options dialog (see /creq above).

**/timer** activates the specified timer to perform the specified command at a specified interval, and optionally at a specified time. The format is:

**/timer[N] [time] <repetitions> <interval in seconds> <commands>**

/timer1 0 20 /ame is AWAY!

Timer1 will repeat an all channel action every 20 seconds until you stop the timer.

/timer5 10 60 /msg #games For more info on the latest games do /msg GaMeBoT info

Timer5 will repeat this message to channel #games every sixty seconds and stop after 10 times.

/timer9 14:30 1 1 /say It's now 2:30pm

This will wait until 2:30pm and will then announce the time once and stop.

To see a list of active timers type /timers. To see the setting for timer1 type /timer1. To deactivate timer1 type /timer1 off. To deactivate all timers type /timers off. If you are activating a new timer you do not need to specify the timer number, just use:

/timer 10 20 /ame I'm not here!

And mIRC will allocate the first free timer it finds to this command.

You can force identifiers to be reevaluated when used in a /timer command by using the format \$!me or \$!time.

**/timestamp [on|off]** turns time-stamping of events on/off. This attempts to timestamp **most** events that occur.

**/url [-d] [on | off | hide]** pops up the URL list window. If you specify the [-d] then all "?" marked items will be deleted before showing the window.

You can also use **[on | off]** to turn URL catching on or off and **[hide]** to hide the URL window if it is currently showing.

See [URL Catcher](#) options for other settings.

**/uwho [nickname]** pops up a user window showing information about the specified user. It is the same information you would get if you did a "/whois nickname". You can also build up a list of nicknames and their associated real name and machine address. The format is: /uwho nickname

**/wavplay <sound.wav>** plays the specified wave file. If a sound is currently playing this command is ignored. If you do not specify a directory, the waves directory from the [Sound Requests](#) options dialog is used.

**/write [-cid l# s#] <filename> [text]** allows you to write lines to a file.

/write store.txt This line will be appended to the file "store.txt"

The **-c** switch clears the file completely before writing to it, so it allows you to start with a clean slate.

/write -c c:\info.txt This file will be erased and have this line written to it

The **-l#** switch specifies the line number where the text is to be written. If you do not specify a line number then the line is added to the end of the file.

/write -l5 c:\info.txt This line will overwrite the 5th line in the file

The **-i** switch indicates that the text should be inserted at the specified line instead of overwriting it. If you do not specify any text then a blank line is inserted. If you do not specify a line number then a blank line is added to the end of the file.

/write -il5 c:\info.txt This line will be inserted at the 5th line in the file

The **-d** switch deletes a line in the file. If you don't specify a line number then the last line in the file is deleted.

/write -dl5 c:\info.txt

The above command will delete the 5th line in the file.

The **-s#** switch scans a file for the line beginning with the specified text and performs the operation on that line.

/write -dstest c:\info.txt

This will scan file info.txt for a line beginning with the word "test" and if found, deletes it.

If you do not specify any switches then the text is just added to the end of the file.

## Other features...

These sections **must** be read as they describe various aspects of mIRC that aren't standard.

[mIRC-specific Commands](#)

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## The File Server

The mIRC fileserver allows other users to access files on your hard disk and is therefore **dangerous** since if used improperly it will allow them to access private/confidential information.

A fileserver is initiated by using the **/fserve** command which initiates a DCC Chat to the specified user. You must specify a homedirectory. The user will be limited to accessing only files and directories within this homedirectory. The format is:

**/fserve <nickname> <maxgets> <homedirectory> <welcome text file>**

The maxgets is the maximum number of **simultaneous** dcc gets that the user can have during a fileserver session. The welcome text file is text that is sent to the user when they first connect. For example:

```
/fserve goat 5 c:\users\level1 level1.txt
```

This will initiate a fileserver session to user goat with his homedirectory as c:\users\level1 and will send goat the text in the level1.txt file (presumably informing him that he is a level1 user and what files he can access etc.). The user can only have 5 simultaneous gets.

In each directory, you can place a **dirinfo.srv** file which describes that directory. Everytime the user does a CD to change into a directory, mIRC will look for this file and if it finds it, the text in it will be sent to the user.

The commands available to a user once connected are:

**cd** - change directory.

**dir [-b|k] [-#] [/w]** - lists the name and size of each file in the current directory. The /w switch forces a wide listing. The [-b|k] selects bytes or k's. The [-#] specifies the number of files on each line in a horizontal listing.

**ls [-b|k] [-#]** - lists the name of each file in the current directory using a wide listing.

**get <filename>** - asks the fileserver to DCC Send the specified file.

**read [-numlines] <filename.txt>** - reads the specified text file. The user will be sent a default of 20 lines and then prompted whether to continue listing. The -numlines option changes the default number of lines to a value between 5 and 50.

**help** - lists the available commands.

**exit** or **bye** - terminates the connection.

The above commands have been greatly limited in the hope that this will prevent a security breach. If the security aspects of the fileserver trouble you, it is recommended that you use your fileserver with a SUBST'd drive. Since the CD command isn't capable of drive changes, this should limit the user to only that portion of your hard disk.

### NOTE:

1. It will improve performance a lot if you make sure that your directories are not too large. If a directory has a large number of files try to split them up into subdirectories.
2. If a user is idle too long the fileserver will automatically close the connection. You can set the idle time



out in the DCC Options dialog.

3. A user is limited to opening a **single** fileserver session at any one time. If mIRC initiates a fileserver session to a user and that user doesn't respond then the fileserver session will have to time-out and close before that user can ask for another session.

## System menu

If you click the **system menu** button in the top left hand corner of a window (ie. the button you usually double-click to close a window), it will popup the usual system menu but with a few added functions (these vary depending on the type of window):

**Window:** You can tell mIRC to **remember or forget the position and size** of the status and channel windows. If they are remembered, the next time a window opens up, it will do so in the saved position. If you choose the **reset** menu item, the window will be moved back to it's previously saved position. Note that if a windows saved position lies outside the size of the main window then it will open in a default position and size. To force a window to open up in default positions assigned by windows, select **forget**.

**Buffer:** You can **clear** the text in the current window buffer or you can **save** the text to a file. The filename is automatically taken from the name of the window.

**Font:** This allows you to change the current or default font for a window. The font settings for each window will be remembered across sessions. The only fonts shown in the font dialog are those which mIRC can properly display.

**Logging:** If you select this, the text to the window will be logged to a file. This setting stays on across sessions until you switch it off. This function is only available for the status, channel, and query windows. The filename is automatically taken from the name of the window.

**Beeping:** This appears only in Channel, DCC Chat, and Query windows. If selected then mIRC will beep any time a message is sent to the window if it isn't active. This setting is remembered across sessions for each window.

## Text Copy and Paste

**To copy text** from a window, you mark the text as usual with the mouse by pressing the left mouse-button and dragging it. The moment you release the left mouse-button, the text will be copied into the clipboard.

**To paste text** you can then do the usual Shift-Insert key combination to paste the text any where you want.

**The limitation:** You can only copy the currently displayed text. To copy text from another page, you must scroll up/down to it and then copy it. If you want to store most of the text you see on a channel, you might want to use the logfile/buffer options in the [System Menu](#).

**The explanation:** the use of colour in mlrc means that a simple text box cannot be used since text boxes can display only plain text (and they also have other limitations). However, text boxes also have built in cut/copy/paste routines which unfortunately are unavailable to a graphic window. This means that I had to code the mark/copy routine myself. I'm not sure which ran out first, my patience or my programming ability :-)

## **Channels Folder**

This folder allows you to store some of your favourite channels for quick access. The channels are listed in alphabetical order and you can store as many as you want.

To join a channel, you can type in its name and press enter (or click the Join button).

## List Channels

### List!

This allows you to retrieve a list of currently active channels from the IRC server. This list can be quite long and depending on your connection it might take several minutes to download. The IRC Server actually sends the **whole** list, regardless of the filters you specify. You will not be able to do anything on IRC until this retrieval has been completed.

NOTE: This button only appears if you used the Channels List toolbar button to display this dialog.

### Relist!

This allows you to respecify the list parameters without having to retrieve the whole list again from the IRC server.

NOTE: This button only appears if you used the popup menu in the Channels List window to display this dialog.

### Match text

You can enter several words (separated by spaces) which mIRC will look for in channel names. Only those channels which match any of the words you specify will be listed. If you leave this **empty** then all channels will be listed.

### Match topic

If this is turned on then mIRC will apply the Match Text procedure to channel topics as well. So only channel topics that match any of the words in the Match text editbox will be listed.

### Extract URLs

This automatically extracts URLs from channel topics of listed channels and adds them to the URL List window.

### Do not sort

This prevents the channels list from being sorted.

### Number of people

This allows you to limit the channels list to those channels which contain a number of people ranging between the specified minimum and maximum.

### Lock/Unlock

This allows you lock the Hide parameters with a password thus preventing anyone from changing the Hide settings. The same password must be used to unlock this.

### Hide channels which match...

You can enter several words (separated by spaces) which mIRC will look for in both channel names and topics. Any channels which match any of these words will be excluded from the channels list.

### Hide non-alphanumeric channels

This will filter out any channels that begin with characters that aren't numbers or letters.

NOTE: Remember that you can right-click in the Channels List window to pop up the channels list menu.

## URL Catcher

mIRC's URL feature currently works with the three major WWW Browsers.

### **Enable URL Catcher**

If this option is turned on mIRC will catch references to URLs and store them in the URL listbox. Turning on this option slows down mIRC a bit since it has to scan each incoming line before printing it, so if you don't need this option it will speed things up if you turn it off.

mIRC looks for URLs beginning with "http://", "ftp://", "gopher://", "www.", and "ftp.". mIRC also checks to make sure addresses are not added to a list if they already exist. Addresses longer than 256 characters are ignored.

### **On View...**

When you select View from the popup menu to view a URL, mIRC can ask your browser to open a new separate URL window and it will also activate it if required.

### **On Send...**

When sending URLs to a channel, query, etc. mIRC can send only the URL or both the URL and it's description.

### **Place ? marked URLs at top of list**

If this is checked then mIRC will place ? marked URLs at the top of the URL list, otherwise they will be placed at the bottom of the list.

### **Delete All ? marked URLs on exit**

To prevent your URL list getting too long you can choose to have all ? marked items deleted when you exit mIRC. Any items whose marker has been changed to something other than ? will remain in your list for future reference.

### **Location and name of WWW browser**

This specifies your WWW browser so that mIRC can run it (if it isn't already running) when you select view from the popup menu.

NOTE: You can click your right mouse-button in the URL window for a popup menu which provides all the URL functions.

## Sound Requests

### Accept sound requests

If this option is turned on, mIRC will listen for SOUND requests from other users. You can send a sound request to another user using the command:

```
/sound [nick/channel] <file.wav> <message>
```

If a [nick/channel] is not specified, the message is sent to the current query or channel. The sound file must end in ".wav", and the accompanying message is not mandatory. The message appears exactly like an action command. The user receiving the sound request must 1) already have the specified .wav file and 2) be listening for sound requests.

A sound request is basically a CTCP command, so you could also just do /ctcp [nick] SOUND file.wav message.

### On Sound Request...

If a sound is already playing and a new sound request is received, you can either have mIRC halt the currently playing sound and play the new sound, or you can choose to have mIRC ignore the new sound.

mIRC can also warn you if a user has requested a sound that you don't have so that you can then ask the user for that sound.

### Location of wave files

Whenever a sound is requested, mIRC will look in this directory for it.

## The Internal Address List

mIRC maintains an **internal address list** of all users who are currently on the same **channels** as you.

This address list is used by the /guser, /ruser, /ban, /ignore, /finger, and /dns commands to quickly find a user's address without resorting to a /whois.

A user's address is **added** to the list either when they join the channel, send a message to a channel, or make a mode change.

A user's address is **removed** from the list when they are no longer on any of the channels which you are currently on.

The reason why only addresses for users on the same **channels** as you are stored is because this guarantees the integrity of the list. ie. that a specific nickname is associated with a specific address.

### Note

Maintaining the integrity of the internal address list requires quite a bit of processing. For people with faster computers this won't make a difference but for others this might slow down IRCing quite a bit, especially if you are on several channels with many messages, modes, joins, parts, etc. mIRC has to keep checking it's internal list to make sure it is updated correctly.

You can turn the Internal Address List off in the remote dialog if you find that it is slowing down your IRC session too much.



## New Format for Remote Commands and Events definitions

The **new format** has been introduced in order to simplify writing definitions for the remote.

The new format is essentially identical to the old format except that **now there is no separation between the aliases section and the parameters section** in a definition, thereby simplifying definitions greatly.

For example, in the old format:

```
1:PING:/notice *1:$nick -POING!-
```

the new simplified format:

```
1:PING:/notice $nick -POING!-
```

**mIRC will automatically convert your old definitions to the new format.**

NOTE: mIRC now also stores the commands and events sections in the mirc.ini file with a different prefix. If the command or event sections in the mirc.ini file use the new prefix then mIRC will assume that they have already been converted and will not try to convert them again.

## Special Key Combinations

**F1** - shows the help file and is context sensitive, so you can press it in a dialog and it will bring up the help file section describing that dialog. Remember that if this key is redefined as an alias it will no longer work as the help key.

**Control-Tab** - switches quickly between windows.

**Tab** - inserts a "/msg nickname" into the editbox of the window you are currently on, where "nickname" is the nick of the last person that messaged you.

**Cursor Up/Down** - browses the command line history buffer for a single-line editbox. For a multi-line editbox you must use **Control-Cursor Up/Down** since Cursor Up/Down are used for editing.

**Page Up/Down** - browses the scrollback buffer of the active window. You can use **Control-Page Up/Down** to browse the buffer a line at a time.

**ESCAPE key** - this quickly minimizes the active window, it must be turned on in the Extras dialog.

## Command Line Parameters

At this time there are only a few parameters you can specify on the command line:

**-s<server:port>** forces mIRC to connect to the specified server and port on startup.

**-j<#chan1,...,#chanN>** forces mIRC to join the specified channels on connect.

**-n<nick1,nick2>** sets your nickname and alternate nickname to these nicks.

**-i<filename.ini>** forces mIRC to use the specified INI file.

## The Official mIRC Homepage, FAQ, and other information

For the latest version of mIRC, the FAQ, information on bugs, solutions to problems, general IRC help, etc. please see the **Official** mIRC Homepage located at:

<http://www.mirc.co.uk>

This web site is owned by **Khaled Mardam-Bey**, the author of mIRC, and is maintained by **Tjerk Vonck**, the author of the mIRC homepage and FAQ.

The above page has links to Official mIRC homepage mirror sites:

- <http://www.sbcomp.com/mirc/index.html>
- <http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/1822/index.html>
- <http://www-2.nijenrode.nl/software/mirc/index.html>

### Other Information

Below you'll find a selection of additional mIRC and IRC related information available on the Web. All of these pages are maintained by IRC enthusiasts. Keep in mind that due to the nature of the World Wide Web some of these addresses might become outdated at some time.

#### mIRC pages:

One Stop mIRC Shop	<a href="http://www.intermotion.com/ctfire/">http://www.intermotion.com/ctfire/</a>
mIRC Tricks/Suggestions	<a href="http://www.phoenix.net/~lsimon/mirc.html">http://www.phoenix.net/~lsimon/mirc.html</a>

#### IRC Intros:

IRC Intro	<a href="http://netspace.net.au/~pirovich/irc.htm">http://netspace.net.au/~pirovich/irc.htm</a>
New*IRC*Users page	<a href="http://www.neosoft.com/~biscuits/niu.html">http://www.neosoft.com/~biscuits/niu.html</a>
Internet Chat	<a href="http://www.azstarnet.com/~emdee/irc.html">http://www.azstarnet.com/~emdee/irc.html</a>

#### IRC FAQs:

IRC FAQ	<a href="http://www.kei.com/irc.html">http://www.kei.com/irc.html</a>
IRC Info	<a href="http://www2.undernet.org:8080/~cs93jtl/IRC.html">http://www2.undernet.org:8080/~cs93jtl/IRC.html</a>
IRC Hints	<a href="http://mistral.enst.fr/~pioch/IRC/hints.html">http://mistral.enst.fr/~pioch/IRC/hints.html</a>

#### IRC Networks:

Undernet	<a href="http://www.undernet.org/">http://www.undernet.org/</a>
Dalnet	<a href="http://www.dal.net/">http://www.dal.net/</a>
IRC for Kids	<a href="http://www.kidlink.org/IRC/">http://www.kidlink.org/IRC/</a>
More Networks	<a href="http://uptown.turnpike.net/L/Larry14/irc.html">http://uptown.turnpike.net/L/Larry14/irc.html</a>

#### IRC Servers:

EFNet IRC Servers	<a href="http://www.sisna.com/users/danib/irclist.html">http://www.sisna.com/users/danib/irclist.html</a>
EFNet IRC Servers	<a href="http://www.corpcomm.net/~haney/ircservers.html">http://www.corpcomm.net/~haney/ircservers.html</a>
Undernet IRC Servers	<a href="http://http2.brunel.ac.uk:8080/~cs93jtl/servers.html">http://http2.brunel.ac.uk:8080/~cs93jtl/servers.html</a>
Undernet IRC Servers	<a href="http://www.worldtel.com/~trevor-j/beginner/servers.html">http://www.worldtel.com/~trevor-j/beginner/servers.html</a>
Dalnet IRC Servers	<a href="http://www.xmission.com/~dragon/dalnet/server.html">http://www.xmission.com/~dragon/dalnet/server.html</a>
Dalnet IRC Servers	<a href="http://www.maths.tcd.ie/~sj/irc/servers.html">http://www.maths.tcd.ie/~sj/irc/servers.html</a>

#### IRC Channels:

IRC Channels	<a href="http://www.funet.fi/~irc/channels.html">http://www.funet.fi/~irc/channels.html</a>
Yahoo's list Channels/	<a href="http://www.yahoo.com/Computers_and_Internet/Internet/Chatting/IRC/">http://www.yahoo.com/Computers_and_Internet/Internet/Chatting/IRC/</a>
Channels by Topic	<a href="http://rzstud1.rz.uni-karlsruhe.de/~ugdf/irc/channels.html">http://rzstud1.rz.uni-karlsruhe.de/~ugdf/irc/channels.html</a>

Popular Channels  
Dalnet Channels

<http://light.lightlink.com/irc/channels.html>  
<http://service.dal.net/services/chan.html>

**Technical IRC docs:**

IRC RFC  
DCC Docs  
CTCP Docs  
Undernet Development  
IRC3

<http://ds.internic.net/rfc/rfc1459.txt>  
[http://www2.undernet.org:8080/~cs93jtl/irc\\_dcc.txt](http://www2.undernet.org:8080/~cs93jtl/irc_dcc.txt)  
[http://www2.undernet.org:8080/~cs93jtl/irc\\_ctcp.txt](http://www2.undernet.org:8080/~cs93jtl/irc_ctcp.txt)  
<http://www.wildstar.net/ircd-dev/>  
<http://www.the-project.org/>

## IRC Switches

### Connect on startup

If this is turned on, mIRC tries to connect to the default IRC server automatically when it is run.

### Reconnect on disconnection

If an IRC server disconnects you without you having typed /quit then checking this command will make mIRC reconnect automatically.

### Actions are purple

If this is checked, any actions in a channel window appear in purple. Otherwise, all actions appear in black like normal channel text. I've left this as an option because there are quite a few colours being used in a channel window already and adding purple might overload the senses a little bit for some people!

### Highlight own messages

If this option is selected, anything you type into a window will be highlighted.

### Prefix own messages

If this is selected, your nickname will prefix any messages you type in a channel/query/chat.

### Iconify query window

If someone sends you a query, the default is for the query window to open, ready for input. You can select this option to force mIRC to iconify the window preventing it from taking the focus from the window you are currently in.

### Dedicated query window

This directs all private messages or notices from other users to one single message window. You will need to use the /msg command to reply. If you want to open a query window to a user, use the /query window.

### Whois on query

Select this to have mIRC do a /whois nickname on any person that sends you a private message. The /whois will be done the first time the query window is opened.

### Beep on channel message

Whenever a message is sent to a channel window that isn't currently the active window, mIRC will beep. Note that all this option does is automatically turn on the "Beep" setting in a channel window's System Menu when it first opens. So changing this setting doesn't affect windows which are already open.

### Beep on query message

Whenever a message is sent to a query window that isn't currently the active window, mIRC will beep. Note that all this option does is automatically turn on the "Beep" setting in a query window's System Menu when it first opens. So changing this setting doesn't affect windows which are already open.

### Beep on message while in buffer

Selecting this option will make mIRC beep if someone speaks on a channel while you are scrolling back through lines in the scrollbar buffer.

### Auto-join on invite

This will make you automatically join a channel when you are invited to it. mIRC will also try to minimize the window, however this might not always work.

### Rejoin channel when kicked

If you are kicked from a channel, mIRC will immediately try to rejoin the same channel. It won't close the channel window unless it finds that you can't rejoin the channel.

#### **Cancel away on keypress**

If you set yourself as away (using /away <message>) then selecting this option cancels the away option automatically if you type a message to a channel or a query/chat window.

#### **Timestamp events**

This will prefix most events with the time of their occurrence.

#### **Show Alternate Join/Part/Quit**

Checking this option makes mIRC display the join, part, and quit messages in a different, more compact format.

#### **Show user addresses**

Whenever a user joins/parts/quits/is kicked/etc. from a channel, you can choose to see their address by selecting this option.

#### **Show quits in channel**

Normally if a user on the same channel as you quits IRC, this message is only printed in the status window. If you want the quit message to be printed in the channel window as well then select this option.

#### **Show joins/parts in channel**

You can turn off this option if you are on channels that are very crowded and your channel window is filling up with joins and parts. The joins and parts will instead be sent to the status window.

#### **Show invites in active window**

If this setting is turned off then invite messages will appear in the status window.

#### **Show modes in channel**

Normally all mode changes are shown in a channel window but you can turn this option off to dump these to the status window.

#### **Show queries in active window**

This shows all queries in the active channel window instead of opening up a query window. However, if you are not in a channel window, a query window will be opened.

## Perform

### Highlight text with these words

On a channel, any lines which contain words matching any words in your list will be highlighted in a dark brown. This eases locating messages directed at you or about you eg. you could place your nickname (or variations of it) in this box. The line you enter must consist of words separated by commas.

### Beep on highlighted word

This works in conjunction with the highlight option. If a matching word appears and this option is checked then mIRC will beep.

### On connect, perform these commands

You can enter a set of commands in this box which will be performed every time you connect to IRC. To understand how commands work, see the [Aliases](#) help section. A quick example:

```
/names #mirc,#irchelp | /join #winsock
```

### Ctcp finger reply

The message a user receives when they /ctcp finger you.

### Quit message

The message displayed when you quit IRC.



## Event Beeps

### On event, beep...

Certain events cause a number of beeps to be made to alert you of their occurrence. It is possible to alter the number of beeps as well as how quickly they are sounded. The seconds value is in milliseconds. To turn off notification all together, specify zero beeps.

### On event...

This allows you to turn on/off sounds for specific events. eg. for the disconnect event, if you are disconnected by the server without having typed /quit or selected the disconnect menu item, then mIRC will beep to indicate that you are no longer connected to IRC.

## Logging

### Automatic Logging

You can have mIRC automatically log the channel and query/dcc chat windows whenever they open up.

### Log files

You can view and delete any log files which are listed in your Logs and Buffers directory.

### Log and Buffers directory

The directory in which all log files and buffer saves are stored.

## Finger Server

If you enable this option mIRC will listen for **finger requests** on port 79.

You must specify a **Finger file**, and this must be set up with **named sections** which will be used to reply to any finger requests. Each section begins in the following way:

```
[name]
line1
.
.
.
lineN
```

The section name corresponds to the **userid** that is being fingered. eg. if someone fingers khaled@mardam.demon.co.uk, then I will have a section named [khaled].

There should be at least one section named **[default]** which will be used to reply to a finger request which does not specify a user, or specifies a user that doesn't exist.

Therefore, for my own system I would have two sections:

```
[default]
etc.
```

```
[khaled]
etc.
```

This can, for example, allow you to setup a menu system, with various sections that can answer user finger queries, the default section being the main menu.

On a related note, check out the [/finger](#) command.

## Local Info

### Local Host

This is used to register with the server and may be the part of your email address after the @ sign, eg. if my email address is khaled@mardam.demon.co.uk, then I would enter mardam.demon.co.uk here.

If you leave this box empty then mIRC will try to get your local hostname by itself. However, if mIRC replies with the message "unable to get local hostname" then you will have to fill in your local hostname manually. mIRC will then use whatever you have entered to get your IP address...

### IP Address

This will normally be filled in by mIRC and is here mainly for your information. mIRC looks up your IP address and stores it in the mirc.ini file for future reference. This way it doesn't have to look it up every time you want to connect.

If mIRC is having trouble getting your IP address then you can enter this value manually and mIRC will assume that it is correct. If this value is wrong you will still be able to log on to IRC but you will not be able to initiate DCC Send/Chat sessions (you will only be able to accept them).

### On connect, always get...

These options are here because of the different types of internet connections people have. Some people have a fixed Local hostname and IP address, other have a dynamic Local Hostname, others a dynamic IP address, and yet others have both. If you don't know what kind of connection you have, leave both of these checked.

Selecting "Always get Local Host" automatically turns on the "Always get IP address" option. De-selecting the "Always get IP address" option automatically turns off the "Always get Local Host" option.

### Basically:

1) If mIRC is having trouble getting your Local Hostname, then turn OFF "Always get local host", and type in your Local Host manually. The Local host you type in will be used to get your IP address. If your IP address is dynamic, keep "Always get IP address" turned ON, otherwise turn it off. If your Local hostname is dynamic, you're in trouble.

2) If mIRC is having trouble getting your IP address, then turn OFF "Always get IP address", and type in your IP Address manually. The IP address you type in will be used to initiate DCC Sends/Chats. If your IP Address is dynamic, you're in trouble.

3) If the above fail, turn OFF both Always get Local host and IP address, and type both these values in manually. If they're the correct values, great. If they're not, you will be able to use IRC just fine, but you won't be able to initiate DCC Sends/Chats.

Confused? So am I! Please don't email me about this... I've said everything I know in the above paragraphs! If you still have trouble, please contact your Internet Provider or System Administrator for help.

### IP Method

If you find that mIRC is not resolving your IP address correctly you might try changing from **Normal** to **Quick** or vice versa, which **might** solve the problem.

## **Servers**

A server listens for and replies to specific types of requests from other users or systems.

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## Long File Names With.Spaces In Them

The DCC protocol doesn't take into account the possibility of a filename containing spaces, so most if not all IRC clients will incorrectly interpret the following DCC Send message:

```
PRIVMSG nick :DCC SEND This is a long file name with.spaces in it ipaddress port filesize
```

Thus mIRC gives you the **Fill Spaces** option; this fills spaces in a filename with the underscore character "\_", which should then allow other clients to interpret the message correctly. So other clients would see:

```
PRIVMSG nick :DCC SEND This_is_a_long_file_name_with.spaces_in_it ipaddress port filesize
```

If the Fill Spaces option isn't selected then mIRC sends "Long File Names with.Spaces in them" enclosed in quotes. For example:

```
PRIVMSG nick :DCC SEND "This is a long file name with.spaces in it" ipaddress port filesize
```

As far as I know, only mIRC can send and receive messages of this form (and only versions 3.8 and onwards), so if you try using this dcc send message with other clients it probably won't work.

## **Exit**

Saves settings and window positions, closes dcc sessions, quits from the server, and exits mIRC.

**Mooo! ;)**



## Firewall

mIRC can access an irc server through a **SOCKS** firewall.

**Hostname** is the machine name of your SOCKS server and can be either a named address or an IP address.

**User ID** can be your account or user name on your system. For most people this will be the User ID portion of their email address (the text before the @ sign).

**Password** is the password required to access the firewall.

**Port** should usually be 1080.

**NOTE:** Only connecting to an IRC server is supported. DCC Send/Chat, etc. are not supported.

## Control

### Auto-Op

If you are on a channel and you have channel Op status, any users that match the given nicknames or addresses will be automatically given Op status when they join the channel.

From the command line you can use: `/auto [-r] <nickname/address> [#channel1,#channel2,...]`

The -r switch indicates that the address is to be removed.

You can turn auto on and off by typing `"/auto on"` and `"/auto off"` respectively.

The format of the auto-op line is:

`nick!userid@host.domain,#channel1,#channel2`

### Random delay auto-op

This option introduces a random 1 to 7 seconds delay in the auto-op routine. This is to prevent channel windows from filling up with mode notifications whenever a nickname is in the auto-op list of several users. If at the end of the random delay the user has already been opped then mIRC does not perform an Op.

### Ignore

Messages from the nicknames or addresses in the ignore list will be ignored. ie. you will not see them.

From the command line you can use: `/ignore [-rpcntiu#] <nickname/address> [type]`

Where p = private, c = channel, n = notice, t = ctcp, i = invite.

The -u# switch specifies a delay in seconds after which the ignore is automatically removed.

The -r switch indicates that the address is to be removed.

If you do not specify a type then only the users nick is ignored. If you specify a type then the users address is looked up using a `/whois` and all messages coming from this address will be ignored.

You can turn ignore on and off by typing `"/ignore on"` and `"/ignore off"` respectively.

The format of the ignore line is:

`nick!userid@host.domain,private,invite,ctcp`

## Notify List

The notify feature allows you to enter a list of nicknames which mIRC will look for when you are connect to an IRC server. mIRC will inform you whenever a nickname has joined or left the irc network. You will also be informed if no users in your list are on IRC when you first connect. mIRC checks the server every 30 or so seconds thereafter and updates its notify list window. You can force mIRC to check the server by using the /notify command by itself.

You can also add a little note to a nickname, as well as select the /whois option.

The format at the command line is: /notify [-r] <nickname> [text]

You can turn notify on and off by typing "/notify on" and "/notify off" respectively.

You can also use the [-sh] switches to show or hide the notify list window.

If you prefix a nickname with a "+" sign then mIRC will do a /whois on the nickname as part of the notify. However, if you do this on too many nicknames then the IRC server might disconnect you, so it's best to use it only if you really need to.

### **Show notifies in active window**

The default is to show notifies in the status window, however checking this option will also show notifications in the current active window.

### **Pop up notify window on connect**

This will pop up the notify list window when you connect to an irc server.

## Dynamic Help Menu

mIRC looks in its current directory for help files ending in .hlp and adds them to the main help menu for easy access. It also makes aliases for these help files, the aliases being the name of the help file excluding the .hlp part. eg. if you put a help file by the name of winsock.hlp in your mIRC directory, mIRC would add the "Winsock.hlp" to your help menu, and would make an alias "/winsock". You can then type "/winsock sometext" and mIRC would do a context-sensitive search in that help file for the text you specified.

mIRC also adds the readme.txt, update.txt, and versions.txt filenames to the help menu.

## Variables

mIRC provides basic variable support for use in aliases, popups, and remote definitions.

```
/set [-q] <%var> [value]
```

```
/unset [-q] <%var> [%var2] ... [%varN]
```

```
/unsetall
```

```
/inc [-q] <%var> [value]
```

```
/dec [-q] <%var> [value]
```

The -q switch indicates that the command should be performed quietly.

All currently defined variables are listed in the variables section of the [Remote Dialog](#) and can be edited there.

## User Central

This dialog pops up when the command:

**/uwho [nickname]**

is used. This is essentially the same information that the **/whois** command gives you about a user. It allows you to build up a list of nicknames and their associated real name and machine address.

