

## Introduction

ICQ plugins are external applications that can be added to your ICQ program to expand and enhance the functions of ICQ. Your ICQ 2000b program comes with several *pre-installed* plugins developed by ICQ Inc. such as –Phone Book, Email, ICQphone, SMS. You don't need to install these plugins – ICQ has done the work for you, and included these features as options within your program.

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

The Plugin for ICQ is a separate plugin. To Download and install the plugin, go to the [Download Center](#).

Once installed, no option to configure the settings for this plugin will be available. You will receive a notification upon incoming event by default. If you wish to remove this plugin from your computer, you will need to uninstall it. Go to the folder where it is installed (Usually C://Program Files/ICQ/Plugins), click on the file and choose **Uninstall**.

See: [Unknown Plugin-Receiving](#)

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## Unknown Plugin-Receiving

### Receiving an Unknown Plugin

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

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

#### To accept a Plugin for ICQ request:

1. Double-click on the flashing **Plugin for ICQ**  icon next to the sender's name on your Contact List and in your desktop tray. Or, select the sender's name on your Contact List to display the pop-up menu of options, and then choose **Receive**. An **Incoming Plugin for ICQ** dialog will appear.
2. Choose from the following options:
  - Click on the **Reply** button to send the sender an event directly from this dialog. Choose an event from the pull-down menu of options.
  - Click on the **Download/Get Info on Plugins developed by ICQ Inc.** to read about or download plugins developed by ICQ Inc. from the [ICQ Download Center](#).

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