

IRC User Options

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Open Console

If the IRC Console window has been closed, select Open Console from the IRC menu and the IRC Console will reopen.

Change Nickname

To change your nickname without logging off, select Change Nickname from the IRC menu. Type the new nickname in the window and click OK.

List Servers

Select List Servers from the IRC menu to display a list of all the connected IRC Servers to the Server you are connected. All Server names are displayed in the IRC Console window.

DCC Chat

Select DCC Chat from the IRC menu to initiate a direct client chat connection. A window is displayed for you to enter the user's nickname to chat with. Click OK and you are then connected directly to that user's IRC client program. No data is sent through the IRC Servers, usually resulting in faster response times. DCC Chat is sometimes preferred over private messages when server lag times are extreme.

If someone wants to DCC Chat with you, a DCC Chat window is displayed identifying the user trying to chat with you. If you do not want to chat with this user you can click the Ignore button and all messages from this user will be ignored.

Text Options from the Menu Bar

The Font, Size and Color menu choices can be selected at any time to change the font, font size, and text color. When the font or size is changed, all text in all open windows immediately changes to reflect the new choice. Changing the text color only affects new text received in the current Channel.

Text Options for Message Text

The Font Style can be set to bold by pressing Option B, underline by pressing Option _, or reverse by pressing Option R prior to the typing of the text. Styles can be mixed within a text line. To end a custom style and return to normal text, type the same option modifier again.

Copy and Paste Chat Text

While viewing any window, the text can be copied by highlighting the desired text and selecting Copy (⌘-C) from the Edit menu. That text can then be pasted to any application that supports text by selecting Paste (⌘-V) from the Edit menu.

Erasing Chat Text

If a channel becomes too cluttered with text or you want to prevent someone from reading a conversation on your screen, select Erase text (⌘-E) from the Edit menu. The text in that window is cleared.

Windows Menu

The Windows menu does more than simply list the open windows. The front-most window is indicated by a check mark (4), and Channels with new messages you have not yet read are preceded by a bullet (|). Text can only be typed in the front-most window.

Saving Text

To save a Channel's discussion, choose Start Capture... (⌘-K) from the File menu. A dialog box opens to allow the front-most channel's discussion to be saved. Navigate within the Save dialog and click the Save button to begin capture. Only new discussion text will be captured.

To stop capturing a discussion, select Stop Capture (⌘-K) from the File menu. If multiple discussions are being captured to multiple logs, the Stop

Capture command applies to the discussion occurring in the front-most window.

Printing Text

To print the text of the front-most window, choose Print... from the File menu.

Speech On/Speech Off

Selecting Speech On from the Preferences menu enables synthesized speech. When selected, the menu item toggles to display Speech Off. ChatNet supports MacinTalk, PlainTalk, and Apple Speech Manager. When speech is on, messages in the front-most window are spoken in addition to being displayed on the screen.

note: In very active channels, speech will be unable to keep up with the conversation.

Speech Preferences

To access the Speech Preferences dialog box, Speech On must be enabled. The scroll bars allow the volume, rate, and pitch of the voice to be changed. Computers using MacinTalk 2, PlainTalk, or Apple Speech Manager can also select what voice to use.

Volume

The volume scroll bar allows the volume of the voice to be changed. Volume increases as the thumb indicator moves to the right.

Rate

The rate scroll bar changes the speech rate of the voice. The speech rate increases as the thumb indicator moves to the right.

Pitch

The pitch scroll bar changes the pitch of the voice. The pitch increases as the thumb indicator moves to the right.

Voice

The voice pop-up menu allows different voices to be selected. When a voice is selected, the rate and pitch are set to the voice's default settings. Computers without MacinTalk 2, PlainTalk, or Apple Speech Manager revert back to MacinTalk 1 and ignore the voice setting.

ote: ChatNet's memory partition may need to be increased to support some voices.

Test

Clicking Test speaks the words "These are the current speech preferences" to sample the current speech preferences.