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## **What is Wchat?**

The Westwood chat (Wchat) program allows you to connect to the Westwood chat server and “chat” with other Westwood game players. You can chat about Westwood games, look for opponents for Westwood modem and Internet games, discuss your favorite strategies, or just listen and watch others carry on typed conversations.

Wchat has multiple channels, each of which identifies a specific chat conversation. A channel may relate to a Westwood Studios game, or similar subject. The available channels are shown in the “Channel List” box.

## Wchat System Requirements

Westwood Chat requires the following in order to run properly on your system:

IBM PC or Compatible 386/25 mhz machine.  
4 or more megabytes of memory.  
Windows 3.1, 3.11, or Windows 95.  
A True SLIP or PPP conection.

Using WCHAT is easy! Follow the steps below to get started:

1. Install the WCHAT software on your system. (You have done this already). You do not need to edit any files or make any adjustments to your system to run the WCHAT software.
2. Connect to your Internet provider, and start a SLIP or PPP Internet session. You -must- have the ability to open a SLIP or PPP connection in order to use WCHAT. Please contact your Internet provider if you are unsure of the connection type you are currently using.
3. Double click on the WCHAT icon. If it's your first time connecting, you'll need to pick a nickname for yourself. If someone else is currently using the same nickname, you will be prompted to choose another.
4. You're all set! Feel free to explore, or read the instructions included in this help file for further information on all of WCHAT's features.

WCHAT and the Westwood Chat service are provided free of charge to Westwood's fans and customers. This does not include any normal operating expenses normally incurred by your Internet provider or long-distance company.

## Quick Start

To connect to the Westwood chat server, select the *Connect* button on the tool bar, or open the Server menu and select the *Connect* item. (You can find *Connect* by moving your mouse over the tool bar buttons and reading the description that appears at the bottom of the screen in the status bar.) When you have connected, several messages will be displayed in the "Chat Messages" box.

After connecting to the Westwood chat server, you will see a list of chat groups (known as channels) in the "Channel List" box. Double-click on the channel of the conversation you'd like to join. You should now see a list of users in the "User List" box. These users are currently located (joined) on this channel.

If you want to type a message to everyone in the channel, click inside the "Typing area" box. Type a message, and hit return. Your message will be sent to everyone in the channel.

If you want to send a message to one or more users in the channel, select the appropriate user names in the "User List" box. Select the "Typing Area" box, and type your message, followed by a return. Your message will be sent to the users you have selected.

To host a game (for example: the MONOPOLY CD-ROM game), you need to send your IP address to the players against whom you wish to compete. This IP address is the Internet address of your computer. Select the appropriate players in the "User List" box, and click the *Host* button. A box will appear showing the IP address you wish to send. If this address is incorrect, correct it. Click the *OK* button. This will send a message with your IP address to each player you selected.

If you receive a message saying "I want to host a game, my IP address is: ", followed by an IP address, Westwood chat automatically copies that IP address into your Paste buffer. Next, start your game (for example: the MONOPOLY CD-ROM game). Select the option to connect to a hosting computer on the Internet, and when prompted for an IP address, press CTRL-V (hold down the control key and 'V' at the same time). This will copy the correct IP address into the game dialog box. Click the *OK* button on the game dialog box to connect.

## Wchat Window Layout

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| Tool Bar          | The tool bar buttons at the top of the screen provide a shortcut to using Wchat's menus. Move the mouse over the tool bar buttons and a description of that button's function appears at the bottom of the screen in the status bar. |
| Westwood Messages | This box contains interesting Westwood messages.   |
| Channel List      | This box contains a list of the current channels available on the Westwood chat server.  |
| Chat Messages     | This box displays the messages from other people currently chatting on this channel.   |
| User List         | This box contains a list of the users connected to your channel.   |
| Typing area       | This box is for typing in messages to be sent to other users on the channel. Remember, by selecting specific users in the "User List" box, your message will be seen only by those users.  |

## **Server**

- Connect**      This menu option connects Wchat to the Westwood chat server. Once connected, text will be displayed in the “Chat Messages” window.
- Disconnect**      This menu option disconnects Wchat from the Westwood chat server.
- Exit**      This menu option exits Wchat.

## **Preferences**

### User Preferences

This menu option allows you to enter your nickname. Everyone you talk with will know you by this name. If you choose a nickname currently in use by someone else, you won't be able to connect to the Westwood chat server. If this happens, you will have to change your nickname and connect again.

### Disable (Enable) Sounds

This menu option turns Wchat sounds off (on).

### Toggle to 8 bit (16 bit) sounds

This menu option selects either 8 bit or 16 bit sounds.

## **Chat**

- Create a channel      This menu option allows you to create your own channel. This is especially useful for establishing a private conversation with several other users. (See also the Kick menu option in this section.)
- Join a channel      This menu option allows you to join a channel. The list of channels available is shown in the "Channel List" box. You can only join one channel at a time. To join another channel, you must first leave the current channel.
- List channels      This menu option updates the list of channels available on the Westwood chat server and places them in the "Channel List" box.
- List uers      This menu option updates the list of users in the current channel and places them in the "Channel List" box.
- Leave a channel      This menu options allows you to exit the current channel.
- Action      This menu option is similar to sending a message to the entire channel. After selecting this option, enter your "action" into the input box and click on the *OK* button. The text in the input box will then be appended to your nickname and sent to everyone on the current channel.
- For example: If your nickname is "Guru", and the text you entered into the action input box is "rules the net", the action message that will be sent to everyone on the current channel is "Guru rules the net."
- Host      This menu option sends your IP address to the users you have selected from the "Users List" box. They can then use that address to connect to the game that you are hosting.
- Squelch      This feature allows you to squelch a user or group of users. Squelching a user filters out messages to you from that user. To squelch one or more users, click on the user name(s) in the User List box, and select this menu option.
- If a user is currently squelched, and you select that user name in the User List box, it will undo the squelch on that user.
- Kick      If you own a channel (see Create a channel), this feature allows you to remove users from your conversation. To kick off one or more users, click on the user name(s) in the User List box, and



select this menu option.

## **Help**

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Using help

Select this option to display basic information on how to use the online help.

About

Select this option to display information about Wchat.



