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‣ What is IRC?

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What is IRC?

‣ Internet Relay Chat

‣ Online chat rooms

‣ Been around since 1988

What you need to use it

‣ IRC client

‣ IRC Network to connect to

‣ Channels to join

‣ Nickname

IRC Clients

‣ Web-based clients

  · webchat.freenode.net

‣ Application clients

  · Pidgin (Adium on Mac) - pidgin.im

  · ChatZilla (Firefox extension)

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Networks

‣ Over 650 networks

‣ Most Open Source projects use the Freenode network

  · irc.freenode.net

Channels

‣ Freenode has over 10,000 public channels

‣ The Drupal community has over 100 channels

· drupal.org/irc

‣ Drupal channel names all start with #

Nicknames

‣ Someone might already have the name you want

‣ Register your nick

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