

How IRC?

Need a special program, called a client

Lots of clients for all major platforms

Windows: Hexchat, AdIRC, mIRC

macOS: Textual

Linux: weechat, irssi, BitchX, Hexchat

Web: TheLounge, Convos, KiwiIRC, IRCCloud

These work, but (most) have the same downfall — connections are not persistent

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Bouncers!