Installing HexChat IRC on Ubuntu Linux 16.04

*Note: This guide assumes that you know what Ubuntu Linux and HexChat IRC are. If you don’t, check out* [*the Ubuntu Overview from Tutorialspoint*](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/ubuntu/ubuntu_overview.htm) *and* [*the Wikipedia article on IRC*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_Relay_Chat)*.*

# Why HexChat?

HexChat is an Internet relay chat (IRC) client. HexChat offers a number of features that other IRC clients may not, including:

* Scripting with Perl, Python and Lua
* Multi-network with auto-connect, join, and identify commands
* Use with Twitch.tv and Tor

# What do I need to install HexChat?

In order to install HexChat, you need the following:

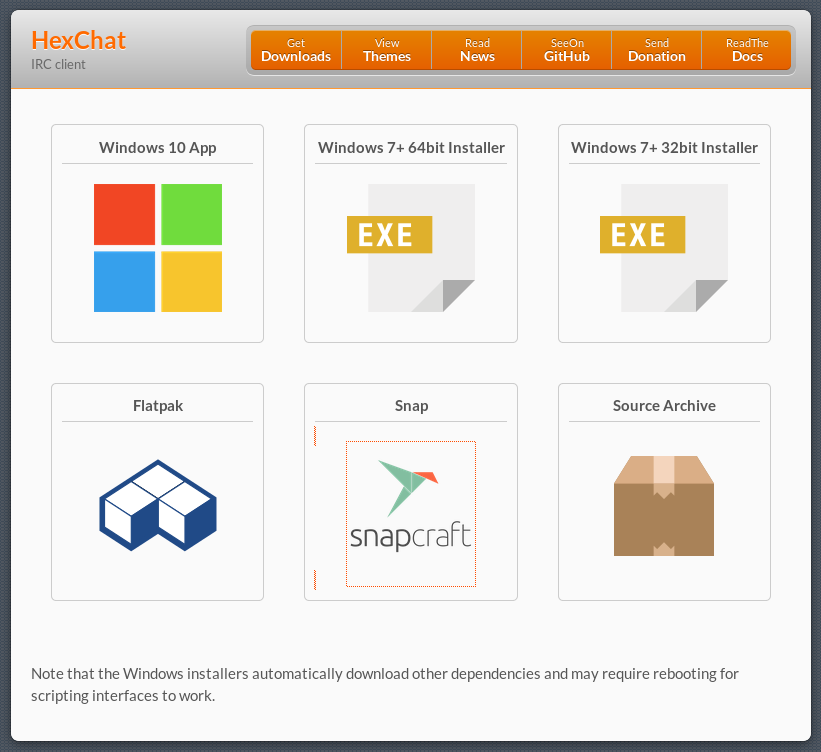
* A laptop or desktop running Ubuntu 16.04 LTS
* An open web browser (Ubuntu comes bundled native with Firefox)

# Installing HexChat

To begin installing HexChat, navigate to <https://hexchat.github.io/downloads.html>. This will allow you to download HexChat for Windows, OS X and Linux.

## Method 1: Installing a Snap via Snapcraft

Since we’re installing for Ubuntu Linux, click the Snapcraft link in the center.



This will open a download window for a Snap file. Snap files are universal packages for Linux – kind of like .exe files for Windows. If the Snapcraft link does not work or errors out, click the Source Archive link to the right of the Snapcraft link and proceed to Method 2.