

My love affair with IRC



Don't tell Justin.

What is IRC?

Internet Relay Chat (IRC)

"...is a protocol for live interactive Internet text messaging (chat) or synchronous conferencing. It is mainly designed for group communication in discussion forums, called channels, but also allows one-to-one communication via private message as well as chat and data transfer, including file sharing."

- *Wikipedia*

Why should I use it?

- Get questions answered
- Networking!(no, not http silly)
- Help others in your community and learn at the same time...

Let's do this.

Download your client:

- ThrashIRC(Windows)
- LimeChat or Colloquoy(OSX)
- Konversation(Linux)

Follow install instructions.

Get in!

Register your nick:

/msg Nickserv REGISTER password email@address

DON'T use a personal password.

Get on the server *irc.freenode.net*

Port 6667

Add some channels!

#pyladiespdx

#pdxpython

#pyladies

Get chattin'

Common commands:

/help

/join

/me

/msg nickname message

/leave

http://metachat.org/wiki/IRC_FAQ

Oh and btw...

- Public vs. Private
- Bots
 - Some helpful, some silly.
- Etiquette and lack thereof
 - it's the Internet.
- Universal Time Hello
 - cool concept I learned my first IRC day