Quark chat - User Manual

The goal of this document is to display the main functionalities of the application Quark chat and how to use it.

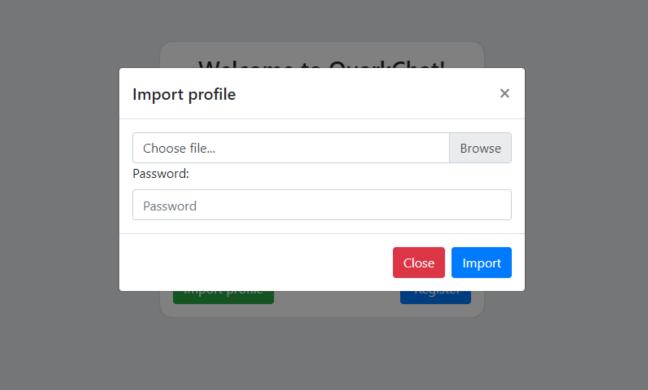
Login screen - Import and Register

Image Displaying the Login Page



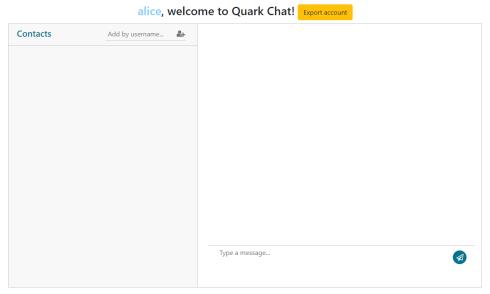
- 1. Register
- You will have to create a new account when you use Quark chat for the first time.
- Think of a username that is alphanumeric and between 3 and 30 characters and click "Register".
- 2. Import
- If you already used Quark chat and you have an account click on "Import".
- In the new prompt you will have to select the profile file(.qc) generated during the last session after using the option "Export".
- After typing the password(created during export) click "Import".

Image Displaying the Import Dialog



Main Page - Adding a User and starting a conversation for the first time

Image Displaying the Main Page



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• Before you can start a chat, you will need to add some Users to the Contacts List. That is achieved by typing the name of the user in the "Add by username..." field and clicking on the button next to it. Notice that you can only add Users that are already registered in Quark Chat.

alice, welcome to Quark Chat! Export account



- To start a conversation, select someone from the contacts list by clicking on him. Notice that on top of the list are the people that wrote to you most recently. Messages that you haven't read are with displayed with a bold font.
- When you open the chat with someone for the first time you can see it marked as "Not trusted" in Red.
- To indicate the chat as "Trusted" first you will have to initiate the conversation. That happens automatically after sending a message to the other User.
- To confirm that their public keys are authentic, the two users can meet in person and compare the image generated when they click the red bar. If the two match, they can click the "Trust" button, the red bar becomes green and reads "Trusted" to signify that they have confirmed their identities. If the two images are not the same, then it is likely that their public keys have been tampered with and are possibly a subject to Man-in-the-Middle attack.

Image Displaying the chat before initialization

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Image Displaying the "randomart" after initialization and before marking the chat as "Trusted"(from Alice's perspective)

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Image Displaying the "randomart" after initialization and before marking the chat as "Trusted"(from Bob's perspective)

bob, welcome to Quark Chat! Export account

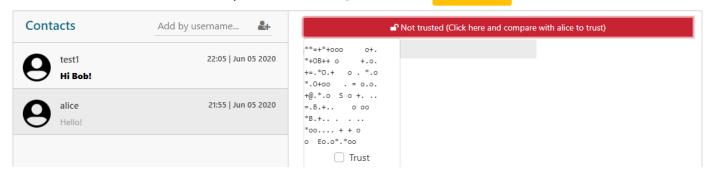
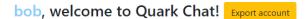
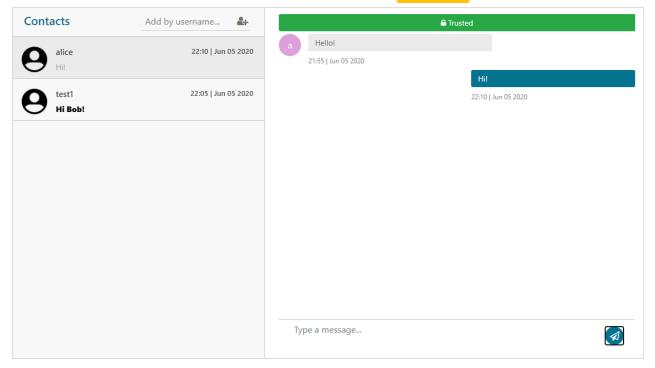


Image Displaying the chat after marking it as "Trusted"



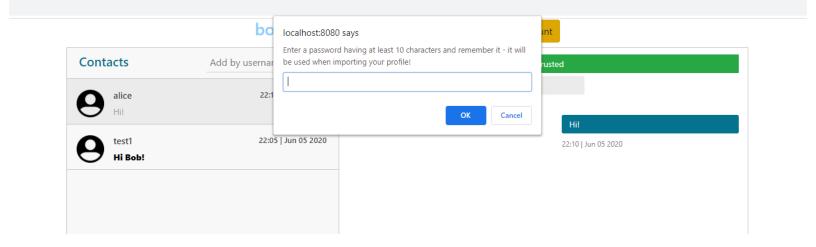


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Main Page - Exiting the application

- To exit Quark chat click on Export account.
- Export of the account is needed due to the fact that account information is stored only locally(in the browser, rather than in a remote database) and that is the only way to log in into the same account again in the future.

Image Displaying the Export prompt



Benchmarking utility

To benchmark the messaging application on your machine, you can visit /benchmark and run the tests