IRC7 – The IRC App for Windows Phone

IRC7 was the first **IRC app for the Windows Phone**. Released in 9/2011, it used the sockets support provided by Windows Phone Mango to allow users of Windows Phone smartphones to connect to their favorite IRC servers.
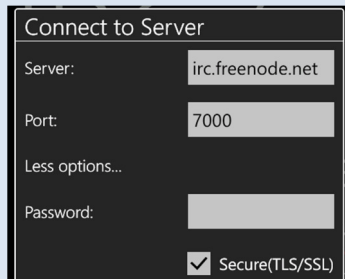
Since the first release, IRC7 has received a total of 8 updates which have further improved the app. These updates have brought features like **custom aliases**, startup scripts, **SSL** and SASL, making it the only IRC app available for the Windows Phone which supports secure connections.

IRC7 is now also available as a completely **free** version. The free version contains all the great features from the full version, except the scripting.

Testimonials

5 STARS	*Very good. I think this is just about as good as an IRC client can be on a phone, and now it event has support for secure connections!* *-jason404z*
5 STARS	*Very short trial almost put me off but works great. Desperately needed well done creators.* *-Player734311397*
5 STARS	*Top IRC App. Ubersichtlich und schnell.* *-PierrTr*
5 STARS	*Fast, responsive and reliable.* *-Jyae 31*
5 STARS	*Great app to connect to my favourite channel (PowerShell) on chat.eu.freenode.net.* *-sstrangerwp7*
5 STARS	*Works really good. Hope they add a background agent so I stay logged in when minimizing. :)* *-HanniLiger*

Rundown of major new features since release

SSL

IRC7 supports secure IRC connections using the SSL/TLS-protocol. In order to connect a secured IRC server, user can easily tick the "Secure(TLS/SSL)" box when creating a new connection.
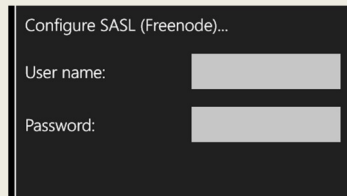

SASL

Like SSL, SASL is a protocol which allows safer IRC connections. It's mainly used by the Freenode-network and it allows the user to log into the server using their own username and password. SASL can be used in combination with SSL.

Startup scripts *

IRC Bots and other network services (like Q in QuakeNet) often require authentication before the functionalities of the service can be used. The authentication usually happens by sending a private message to the service. Typing and sending this message every time manually is cumbersome and to help with these regularly performed tasks, the IRC7 has a support for startup scripts. Using the startup scripts the user can add one or many commands which are automatically send to the server when the connection to the server has been opened.
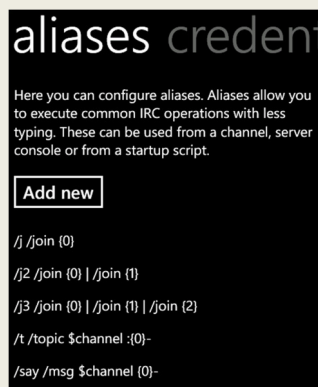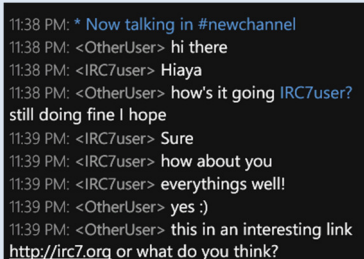
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Custom aliases *

IRC7 has a powerful alias engine. Alias engine allows the user to define shortcuts for their common IRC operations. The aliases are available from the chat window, from the server console and from the startup scripts.

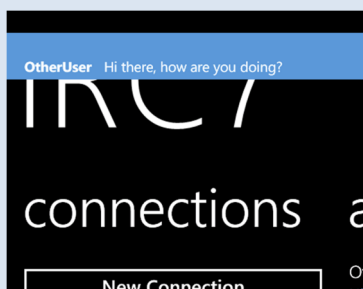** This feature is only available in the full version*

Major features available since the first release

Nick and link highlighting
IRC7 always highlights your nick and you can open links directly from the chat window.

User management
Op, kick and send private messages from a easy-to-use user management window.
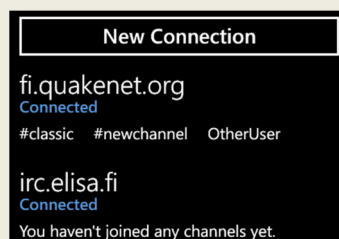
Private message notifications
If you receive a new private message, IRC7 will show it using a toast notification. Tapping the notification opens up the chat window.

Multi-server support
With IRC7 the user isn't limited to only one server. Want to connect to both the QuakeNet and the IRCNet, simultaneously? IRC7 can do that.

Application details

- Home page: www.softwaremk.org/irc
- Current version: 1.8
- Versions: Free and Full
- Free version: http://windowsphone.com/s?appid=a82de281-34b6-47d8-afe5-a329c4b2395d
- Full version: http://windowsphone.com/s?appid=345e96da-fa2a-457f-95ce-f09e6f3b28a3
- Full-version price: 1,99$ (trial available)
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