About iFire

iFire is a Mac OS X client of the popular gaming instant messenger Xfire. It allows you to chat with your Windows friends, see which games they are playing, join their games and much more.

Features

- Log in using your existing Xfire account or create a new one http://www.xfire.com/
- See the status of your friends including the game they are playing, the IP-Address of the server they are playing on (if available) and information about the server like the server name, the number of players or the map name (if available)
- Join instantly the game your friend is playing
- Chat with your friends (with emoticons), add/remove friends
- Supports more than 100 native Mac OS X games and some via Codeweavers *Crossover*
- Launch a game from iFire and directly connect to a gaming server (optional)
- Fast detection of the installed OS X games
- Automatically generated gaming statistics in the Xfire homepage
- Detection of the game you are playing so your friends can see that, too
- Detection of the server you are playing on (experimental)
- Auto-Sizing buddy list
- Use Mac OS X system sounds or custom sounds for chatting
- Custom status messages
- Typing notification when a buddy starts writing a message to you
- Support for *Growl* notifications
- Support for some *Xfire-URL*s

Limitations

One-Click Join
Directly joining onto a server doesn´t work for all games, since some Mac ports do not offer this feature (unlike the Windows equivalent)

Xfire In-Game
There is no support for Xfire In-Game at all. Xfire In-Game allows you to receive and send messages while you are playing a fullscreen game. I think Xfire achieves this by injecting code into the running game. I do not know whether this is possible in Mac OS X.

Voice Chat, Group Chats, File Transfers, Clan/Guild system
Non of these are supported. iFire depends on a 3rd party library called „xfirelib" which does not provide any support for these features. As long as this library doesn´t support it I can´t do anything.

Screenshots or Movies of your games
iFire does not support taking screenshots or recording movies.

Skins
I do not think that skins are necessary. In my opinion all Mac OS X applications should look the same (Aqua, Brushed Metal or Polished Metal look, depending on the system), so I won´t add support for skins.

FAQ

My friends can´t see the IP address of the server I´m playing on. Why?
The detection of the server IP is experimental, it doesn´t work as good as in the Windows version of Xfire. To enable it, you have to activate it in the preferences in the „Network" tab („Enable Network Traffic Capturing"). When you launch iFire the next time it will ask you for your admin password. Entering it will enable the IP detection. When you now start playing a online game, the IP address should be displayed in the „My Profile" window (Tools -> My Profile). It will only work if you are connected to the internet via the built-in Ethernet port and you do not have any UDP network traffic beside the game you´re playing (no Teamspeak, no Peer2Peer downloads). It won´t work, too, when iFire has been running for a long time, so restarting it might help.
If none of this helps you can also enter the server IP manually in the „Override IP" window (Tools -> Override IP…).

Why does iFire keep asking me for my admin password?
You have enabled the „Network Traffic Capturing", which tries to find the IP address of any game servers you´re playing on out. On Mac OS X you have to have admin rights to view the outgoing and incoming network packets, so you have to disable this feature in the preferences to make iFire stop asking you for the password.

Why don´t I hear any sound when I receive/send a message?
You can choose the sounds in the preferences in the „Sounds" tab for the 4 events (Contact signs on/off, Message sent/received).

I don´t like these sounds! How to add custom ones?
Copy them to /Library/Sounds or <YourUserFolder>/Library/Sounds. Now you can select them in the preferences.

I´ve installed the game XYZ on my Mac, but iFire doesn´t show it up in the „Installed Games" list. What´s the problem?
Either you have never launched the game before or iFire simply doesn´t support it. It´s also possible that you´ve changed the name of the game or that you are using a localized version of the game (e.g. „The Sims 2" or „Die Sims 2").

iFire hangs up when I select a friend in the buddy list/a friend has no icon in front of his name.
Xfire has been updated and now supports more games. Your friend is playing on of this new games. Please look for an update or contact me, I´ll release a patch as soon as possible.

What do the ticks/crosses in the „Supported Mac Games" list mean?
They indicate whether iFire supports „One Click Joining" with that game.

Why is Counter-Strike/Counter-Strike Source/etc. supported by iFire? I thought there was no Mac port of these games?
They´re meant to be played with Codeweavers *Crossover Games*.

I really like iFire! How to donate to you?
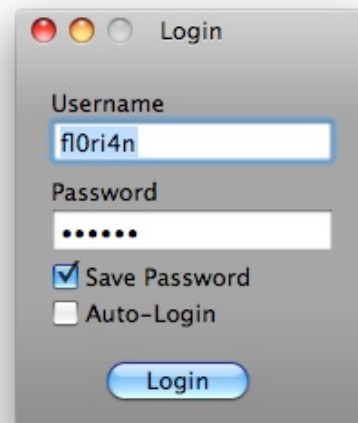Just click here to donate via PayPal.
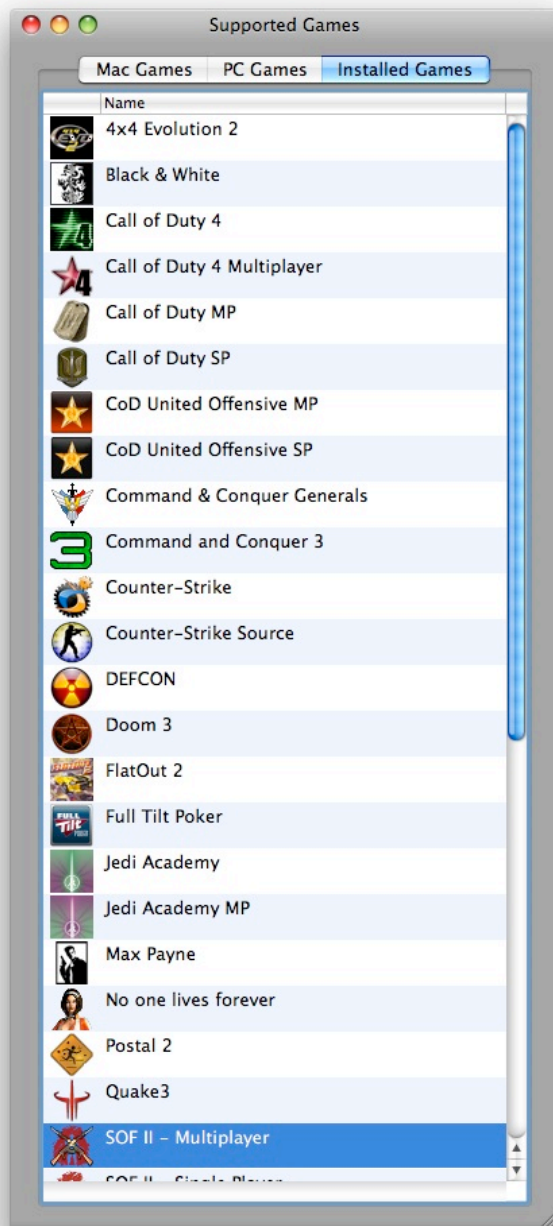Many thanks! :-)

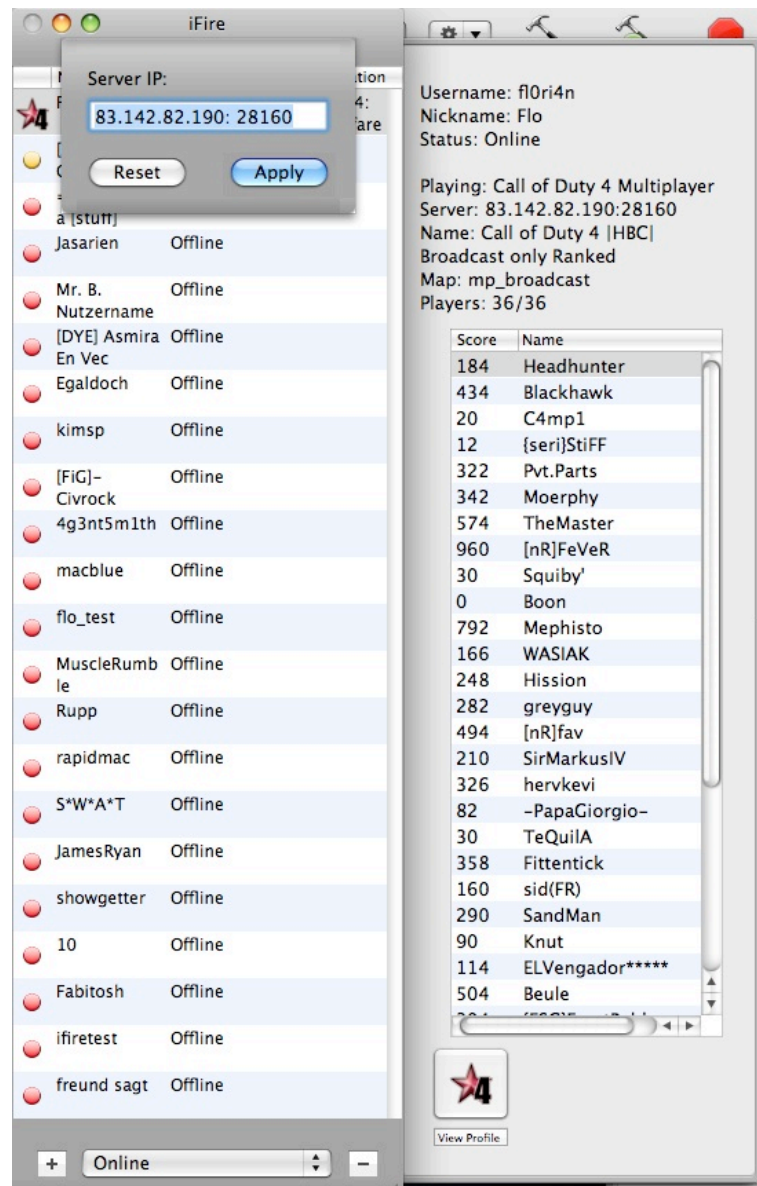# Screenshots

Chat Window

Login Window

List of some installed Mac games

Buddy list and game info

Supported Mac Games

4x4 Evolution 2
Age of Empires
Age of Empires II
Age of Empires III
Age of Empires III - The WarChiefs
Age of Mythology
Army Operations 2.5.0
Athena Sword
Battlefield 1942
Battlefield 2
Battlefield 2142
Black & White
Blitzkrieg
Breakthrough
Call of Duty 2
Call of Duty 2 Demo
Call of Duty 2 Multiplayer
Call of Duty 4
Call of Duty 4 Multiplayer
Call of Duty MP
Call of Duty SP
Close Combat First to Fight
CoD United Offensive MP
CoD United Offensive SP
Command & Conquer Generals
Command and Conquer 3
Counter-Strike
Counter-Strike Source
DEFCON
Darwinia
Delta Force Black Hawk Down
Diablo II (Carbon)
Doom 3
Dungeon Siege
Empire At War
Enemy Territory QUAKE Wars
FlatOut 2
Full Tilt Poker
Galactic Battlegrounds
Ghost Recon
Halo
Heroes of Might and Magic V
Heroes of Might and Magic V
Heroes of Might and Magic V
Homeworld 2
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Imperial Glory
James Bond 007 Nightfire
Jedi Academy
Jedi Academy MP
Jedi Knight II
Jedi Knight II
Jedi Knight II MP
Knights of the Old Republic
Legion Arena
Lineage
Max Payne

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Medal of Honor
Nascar 2003
Need for Speed Carbon
Neverwinter Nights 2
No one lives forever
PokerStars
Postal 2
Prey
Prey
Quake 4
Quake 3
Railroad Tycoon 3
Raven Shield
Rise of Nations Gold
RollerCoaster Tycoon 3
Rome Total War
SOF II - Multiplayer
SOF II - Multiplayer
SOF II - Single Player
SPORE
SPORE(TM) Labor
Second Life
Shadowbane
SimCity 4
Spearhead
Splinter Cell
Star Wars Battlefront
Starcraft (Carbon)
Stronghold
Stubbs The Zombie
The Movies
The Movies
The Return Of The King
The Sims 2
Tiger Woods PGA Tour 08
Tomb Raider Anniversary
Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3
Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 4
Tropico for OS X
TrueCrimeMac
Unreal Tournament 2003
Unreal Tournament 2004
Unreal Tournament 2004 Demo
Unreal Tournament OS X
Warcraft III
Warcraft III
Wolfenstein ET
Wolfenstein MP
Wolfenstein SP
World of Warcraft
Worms 3D
XIII
Zero Hour
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