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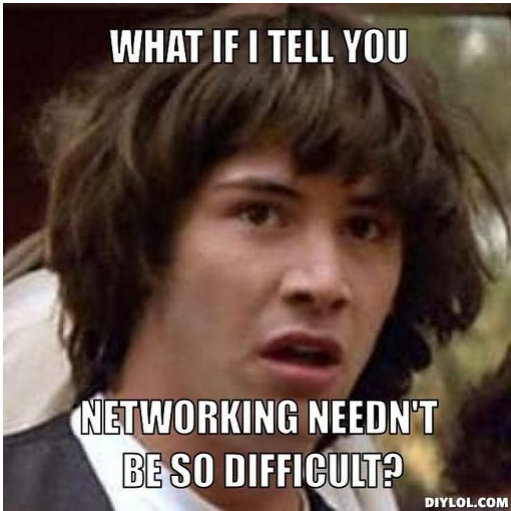
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Imagine chatting with someone on Sametime. Then realizing you want to network with this person on Connections. You will now have to:

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3. Click on the profile.
4. Click on the 'Invite to my Network' button.
5. Click 'Send Invitation'.

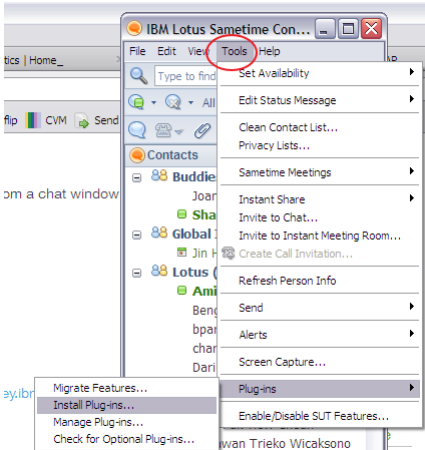
These are way too many steps to get a single thing done..



Enters the Sametime Integrated Friend Finder @ STIFF. It lets you to invite your Sametime contacts to your Lotus Connections Social Network with one click! Very cool stuff, this.


Installation Guide


- 1.
- 2.
3. First install the plugin. From the Sametime standalone client, go to Tools --> Plug-ins --> Install Plug-ins.





4. Click 'Add Remote Location' and a pop up appears. Here, key in the *Update Site* name as "STIFF" and the URL as "http://pokgsa.ibm.com/~qjbosnic/public/stiff/"


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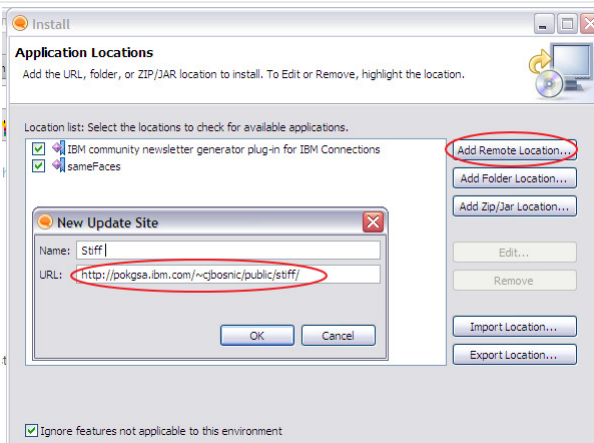
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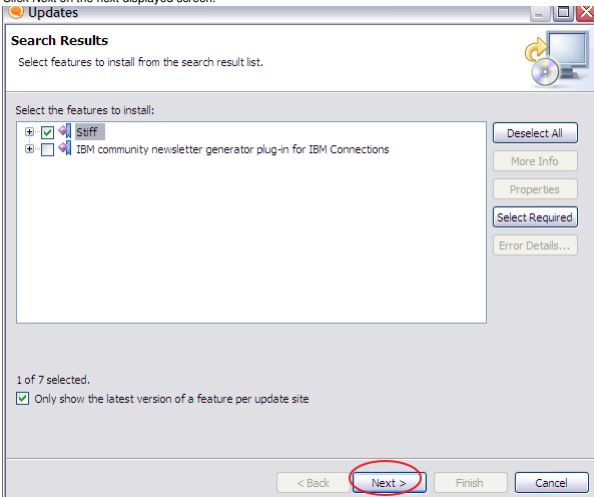
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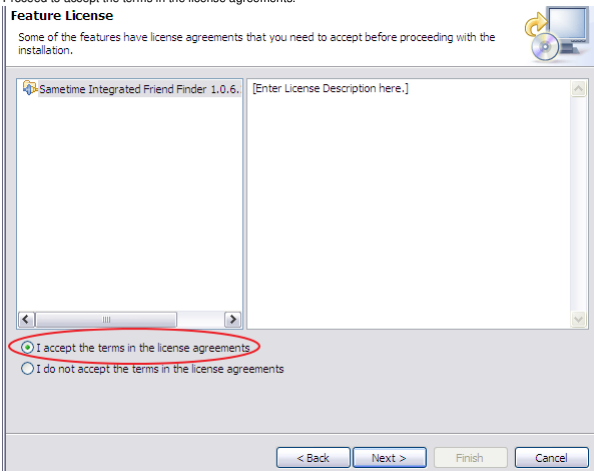
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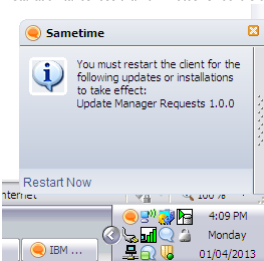
5. Click **Next** on the next displayed screen.



6. Proceed to accept the terms in the license agreements.

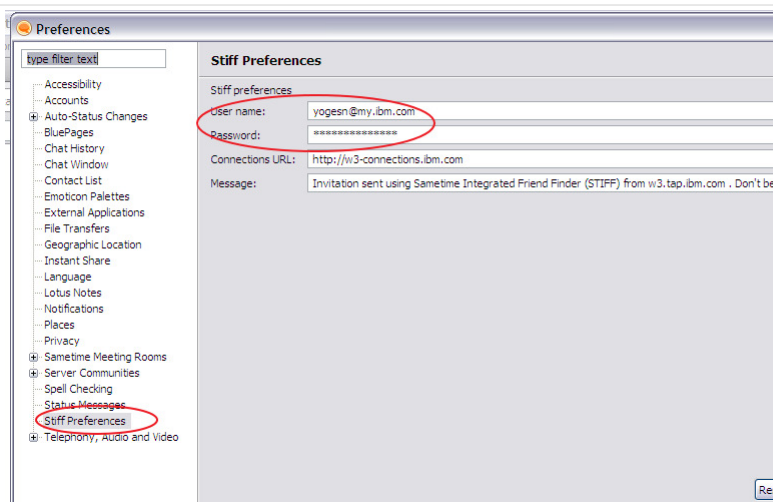


7. Installation takes less than 5 minutes. Once it is done, you will note a restart note on the screen.

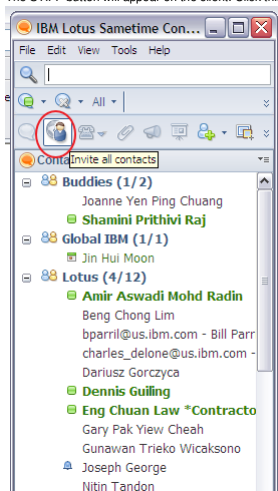


8. Don't be hasty like me. 😊 There is still another step required!

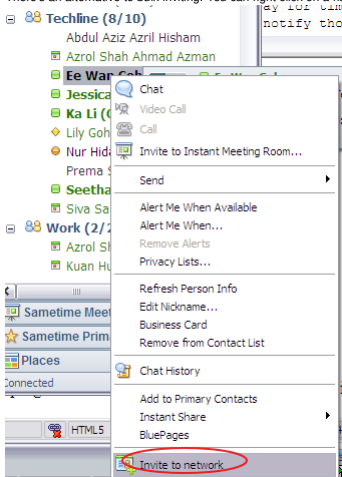
From the Sametime client, go to File --> Preferences --> STIFF Preferences and enter your login credentials. And now we are good to go!



- 1.
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3. The STIFF button will appear on the client. Click this button to invite everyone in the list to join your network.



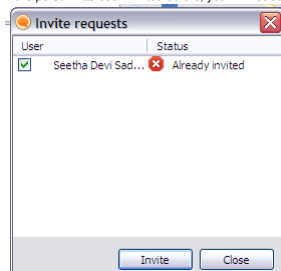
4. An invitees list will appear on the screen. Names can now be removed from the list as needed with a single click.
5. Don't worry about duplicate invitations though. The plugin will not notify those marked 'Already invited'. Yeay for time saving!
6. There's an alternative to bulk inviting. You can right click on a name and invite a person to connect too.



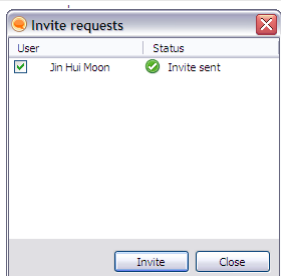
7. Similar to bulk inviting, the plugin will verify the person's status before proceeding. So what do you think? It's pretty neat, isn't it? Fast installation and very easy to use. And it works everytime! Do give it a try and share if you like it.

STIFF can be found on TAP at <http://tap.ibm.com/tap/app/1879>. If you like it, please don't forget to leave a comment on the page too!

- o If the person has been invited before, you will not be able to send an additional invite:



- o Otherwise, an invite will be sent out and you may proceed to close the pop up.



****Update 18th July 2013****

I contacted one of the innovators about the issue reported at the comment section below and according to Cameron J Bosnic, W3 connections server may be blocking or timing out on some requests. The tool is working fine on his test server, so it might be that they are blocking requests from STIFF. Cameron will follow up with the W3Connections team to see if they can unblock STIFF. I'll keep the blog entry updated as and when I receive further information from the innovators. 😊

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Yogeswari Narayasamy commented Sep 27 2013

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Hello Mark, according to one of the innovators @Cameron J Bosnic, the issue could be due to W3 Connections server blocking/timing out on some requests. Cameron is following up with the W3 Connections team to see what he can do. Let's hope we get an update on this soon. It is a cool tool after all! :)

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Hoeey, Mark F. commented Aug 29 2013

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Hi -- I am having the same problem-- does not work for me - I tried the stand alone sametime and embedded. Any update on the fix

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ADAM M. SHATZKAMER commented June 20 2013

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I think this is a recent issue, Antonietta. STIFF used to work very well but recently I am experiencing the same issue as you - it simply does not seem to be working anymore!

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Yogeswari Narayasamy commented June 12 2013

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Hello Antonietta, thank you for dropping by! :) I just re-tried the tool myself just now and experienced a similar issue (I'm not getting any message updating me on the status of my invite). I've dropped the innovator a note about this. I'm running standalone Sametime version 8.5.1 on Windows XP by the way. How about you? I do note a comment on the tool's page that there seem to be an 'issue with the plugin in newer 8.5.1 and 8.5.2 IFR1 releases of ST. The requests are still going out, but the status on the dialog does not refresh.' I don't know if our issue is related to this. Will keep you posted via this blog entry once I get the innovator's feedback. Good comment on the 'de-select' option, thank you.

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ANTONIETTA RUBINETTI commented June 11 2013

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Hello !..I think this is pretty cool and very helpful. I was worried about people receiving multiple invites but I see that's not a problem with this tool! I need some help or guidance with the following. I've tried to invite my contacts (it would be nice to have an option to "deselect all" since all the contacts are selected as default!) but it takes really a long time for the tool to respond on the status and unfortunately I cannot keep using Sametime while this is running. It's ok that it's taking so long to respond? 15-20 min?. Thanks !!

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