Welcome to a small guide for IRC

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Note: All links are safe, simply copy-paste them in an internet browser.

1. What is IRC?

IRC (Internet Relay Chat) is a chat over the internet. Wikipedia defines it as: “**Internet Relay Chat** (**IRC**) is a protocol for real-time Internet text messaging (chat) or synchronous conferencing.”

1. How do you get it?

There are several ways to get on IRC. The first is by using the program mIRC (which I recommend). Secondly there’s the website <http://client01.chat.mibbit.com/> (IRC which doesn’t require any downloading). Third there’s SwiftKit, a client to play runescape with useful utilities, but seeing recent hackings of their servers I wouldn’t recommend using it.

1. mIRC

Using mIRC first requires to download the program. You go to the website <http://www.mirc.com/> and click “Download mIRC”. Click “Download mIRC” again and then click “Download Now”. Click “Run” and follow the steps in the setup. Once installed open mIRC and you will see the following screen: <http://puu.sh/I14s>. After the 30 trial days you will NOT have to buy the program. Do NEVER pay for it. I’ve been using mIRC for over 4 years now and I can still use it without registering. Click continue.

You will now have to choose a nickname and a back-up nickname. <http://puu.sh/I16S>

Now click on “servers” and click “add” and type the following: <http://puu.sh/I1a9> then select the server you created and click “select”

You should now be able to connect the the server. Click “Ok” and click the little lightning button <http://puu.sh/I1e8>. Now a mIRC favorites screen will pop up. Click “add” and fill in the following: <http://puu.sh/I1fS>. Click “Ok” and click join. Congratulations, you now have entered our channel!

What to do next? Check out step 3: Getting started…

1. Mibbit

Connecting to mibbit is a lot easier. You simply go to <http://client01.chat.mibbit.com/>, you change”Mibbit [webirc]” to “SwiftIRC [webirc]”, choose a nickname and choose channel #TUC. Click connect and you’re in our channel!

What to do next? Check out step 3: Getting started…

1. SwiftKit

For a guide on swiftkit, please watch the following video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbvVgnHyKOE>

1. Getting started…

Note: I’ll base this part on mIRC, mibbit and swiftkit are analogous.

First thing you want to do is to register your nickname, so no one else can take it. (if your nickname is already in use, your name will become Unknown#####. To change your nickname, type “/nick newname”, where newname has to be replaced by your new nick). To register your nickname, type “/ns register password password email email”, where password has to be replaced by a password of choice, and email by your email-adress. Note: mIRC will never use your e-mail address. I have been using IRC for years and have never received any e-mails involving IRC.

If you did correctly, you should now have your own nickname! To get a voiced-rank in our channel, now type “/ns update”.

If you rejoin IRC another time, you’ll have 20 seconds to type in your password, else your nickname will be chaned to Unknown#####. To identify (=type password), type “/ns id password”, where password should be replaced by your password.   
It’s easy to not have to type your password all the time. mIRC is able to remember your password and auto-identify for you. To set this up, go to options (<http://puu.sh/I1ui>) > Connect > Options > Perform… and type the following: <http://puu.sh/I1wR> (don’t forget to check the box). Click “Ok” and from now on you’ll be auto-identified.

To be able to see links, type “/umode2 –f”.

You can do all this as well in mibbit and swiftkit. Auto-id is not possible on mibbit. To auto-id on swiftkit, I refer to the video, previously mentioned.

1. Some extra info on mIRC

It’s easier to use some colors. Go to “Adress book” (<http://puu.sh/I1BX>) > Nick Colors, check the “Enable nick colors” box and click “Add”. You’ll have to add three: <http://puu.sh/I1Fd>, <http://puu.sh/I1Gg> and <http://puu.sh/I1GO>.

To change your own text color, go to “Colors”, select “Own text” and click another color.

To set a timestamp, click options > IRC > messages and check the “Timestamp events:” box

If “RuneScript[##]” is in our channel, type “!commands”, and check out this useful runescape-script.

If you get familiar with IRC and wish to join other channels, type “/join #channel”, where channel should be replaced by the name of the channel you wish to join.

If you wish to have more than one nickname under the same email address, type: “/ns group mainnickname password”, where mainnickname should be the nickname which you originally registered, with the corresponding password. Note: you can only do this while being on your new nickname.

1. FAQ

Any questions? Feel free to reply on this thread, or contact me on IRC/pm whenever I’m on.