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Instant Messaging at UF with Jabber & Exodus

Jabber is an open, XML-based protocol for instant messaging. This means you can log in and "chat" in real time with others who have the software. CNS recommends the free "Exodus" client software for users at UF. This document is also available as a 1-page foldable handout in PDF format for convenient desk-reference: see <http://docweb.cns.ufl.edu/docs/d0191/>.

Overview

Jabber-based software is deployed on thousands of servers across the internet and is used by over a million people worldwide. The protocol itself is managed by the Jabber Software Foundation. The Jabber protocol can act as a gateway to other messaging systems such as AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) or Yahoo chat. This is possible since the Jabber protocol is completely XML based, and can therefore easily be translated to and from other protocols. Because the Jabber protocol is open, clients have been implemented on multiple platforms. Clients are available for Windows, Mac OSX, and Linux. There are also operating system independent clients in Java and Flash. Embedded clients are also available on small devices such as the Blackberry/RIM and Newton Message pad.

But Who Do I Talk To?

Jabber is much like AOL Instant Messenger in that you have to add people to your roster before you can talk to them. If you know someone's GatorLink id, you can add that person to your roster. A person's Jabber ID is based on his or her GatorLink username. For example, if your GatorLink username is "al" then your Jabber ID is `al@ufl.edu`.

Additional Information

For more information, see <http://docweb.cns.ufl.edu/docs/d0191>
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