

# Home



## Looking for an IRC alternative?

Our [OpenMRS Chat](#) on the open source [Telegram Messenger](#) is synchronized with our #OpenMRS IRC channel. Check it out for an alternate way to join our real-time chat!

## #OpenMRS on irc.freenode.net

Internet Relay Chat (IRC) is a form of real-time Internet chat or synchronous conferencing.

You are welcome to join the OpenMRS chat room on [irc.freenode.net](#).

There are numerous IRC clients from which to choose or you can visit our chat room or directly from your browser using [webchat.freenode.net](#).

## How to use IRC

If you're new, please see <http://www.irchelp.org/faq/irctutorial.html> for a very helpful IRC tutorial. You can also check [https://www.wikihow.com/Get-Started-with-IRC-\(Internet-Relay-Chat\)](https://www.wikihow.com/Get-Started-with-IRC-(Internet-Relay-Chat))

Our IRC channels are available for real-time communication with other community members. They can be an ideal way to get help with a problem you're having, discuss development ideas, or just chat and share information. (We're not always serious!) Please remember: **IRC is not meant to be a 24/7 helpline with immediate support**. If your question is not answered right away it may be because no one is awake or no one is paying attention.



## Tip

Try addressing someone directly by putting their complete user name into your question. This might get their attention faster. You should also consider posting a message to [OpenMRS Talk](#).

## Common IRC commands

Command to type	What it does
<code>/nick YourName</code>	Sets your current nickname to <i>YourName</i>
<code>/msg NickName message</code>	Sends <i>message</i> to <i>NickName</i> in a private chat window
<code>/me text</code>	Sends <i>text</i> in a 3rd-person sort of way, e.g., "YourNickName starts to dance"
<code>/whois NickName</code>	Shows you additional information about <i>NickName</i>
<code>/quit</code>	Logs out of IRC

There are a lot of [other commands](#) available. Search the web for information about them.

Check [OpenMRSBot IRC Bots](#) for some customised commands.

## IRC clients we like

Windows

- [mIRC](#)
- [X-Chat](#) (free Windows version available at <http://www.silverex.info>)

#### Linux

- [Irssi](#)
- [X-Chat](#)

#### Mac

- [Textual](#)
- [Colloquy](#)
- [Adium](#)
- [LimeChat](#)

#### Browser Plugin

- [Chatzilla for Firefox](#)

## Help! My IRC is blocked.

Some Internet providers block the ports needed for IRC. If this is the case for you, then you can use a proxy to join the channel through a web browser. You should be able to use this page to connect.

## IRC Logs

- [OpenMRS IRC logs on Logbot](#)
- [Archived logs from 2008 - 2014](#)