



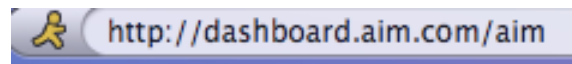
iChat Part I: Creating an AIM Account to use with iChat

iChat is an instant messaging application on your MacBook. You can communicate instantly and in real time with iChat by typing text, talking through your pinhole microphones, or using the iSight camera on your MacBook lid. You can also use iChat to share your screen with an iChat “buddy” or exchange files of a reasonable size in an instant. It’s a great way to have a meeting when it’s impossible to get everyone in the same room at the same time, get tech support (my AIM Buddy handle is jackie.hubbard@shorelineschools.org), or communicate quickly with colleagues down the hall with minimal disruption to instruction.

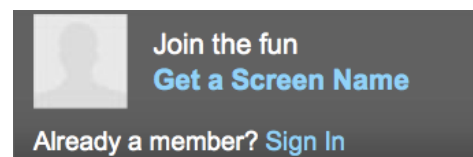
These instructions guide you through the process of getting an AIM account to be able to use the iChat program. If you already have an AIM account, you can use this to set up iChat. Make sure your handle is professional however - if it’s blondebombshell or something like that, using your district email might be a better idea. This is the same idea as getting an email account and then setting up that account in the Mail program.

1. Go to the AOL Instant Messaging website in Firefox or Safari - type “aim.com” in the address bar of either browser and hit return.

You’ll see this address when the site loads:



2. Look in the upper right hand corner of the homepage for AIM. Ignore the invitations to download software to use AIM and instead click on [Get a Screen Name](#).



3. You can use your Shoreline email address for your AIM account, as well as your district password. Click on the Use an Existing Email Address as a Screen Name button to get started.

What type of account would you like to create?

Create an Account
Choose this option to create a unique Screen Name you can use to sign in to your AIM account. You can access all the great features and benefits of AIM, including AIM Mail.

Use an existing email address as a Screen Name
Select this option to use your existing email address as your Screen Name.

4. Type your district email in the Email Address field.

* **Email Address:**
e.g., johndoe@domain_name.com

5. Fill in the rest of the fields. Shoreline's zip code is 98155. Use your district password. The green checkmarks mean you're A-OK. You don't have to use your real birth year - feel free to take off a decade or two!

Register Your Email Address

* Email Address: ✓
e.g., johndoe@domain_name.com

* Password: Password Strength ✓
6-16 letters or numbers.
[Help for creating a secure password.](#)

* Re-type Password: ✓

* Zip or Postal Code: ✓

* Birthday: ✓

* Gender: ✓

* Indicates Required Field

AIM Gives You:

- ✓ Instant access to your friends
- ✓ A free @aim.com Mail account, using the Screen Name you establish today
- ✓ The ability to send IMs directly to your friends' cell phones
- ✓ An experience you can customize with your favorite Plugins

6. Finish up with the security code:

Verify Your Registration

[What is this?](#)



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* Enter the characters in the image above without any spaces:

7. Submit means you agree to all the terms of service for using AIM. Before you can start using your account, you'll need to check your district email for an email to activate your new account. This protects you from some ne'er-do-well creating an impostor account with your email and masquerading as you with that email.

Terms of Service

By clicking on "Submit," you are indicating that you have read and agree to the [AOL Network Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#) ("Terms") and agree to receive notices and updates to these Terms from us electronically.

[No Thanks](#)

8. When you've activated your account, you're ready for Part II, adding your AIM account to the iChat application and instant messaging!