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## What is Westwood Chat?

The Westwood Chat program allows you to connect to the Westwood chat server and "chat" with other Westwood game players and fans.   You can chat about Westwood games, look for opponents for Westwood modem and Internet games, discuss your favorite strategies, or just listen and watch others carry on typed conversations.

Westwood   Chat has multiple channels, each of which identifies a specific chat conversation.   A channel may relate to a Westwood   game, or similar subject.   The available channels are shown in the "Channel List" box.

Westwood   Chat can also 'host' Westwood games.   That is, special channels called Game Channels can be created that allow you to start a Westwood game.   For more help on 'Game Channels', please refer to the help item for the game that you wish to play.

## System Requirements

Westwood   Chat requires the following in order to run properly on your system:

IBM PC or Compatible 386/25 MHz machine.
4 or more megabytes of memory.
Windows 3.1, 3.11, or Windows 95.
A True SLIP or PPP connection.

Westwood   Chat and Westwood   Chat service are provided free of charge to Westwood's fans and customers.   This does not include any normal operating expenses normally incurred by your Internet provider or long-distance company.

# Quick Start

Using Westwood   Chat is easy!   Follow the steps below to get started:

1.    Install the Westwood   Chat software on your system.   (You have done this already).   You do not need to edit any files or make any adjustments to your system to run the Westwood   Chat software.

2.  You need a password to use Westwood   Chat.   To register for a password,   you can either run the included registration program or go to the Westwood   Homepage at http://www.westwood.com/wchome/wchome.html.   Your password will be sent to you by E-mail.   Please see Connecting to the chat server for details regarding entering and saving your nickname(s) and password(s).

3.  Connect to your Internet provider, and start a SLIP or PPP Internet session. You **must** have the ability to open a SLIP or PPP connection in order to use WESTWOOD STUDIOS CHAT.   Please contact your Internet provider if you are unsure of the connection type you are currently using.

4.  Double click on the WESTWOOD STUDIOS CHAT icon. The first time you run Westwood   Chat, you will need to enter at least one nickname and the password that goes with it.   If you entered your nickname and password correctly, you will be connected when you click on the OK button.

5.    You're all set!   Feel free to explore, or read the instructions included in this help file for further information on all of the Westwood   Chat features.

When you have connected, several messages will be displayed in the "Chat Messages" box.    After connecting to the Westwood chat server, you will see a list of Super Channels (or channel groups) in the "Channel List"   box.   Double-click on "Chat Channels" to see a list of chat groups (known as channels) in the "Channel List" box. Double-click on the channel of the conversation you'd like to join.   You should now see a list of users in the "User List" box.   These users are currently located (joined) on this channel.

If you want to type a message to everyone in the channel just type a message, and press return.   Your message will be sent to everyone in the channel.

If you want to send a private message to other users in the channel, select the appropriate user names in the "User List" box.   Type your message, and press return. Your message will be sent to the users you have selected.

To host a MONOPOLY CD-ROM game, you need to either send your IP address to the players against whom you wish to compete or create a game channel.   If you wish to send your IP address, (an IP address is the Internet address of your computer)   select

the appropriate players (up to 5) in the "User List" box, and click the *Host* button.   A box will appear showing the IP address you wish to send.   If this address is incorrect, correct it.   Click the *OK* button.   This will send a message with your IP address to each player you selected.

If you receive a message saying "I want to host a game, my IP address is: ", followed by an IP address, Westwood   Chat automatically copies that IP address into your Paste buffer.   Next, start your game (for example: the MONOPOLY CD-ROM game).   Select the option to connect to a hosting computer on the Internet, and when prompted for an IP address, press CTRL-V (hold down the control key and 'V' at the same time).   This will copy the correct IP address into the game dialog box.   Click the *OK* button on the game dialog box to connect.

# Westwood   Chat Window Layout

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| Tool Bar | The tool bar buttons at the top of the screen provide a shortcut to using the Westwood   Chat menus.   Move the mouse over the tool bar buttons and a description of that button's function will appear in a 'tool tip' window below the button.   A longer description will also display at the bottom of the screen in the status bar. |
| Westwood Messages | This box contains interesting messages from Westwood and upgrade notices. |
| Channel List | This box contains a list of the Super Channels and/or current channels available in a Super Channel on the Westwood chat server.   Double clicking on a Super Channel will show the channels in the channel group. Right clicking on a channel in this list box will give you a pop-up menu.   This menu will give you the option to join the channel.   You may also double click on a channel to join it. |
| Chat Messages | This box displays the messages from other people currently chatting on this channel.   Messages in this window are color-coded: |

<span style="color:blue">Messages from you are in this color.   (blue)</span>
<span style="color:green">System messages are in this color.   (green)</span>
<span style="color:red">Actions are in this color.   (red)</span>
<span style="color:purple">Private messages to you are in this color. (purple)</span>
Public messages are in this color. (black)

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| User List | This box contains a list of the users connected to your channel.     If you 'select a user' by left clicking on that user, he becomes part of your private group.   That is, any message you send from the Typing area will be sent to your private group.<br><br>If you have no users selected, your messages will go to everyone in the channel.<br><br>Right clicking on a user in this list box will give you one or more options on a <span style="color:green">pop-up menu</span>.   Remember that the pop-up menu action will only be carried out against the user that was selected. |
| Typing area | This box is for typing in messages to be sent to other users on the channel.   Remember, by selecting specific users in the |

"User List" box, your message will be seen only by those users.

# Menus

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## <u>S</u>erver

<u>Connect</u>          This menu option connects you to the Westwood chat server.   You will
                 be given the opportunity to select which one of your nicknames you
                 would like to use before actually connecting.   Once connected, you
                 will see text and messages in the various Westwood   Chat windows.

<u>D</u>isconnect      This menu option disconnects you from the Westwood chat server.

<u>P</u>references     This menu option allows you to set various preferences.

E<u>x</u>it              This menu option exits Westwood   Chat.

## Connecting

When you select the <u>C</u>onnect menu item from the <u>S</u>erver menu or the Connect button from the tool bar, you will receive a dialog that allows you to enter nicknames and passwords.

To enter your own nickname(s), simply select one of the entries using the drop down box labeled "Nickname" and type in the new name.   Enter your nickname's password in the password edit box.   Clicking OK will save your nickname and attempt to connect you to the server.   If your password is incorrect, you will receive an error to that effect.

You can choose to save your password by checking the "Remember Password" box.   If you choose to do this, please be aware that other people who have access to this computer can easily log in using your nickname and password.

The guest entry is to allow a friend to use Westwood   Chat without overwriting any of your saved nicknames.   You must type in a nickname (overwriting the 'Guest' entry) and password to log in if you select this entry.   Neither the nickname nor password will be stored.

# Preferences

This dialog allows you to set the following preferences:

Use 16 bit sounds

If this is selected, Westwood   Chat will attempt to use 16 bit sounds instead of the default 8 bit sounds.   Select this option if you have a sound card capable of playing 16 bit sounds.

Sounds on

This option allows you to enable sounds. Sounds are enabled by default.   By clearing this check box, you can turn sounds off.

Filter incoming text for bad language

This option turns on language filtering. There are a small number of words that What knows to look for, and Westwood   Chat tries to catch all of the bad words that it can.   Westwood Chat will attempt to 'bleep' out bad words with this option turned on.

With this option turned on, What will also attempt to 'edit' certain bad words and replace them with words that are less offensive.

Choose font for channel messages

This button allows you to change the font in the channel messages window.

# Chat

**Create a channel**  This menu option allows you to create your own channel. This is especially useful for establishing a private conversation with several other users.   (See also the Kick menu option in this section.)

**Join a channel**  This menu option allows you to join a channel.   The list of channels available is shown in the "Channel List" box.   You can only join one channel at a time.   To join another channel, you must first leave the current channel.

**List channels**  This menu option updates the list of channels available on the Westwood chat server and places them in the "Channel List" box.

**List users**  This menu option updates the list of users in the current channel and places them in the "Channel List" box.

**Leave a channel**  This menu options allows you to exit the current channel.

**Action**  This menu option is similar to sending a message to the entire channel.   After selecting this option, enter your "action" into the input box and click on the *OK* button.   The text in the input box will then be appended to your nickname and sent to everyone on the current channel.

For example:   If your nickname is "Guru", and the text you entered into the action input box is "rules the net", the action message that will be sent to everyone on the current channel is "Guru rules the net."

**Send your IPAddress**  This menu option sends your IP address to the users you have selected from the "Users List" box.   They can then use that address to connect to the game that you are hosting.

**Game Channel Options**  Various game channel creation options will appear here if you have the appropriate Westwood Game(s) installed. See Game Channels for more information.

**Squelch**  This feature allows you to squelch a user or group of users. Squelching a user filters out messages to you from that user. To squelch one or more users, click on the user name(s) in the User List box, and select this menu option.

If a user is currently squelched, you select that user name in the User List box, and select this menu item, it will undo the squelch on that user.

Kick       If you own a channel (see Create a channel), this feature allows you to remove users from your conversation.   To kick a user out of your channel, click on the user name in the User List box, and select this menu option.

## <u>H</u>elp

<u>C</u>ontents            Select this option to display the main help menu.

Using <u>h</u>elp           Select this option to display basic information on how to use the
                    on-line help.

Game channel help   Help for game channels will appear in this menu if you have the
                    appropriate Westwood game(s) installed.

<u>A</u>bout               Select this option to display information about Westwood   Chat,
                    and its authors.

For Help on Help, Press F1.

## Nicknames and Passwords

A password is required for each nickname.   To apply for a password, you can either run the included Registration Applet or visit our Web page at http://www.westwood.com/wchome/wchome.html.   Once you have registered for a nickname, a password for that nickname will be e-mailed directly to you.   Westwood Chat allows you to store up to 2 different nicknames.

See also:
Connecting to the server
If You Forget Your Password

## If You Forget Your Password

If you forget your password, you can have it re-sent to you.   There are two methods for retrieving your password.   You can either do it via our WWW home page or via the Registration Applet included with Westwood   Chat.   To have your password re-sent to you via our home page,   point your WWW browser to http://www.westwood.com/wchome/wchome.html.   On the forgot password page, enter your nickname and the **exact** E-mail address you used to get your password originally.

To retrieve your password using the registration applet, start the registration applet, and on the login screen, press the "I forgot my password" button and your password will be re-sent to you.

If neither method works, please send E-mail to support@westwood.com.

## Game Channels

Westwood™ Chat supports game channels.   These channels allow you to not only chat, but negotiate and set game options for various Westwood games.

Note that you must have the supported game installed to join or create a game channel. Please refer to the appropriate game channel help on the help menu for more information.

# Automatic Updates

Westwood   Chat now supports automatic updates.   When a new version of Westwood Chat has been released, the chat program will detect it and give you the option of downloading the update.   Note that some releases of Westwood   Chat will be required, and if you do not choose to download the release, you will be unable to use chat until you do so.

If you encounter a problem with automatic update, please send email to support@westwood.com

# Action Menus

In the channel list and user list boxes, a right click on a channel or user will pop up a menu.   This menu action will ONLY BE PERFORMED on the channel or user that was right-clicked upon.

**Channel List Action Menu**

Right-clicking on a channel in the channel list allows you to join the channel on which you right-clicked.

**User List Action Menu**

*If you are a channel owner*
If you are a channel owner (channel operator), and you right click on a user, the following actions are available for that user:

- Squelch/Unsquelch this user
- Kick this user
- Kick and Ban this user
- Make Channel operator

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| Squelch/Unsquelch this user | Squelch or unsquelch this user only. |
| Kick this user | Kick off this user from the channel. |
| Kick and ban this user | Kick off this user from the channel and ban him from re-joining. |
| Make channel operator | Add this user as a channel owner. |

**Note:** The last two options (kick and ban, and make channel operator) are irreversible. If you ban a user from your channel, he cannot get back into that channel, ever.   Also, if you give a user 'channel operator' status, remember that he or she will have all of the same powers as you do, and you cannot take it away!   That user can now kick out all of your users if they want.   Use this action sparingly and only on users that you know well.

*If you are not a channel owner*
If you are not a channel owner, you will get the following option:

- Squelch/Unsquelch this user

**Channel Messages Action Dialog**

Right-clicking in the channel messages window will show the font chooser dialog.   This will allow you to change the font in the channel messages window.