

IRC and ##213

15-213/18-243: Introduction to Computer Systems

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Quick Overview

- The majority of the first lecture covered the syllabus, and is not rehashed here.
- We did, however, want to take a moment to talk about the IRC channel, especially for distance students.

IRC and freenode.net

■ Internet Relay Chat

- Protocol from the late 80s. Still used today.

■ Freenode

- A community of “Computer Science Types”. All (or at least most) channels are related in some way to computer related things.
- The people are friendly and it's well run. We like it.

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- Intended to provide accessible help for students who are either not on campus or, potentially (though with no guarantee) not during office hours.
 - Also contains other or old TAs, who may be helpful
 - Current staff have “Ops” (Green Circle in xChat)
 - Past staff are “Voiced” (Yellow Circle in xChat)
- High Level help
 - You may need to come to office hours or email us directly to get more specific advice.
- Remember, other people can read what you write
 - Be respectful, obviously
 - **Please don't paste code segments.** It can leak information to other students. If you have a code-related problem, you will be better served emailing the staff-list.

How do I get on, anyway?

- We recommend xChat as a client, because it's easy to use, and works on both Windows and Linux
 - If you have another preference, or use Pidgin (which also has those characteristics), feel free
 - <http://xchat.org/> For download and quick-start guide.
- Connect to irc.freenode.net (Freenode on xChat's list), channel ##213 and enjoy.
- If downloads aren't your thing, or you just want to get on from the cluster, you can also get on from their web portal, located at webchat.freenode.net