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Is there a secure way to instant message with other computers on a Windows XP network?

Answer:

Yes. With WinChat. A built-in Instant Messaging feature of Windows XP. You can chat with other computer users on the same network even without internet connection. There are not so many features in this messaging program as other messaging programs just like Windows Live Messenger and ICQ. This program is free from spam and viruses and more secure than other instant messenger programs.

Follow these steps to use the winchat chatting program:

When you want to run winchat, first click on **Start** button and type **winchat** in **Run** option then press **Enter** for next.

Next you should go to Conversation Menu and then click the dial option

Here choose that person you want to chat with on your network (when you will click on dial then you will get list of that persons with which you are going to connect on your network even if they are running winchat or not. If you dial someone on your list and they are not responding or ignoring you, then they may not be running the winchat.

When someone is running winchat they will hear a ringing sound. Both you and your networking sharing person will free to chat with each other when your recipient clicks the answer button.

Keep in mind that larger organizations may block the ability to use this feature.

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