

How To Use The CRCTVN Chat

CRCTVN holds its monthly general meeting via Chat room on the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm California time. All members are invited.

Date: first Saturday of each month
Time: 6:30 pm California time (PST)
IRC Server: nguyendomain.com
Port: 6667
Room: #crctvn
Password: crct0nly (note: 0 is the digit zero)

You can connect to the CRCTVN Chat room either via a web browser or via a chat client program. The web browser method is quite simple and convenient to use, users do not need to know much about Chat services. On the other hand, the chat client method offers more features and flexibilities, however chat client program could be hard to learn. If you intend to join the CRCTVN chat meeting on a monthly basis (first Sunday of each month at 6:30pm PST (California time)), then we recommend you use the chat client method.

1. Using the web browser:

- a) Open web browser and point to <http://www.crctvn.com/chat>.
- b) Enter nickname and password. Nick can be any thing (e.g. your initial) except nick current in use. Password is “**crct0nly**” (note: 0 is the digit zero)
- c) If you only see a grey rectangle on the browser it means you need to install Java on your machine.
 - To install Java please download it from Sun:
<http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.4/download.html>
 - You only need to download the JRE (Java Runtime Environment) which is the first item on the list.
 - Click on “DOWNLOAD” under “JRE” column. You will see the license Agreement, go down to the bottom of the page and click “Accept”.
 - Click on the link “Download **j2re-1_4_0_01-windows-i586.exe.**” and download the file. It’s a 9.3MB so it will take a while if you have slow connection.
 - After download the file successfully you need to double click on the file to install JRE. Just follow the installing process and click “Yes” or “Next”. When asked which browser is your default browser, please check mark the one that you use or both if you have both “Internet Explorer” and “Netscape”. After this you can go back to step 1.a and try again.
- d) Note: you will be automatically enter the room “**#crctvn**”
- e) If you have any problem please post it on the CRCTVN forum at <http://www.crctvn.com/forum>

2. Using any chat client. (We suggest using Bersirc)

The instruction below is for Bersirc chat client. However, you will find a similarity in all chat clients.

- a) Download Bersirc chat client from: <http://www.bersirc.com/downloads.php>
- b) Click on any link under “Bersirc v1.40”. The file is 1.85MB so it is less time to download than option 1.
- c) After download the file successfully, double click it to install Bersirc.
- d) It is very straightforward just follow the default option all you need is just click “Next”. At the last step there are two options which are “View Readme.txt” and “Run Bersirc” you are not interesting in reading the Readme.txt file then uncheck it and click “Finish”. The Bersirc program now runs.
- e) To connect to the chat room do the followings:
- f) Assuming that this is the first time you install Bersirc on your machine.
- g) The “Bersirc Profile Wizard” pop-up. Please enter a profile name. It can be any name and click “Next”.
- h) On the next screen there are four sections you need to fill out.
- i) Please fill in your name and your email address under “User information”
- j) Also pick two nicknames under “IRC information”. The first one will be used as your nickname when you enter the chat room unless some one already taken then the second one will be used.
- k) Under “IRC Server” don’t click on the drop down menu but type in “**nguyendomain.com**”. Keep the port **6667** as the default
- l) You can ignore the last section.
- m) After you fill-out click “Next” and then “Finish”.
- n) Bersirc is now running and you will see the error message (Password Incorrect (464))
- o) Click on “Tool” on the Menu and click “Options.” (Short cut Alt+O)
- p) In the “Category” window, under heading “General Settings” select “IRC Servers”
- q) Under the “Default Server” you will see the “Password” field is empty
- r) Fill in password which is “**crct0nly**” (note: 0 is the digit zero)
- s) Now click on the top left green icon.
- t) The “Favorite Channel” panel will pop-up.
- u) Click on “Add” and fill in “**#crctvn**” in the “Name” field. Remember the # sign is necessary. You can ignore the “Description” and “Network”. However, if you want to you can fill out “Con Rong Chau Tien” in “Description” and “CRCTVN” in “Network” field.
- v) Optional: if you wish you could delete all other channel that you don’t use.
- w) To join the chat room select the “#crctvn” channel and click “Join”.
- x) You need to close the “Favourite Channel” panel to start chatting.
- y) If you have any problem please post it on the CRCTVN forum at <http://www.crctvn.com/forum>