Setting up Instant Messaging in Adium

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Questions Addressed

- How do I setup UCSD instant messaging in Adium?

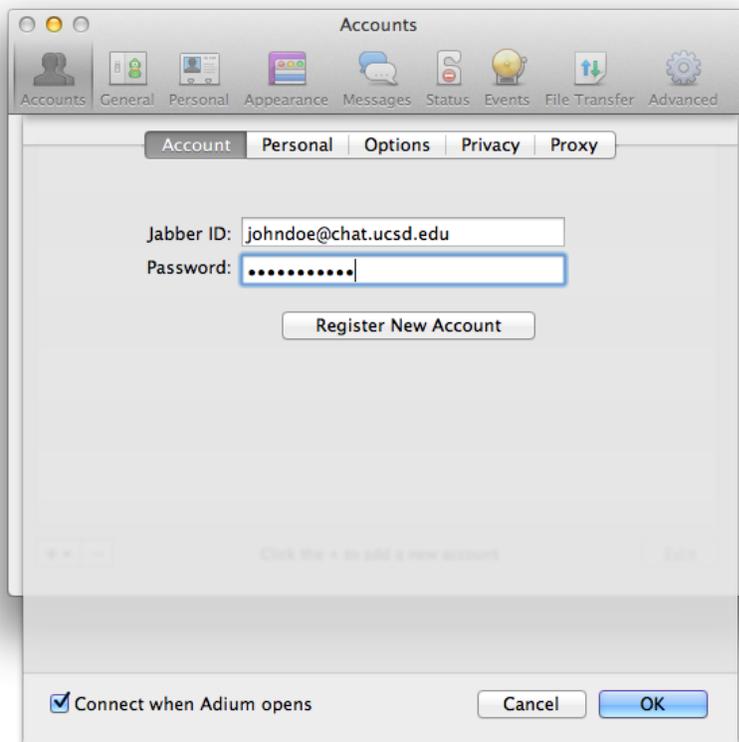**This wiki provides instructions on how to set accounts in Adium. For instructions for iChat, click here.**

1. **UCSD Jabber**
2. **AIM (AOL Instant Messenger)**
3. **Google Talk**
4. ## How to Add Buddies

UCSD Jabber (or XMPP for Adium v.1.5.2+)

UCSD offers a **Jabber Instant Messaging Service** at chat.ucsd.edu. Jabber is an open-source chat protocol. This service allows UCSD users to easily **transfer files** and **quickly send snippets of text** without having to sign up for a separate service like .Mac and AIM. For example, if someone needs to send a file to another person at IGPP, they can send it quickly without having to use dropbox or email. And if quick, concise discussion is necessary, instant messages are a much more efficient mode of communication than email.
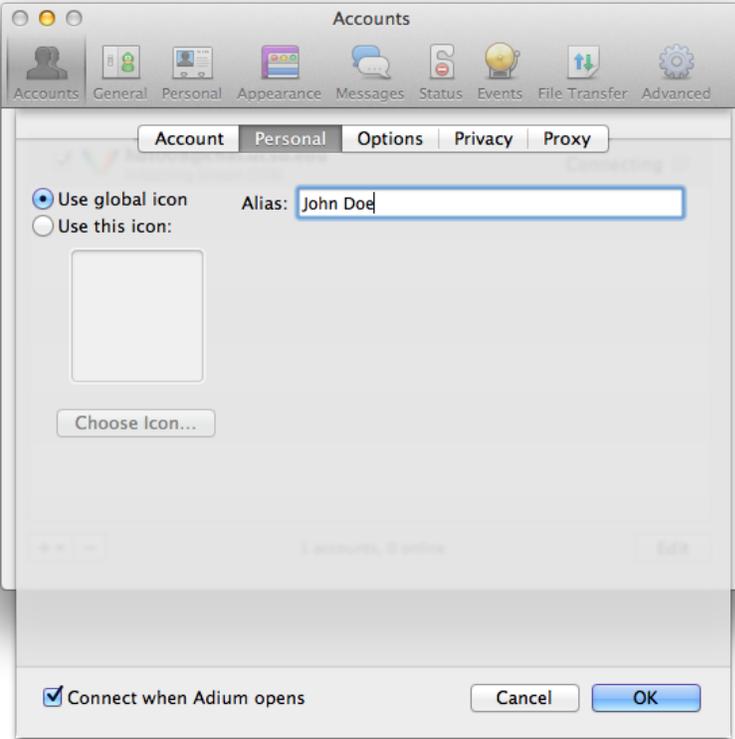
Anybody with an Active Directory (AD) login can setup a UCSD Jabber account.

1. Open up Adium.
2. Go to **Adium > Preferences > Accounts**.
3. Press "**+**" in the bottom left corner and choose "**XMPP**."
4. Enter in your AD username (ex. johndoe@chat.ucsd.edu) and password.
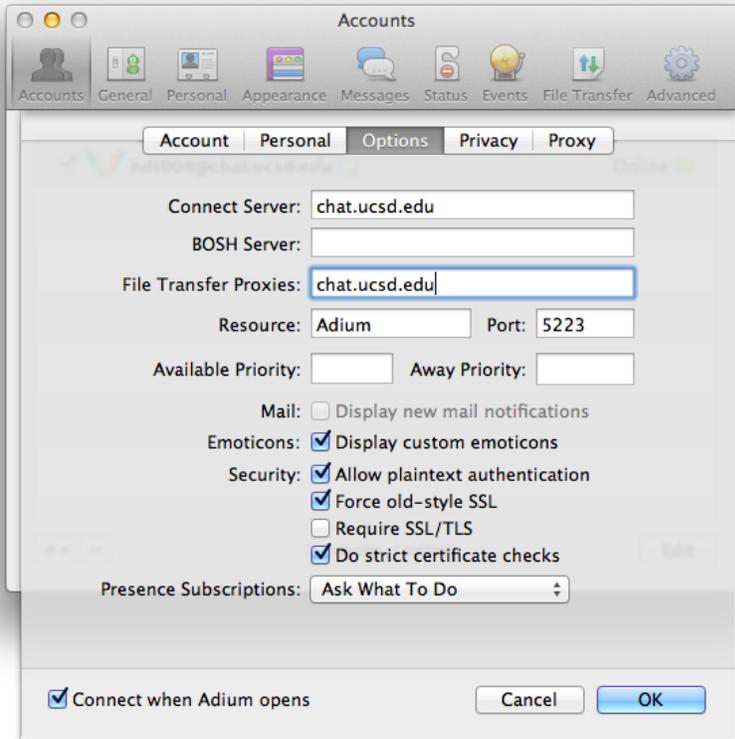

4. Go to **Personal**. For **Alias**, type in your Full Name (ex. John Doe).

5. Go to **Options**. Enter in the following:

Connected Server: chat.ucsd.edu
File Transfer Proxies: chat.ucsd.edu
Resource: Adium
Port: 5223
Security:
Allow plaintext authentication
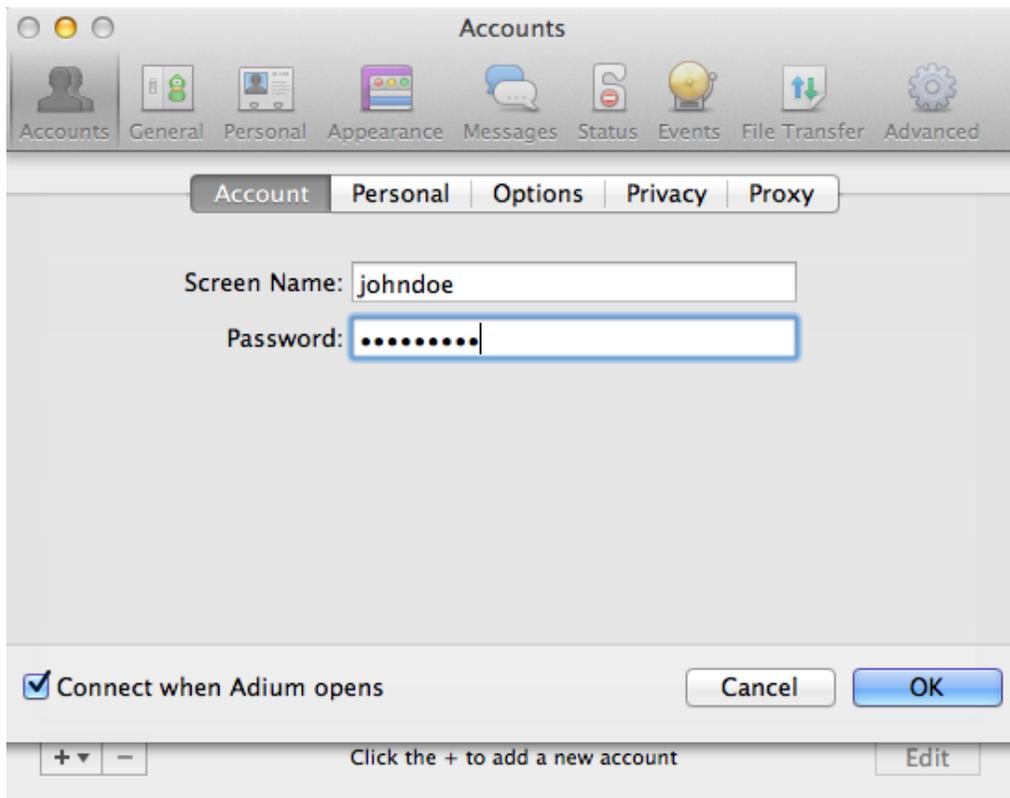**Force old-style SSL**
Do restrict certificate checks.

Leave Require SSL/TLS unchecked.

AIM (AOL Instant Messenger)

If you do not have an AIM account, you can sign up here.

1. Open Up **Adium**.
2. Go to **Adium > Preferences > Accounts**.
3. Press "**+**" in the bottom left corner and choose "AOL Instant Messenger."
4. Enter in your AIM Screenname and password.
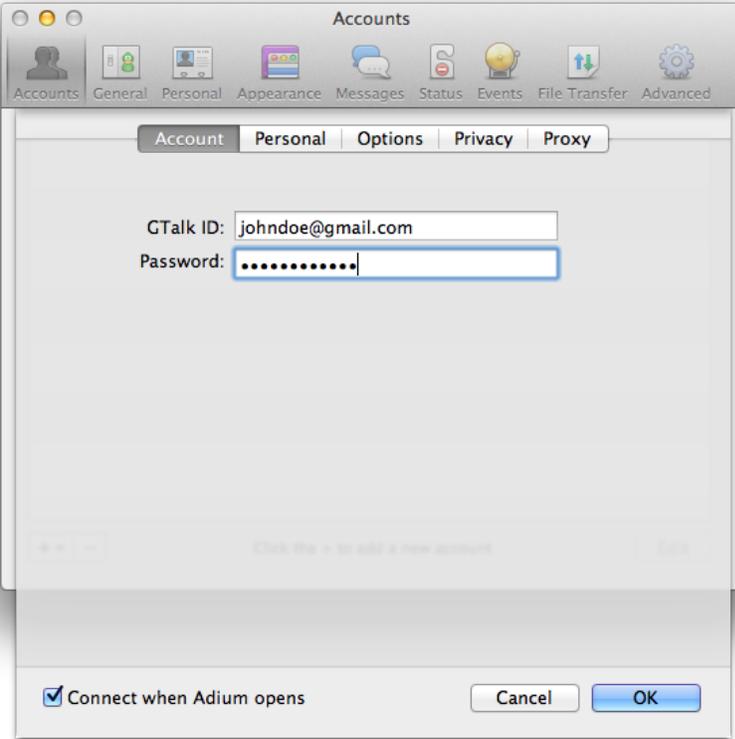
Google Talk

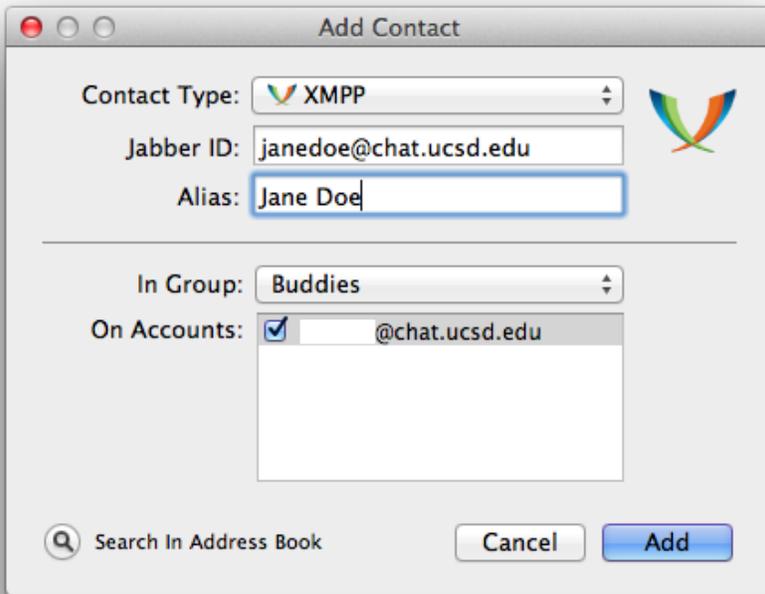**Note: You must use a GMail account to enable Google Talk.**
If you do not have a GMail account, you can sign up here.

1. Open Up **Adium**.
2. Go to **Adium > Preferences > Accounts**.
3. Press "**+**" in the bottom, left corner to add an account.
4. Choose **Google Talk** and enter in your GMail account and password.

Adding Chat Buddies

1. To add chat buddies, simply to go **Adium > Contact > Add Contact**.
2. Under **Contact Type**, select the type of IM type (Jabber, AIM, or Google Talk) and type in your buddy's username. Click **Add**.
Optional: You can create an Alias for buddy and add him or her to a specific group on your chat list.

Note: For UCSD Jabber, entering an AD username (ex. janedoe@chat.ucsd.edu) will send a request to add. Your buddy must approve your request before conversations can be initiated.

If you need further assistance, please [contact IGPP Net Ops](#).