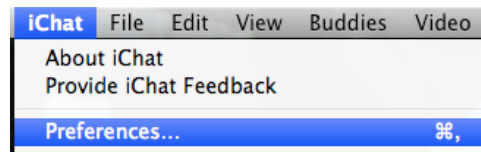


Getting a Mac Account

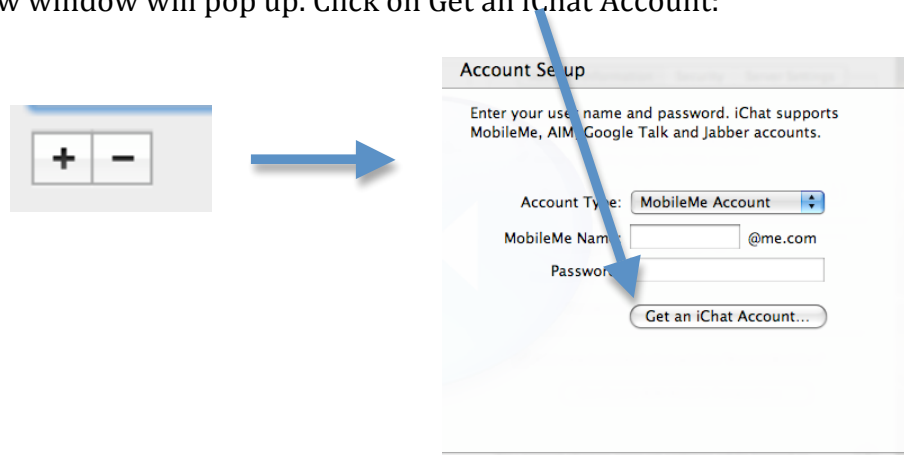
- Open iChat from your Dock, and then select Preferences in the iChat menu:



- Select Accounts from the Preferences Window:



- Click the "+" button in the bottom left corner to add a new account, and a new window will pop up. Click on Get an iChat Account:



- Fill in all the fields, then click on Continue at the bottom:

Create your iChat ID
Complete the fields below, then click the Continue button to save.

* indicates a required field

iChat ID (Create iChat ID login) * @mac.com

Password (6-32 characters) * Confirm Password: *

First Name: * Middle Name: Last Name: *

Email Address: * Confirm Email Address: *

Please create a unique question and answer and select your birth day and month to help us verify your identity if you forget your password.

Question: * Answer: *

For example, what was my first pet's name?

Month: * Day: *

Please type the characters you see in the picture below: *

S U 3 U 0 Can't read this? [Get a new word.](#)

Letters are not case-sensitive.

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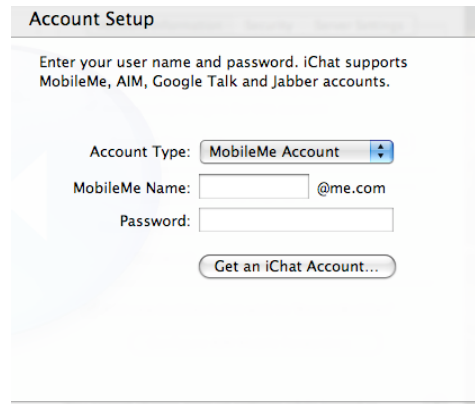
I have read and agree to the iChat [Terms of Service](#) and [Apple's Privacy Policy.](#)

Change the tick-marks in these boxes:

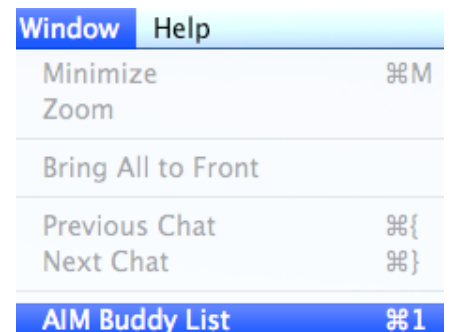
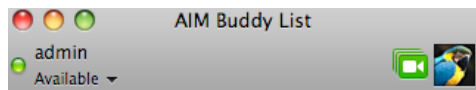


Adding you Mac Account to iChat

- Repeat the first three steps above to get back to your Account Setup Window:

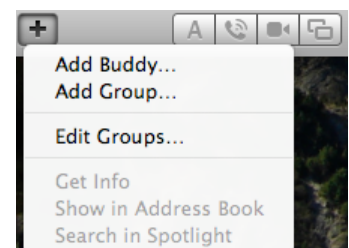
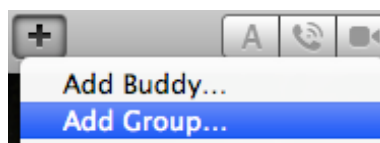


- This time, change the Account type to a Mac.com Account; and enter the username and password you created.
- Once finished this part, you will have an empty AIM buddies list in iChat. If not already open, this Buddy list can be reopened from the iChat Window menu if you don't see it the next time you log in.

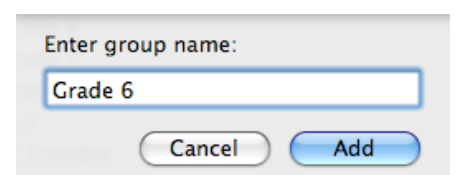


Adding Groups and Buddies to you AIM Buddy List

- Click on the bottom-left **+** button to add groups and buddies to your list:
- First we will set up a few groups:

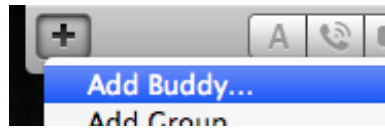


- Enter your form room grade as your first group:



- Repeat the last two steps to add a group named Teachers as well. You may also wish to add other groups (like one named Home) for use outside of school.

- Now click on Add Buddy:



- You will need your buddies' account information to add them.

Select which group to add your buddy to

A screenshot of a dialog box titled 'Enter the buddy's AIM or MobileMe account:'. The dialog contains several fields: 'Account Name:' with a text input field and a dropdown menu currently set to 'AIM'; 'Add to Group:' with a dropdown menu; 'First Name:' with a text input field; and 'Last Name:' with a text input field and a small blue square icon to its right. At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Add'. A blue arrow points from the text 'Select which group to add your buddy to' to the 'Add to Group:' dropdown menu.

Select the type of account for your buddy (Mac.com, if they also followed these directions)

- Done! When having a conversation with a buddy, there are options for Audio or Video chats if desired, and you can send files by dragging them into the chat dialogue box (the same spot as where you would type to chat).