



## iChat Lessons

iChat is an awesome way to connect with your world team. You can send instant messages with text, use the audio function (like a phone), or videoconference. All for free! You've GOT to love that! You can even send pictures and files right through the iChat!

Screen Name: The first thing you need is a screen name to use iChat. You have 2 choices (names from MSN or Yahoo don't work with iChat AV).

1- use your .Mac account. If you do not have a .Mac account, you can sign up for a 60-day FREE account at [www.mac.com](http://www.mac.com)!

2- use your AOL or AIM account.

Buddies: Now you need to add buddies to your list. On the bottom of your iChat screen is a plus sign. Click that and then add your new Buddy's name and screen name. Make sure to spell the name correctly!

Text-Messaging: As soon as your buddy comes on line, you will see their name pop up on your Buddy List. To send them a message, simply double-click their name and begin to add text. If you want to add a picture or file, simply drag it to the place where you write in your text! Easy!

Phone Conferencing: If your Buddy has a phone icon next to their name, then you can call them on the "phone". Double-click the phone icon. When they answer, you can have a conversation!

Video Conferencing: If you want to video conference with a buddy, make sure you have your camera hooked up properly to your computer. The iSight camera, by Apple, is an inexpensive and easy solution. However, you can hook up any video camera with firewire connections.

If your Buddy has an icon of a video camera next to their name, they are also ready for a video conference. Just double-click their video-camera icon and wait for them to answer! When your Buddy answers the call, you will see them in a bigger screen and yourself in a smaller screen. You can also change the video conference to full screen. Now you can see your buddy (in the same way that George Jetson talked to his boss, Mr. Spacely!).