

## Learn more about Yahoo Messenger

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### **ILoveIM.com**

This is an application that sends messages over the web, allowing people to connect to Yahoo Messenger, MSN Messenger, AIM on any computer even if the system blocks downloading and installing instant messaging software.

ILoveIM has a bright, coherent interface, does not contain advertising banners and automatically saves the conversation



Similar to the Message Archives feature. However, the biggest weakness of the program is that users cannot chat with anyone who is in invisible mode. Besides, they can only chat "rudely", ie ILoveIM does not support emoticons (the icons represent emotional nuances).

### **eBuddy.com**

Users appreciate eBuddy because the program fully updates the latest emoticons of Yahoo Messenger, including hidden emoticon and the ability to edit fonts, font colors . In addition, people can access eBuddy to chat with friends via a mobile phone or PDA device.

## **Meebo.com**

This is a well-known web messaging site that supports Yahoo Messenger, MSN Messenger, AIM, ICQ, Jabber and Google Talk. The program works fast, stable but the interface is relatively bad, a bit confusing and limits emoticon as well as many other features.

## **Yahoo Web Messenger**

The world's leading Internet service provider also offers a web version of IM to users. At the end of messenger.yahoo.com, people will see the Launch Web Messenger link. However, this program is quite heavy, slow to work and the number of smiley icons is quite small.

Using these web chat programs is also a solution for logging multiple nickes on the same computer.

## **Some other tricks for Yahoo Messenger**

1. Many people are afraid to create a new nick on Yahoo Messenger because they will have to manually add (import) their friends' addresses. However, starting from version 7.0, Yahoo allows users to send the entire contact list to a new nick by going to *Actions* and selecting *Send My Messenger List* .
2. When activating the *Message Archive* feature, the chat content on *Yahoo Messenger* will also be automatically saved in *Program Files\Yahoo! Messenger\Profiles\Nick* as .dat file. To read this file, everyone must install the decoding software, such as the Super YM Archive Decoder. The above Decoder program also allows you to save chats in text or HTML format and set a password so no one else can see it.
3. Create virtual nick on Yahoo Messenger: *Messenger -> My Profiles -> Create My Profiles* . After opening a new window, click *Create New Public Profile* and enter the virtual nick you want to select. You need to exit Yahoo Messenger and then log in again to use the new nick to chat.
4. HyperYM: This is a free software that allows users to reply automatically, view hidden emoticons and display the songs they are listening on Winamp, BSplayer, iTunes and Windows Media Player 9, 10 and 11 to status (information line next to the nick). HyperIM 2.0.8 is a new version updated on June 1, supporting Yahoo Messenger 8.0 (official version), Windows Live Messenger 8.0, Google Talk and Skype 2.0

There is currently a virus attacking the Yahoo Messenger network in Vietnam, so when you use Yahoo you should watch out for links to strange websites. If possible, you can always ask the sender of the link to see if they actually send the link to you.

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