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# Real-time Tux Machines Chat Over IRC (Internet Relay Chat)

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"The first IRC server, tolsun oulu.fi, a Sun-3 server on display near the University of Oulu computer centre."

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*TUX MACHINES* reached all-time record traffic in the past couple of weeks. This (raw) traffic now stands at about 4 million hits/week, with 3,970,777 hits in the past 6 days and 4,289,540 hits last week (predating these 6 days). It's just a shame that interaction with readers became hard; the forums had a severe spam issue, as did comments and submissions (by *new* registrants, always, more so at a later stage) -- to the point where it became impractical to allow any new registrations (except adding people manually upon request). The open/incognito registrants would overrun the site within *minutes* (we tried several times over the years and saw the effect immediately).

So we've decided to try [IRC](#) [2] and have added "IRC" to the menu at the top with an applet (JavaScript) to make life easier for those who aren't familiar with IRC clients.

Here's [how to join us](#) [3]. This is still experimental. Real-time updates with posts (as they are posted) will in due course be shown in the channel and we can all casually chat in real-time, too. We are also still working on our [Android app](#) [4] these days. [?](#)

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- [1] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/taxonomy/term/122>
- [2] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet\\_Relay\\_Chat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_Relay_Chat)
- [3] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/121258>
- [4] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/120574>