

Using AOL's Instant Messenger

Many people are not aware that you can download and use AOL Instant Messenger (IM) for free. You do not need to have AOL as your Internet Service Provider. And, you can continue to use whatever other IMs you currently use as well, such as MSN Messenger or Yahoo Messenger. Here's what to do to get the AOL IM:

First, don't go directly to AOL.com, but rather go this website: <http://www.aim.com/>

Click on the **Download Now!** link for AIM 5.9:



Next, click on the **New Users Click Here** link:



When the Screen Name form appears, complete as appropriate:

When you've finished filling out the form, click on the **Submit** button.

If you pick a Screen Name that's already in use, you'll get this window:

Type a new screen name and then click on **Submit**.

After a successful submission, you'll see this window:

Click on **Continue!**

Complete the Registration form and click on **Submit!** You will then be congratulated (and well deserved!)

Click on **Continue**. (Hang in, you're almost there!)

Click on either **Windows** or **Macintosh**.

Click on **Save** and select an appropriate directory, or your desktop. When you're ready, simply double-click on the file (Install_AIM.exe) to install AOL IM. You are now set!