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Thread: [Read Twitch Chat \(Not for a Bot\)](#)

M?estro - October 30, 2015, 6:26 pm

Hey guys, I've been working on a project to further my knowledge and I've run into a snag and can't find anything on how to do this. Anyway, I just want to get the chat text itself not be able to send messages or bot, so I can have the twitch chat in an application. Twitch had said it is HTML5 and Irc so I guess you could go somewhere with that? Don't want the code written for me just an informational page or something to jump start me in the direction I need. Thanks.

stratex - October 30, 2015, 8:21 pm

<https://github.com/justintv/Twitch-API/blob/master/IRC.md>

If you need more help in implementing I can post some code.

BahNahNah - October 31, 2015, 12:00 am

Irc uses TCP.

Using a TCPClient to connect and StreamReader to read is the easiest way.

[Here](#) is an example if you want one.

Josh? - November 2, 2015, 3:21 am

You will need:

- A method of connecting to an IRC server, so manually handing a TCPClient or a library
- A twitch account, complete with a chat_login oauth code
- The twitch channel you want to connect to

What you need to do:

- Connect to the irc server "irc.twitch.tv" on port "6667"
- Set the username and nickname to your twitch account in all lower case
- Set the password to be your twitch oauth, E.g. "oauth:aiudhf89daghaakjhgd"
- Once you are connected, to join a stream's channel, you need to join "#" + channel name in lowercase
- Handle message received, you will get the twitch username in lowercase and the message
- If you want to handle whispers, it's a whole lot more work

If you need a hand, I've worked with twitch in Vb.NET and Java before, so just HMU with a PM.