

Workers like instant messaging's speed

Company	Product	Platform	Features	Price
America Online Inc. Vienna, Va. 703-448-8700 www.aol.com	AIM	Windows	Internet-based, limited to 1,024 characters per message; also supports Palm OS, file and image transfer as well as text messaging	Free
Bantu Inc. Washington 202-822-3999 www.bantu.com	Bantu Messenger	Windows, Mac OS, Linux	Hosted or user-installed IM with encryption and firewall support; also supports wireless devices	\$5 up per month
Ezenia Inc. Burlington, Mass. 800-597-3930 www.infoworkspace.com	InfoWorkSpace	Windows	Collaboration suite for instant messaging in a secure environment; being tested by Defense Department	\$375 up per user
ICQ Inc. Tel Aviv, Israel 972-3-6488090 www.icq.com	ICW Groupware ICQ	Windows, Mac OS, Palm OS	Peer-to-peer, Internet-based, low overhead, thin application, no security claims, unlimited characters per message, voice application support	Free for up to 200 users
Ikimbo Inc. Herndon, Va. 703-480-4160 www.ikimbo.com	Omniprise	Windows	Wireless-enabled secure IM	\$120 up per user
Jabber.com Inc. Denver www.jabber.com	Jabber	Any browser	XML-based; works with ICQ and AIM	Free
Lotus Development Corp. Cambridge, Mass. 617-577-8500 www.lotus.com	Sametime	NT Server, Lotus Notes	Server-based, 8,000 users per server, firewall and proxy support, message logging, performance monitoring, maintains address book on server	\$5,000 up
MercuryPrime Corp. Seattle, Wash. 206-624-5969 www.mercuryprime.com	Razius Express	Windows	Peer-to-peer IM and file transfer, supports PGP and host-based security	\$20 per user
	Razius Enterprise	Windows	Peer-to-peer IM and file transfer, supports PGP and host-based security	Under development
Microsoft Corp. Redmond, Wash. 425-882-8080 www.microsoft.com	MSN Messenger 1.0	Windows	Internet-based, 400 characters per message, free North American phone calls	Free
	Exchange Instant Messaging	Windows	Secure, business-oriented IM service included in Exchange 2000	Included
NetLert Communications Inc. Asheville, N.C. 828-670-9900 www.netlert.com	NetLert Instant Messaging	Windows, Mac OS, Linux, Solaris	Java IM system using Secure Sockets Layer encryption	\$7,500 for 200 users
Novell Inc. Provo, Utah 888-321-4272 www.novell.com	Instantme	NetWare	Server-based, unlimited characters per message, security announced for future release	Free
2Way Corp. Seattle, Wash. 888-784-2929 www.2way.com	2Way IM	Windows	IM with interactive polling of multiple users, file transfer, firewall support and SSL security	\$6,000
Vypress Research LLC Greensburg, Pa. 724-850-8186 www.vypress.com	Vypress Chat	Windows	No dedicated server required, peer-to-peer	\$1,200 for unlimited use
	Vypress Messenger	Windows	Local, VPN and Internet instant messaging	\$8,000 for unlimited use
	Vypress Auvis	Windows	Receive-only messaging, strong management control	\$6,000 for unlimited use
Wired Red Software Corp. San Diego, Calif. 858-530-1447 www.wiredred.com	e/pop	NetWare, NT	Peer-to-peer, firewall and proxy support, message logging, performance monitor	\$4,995 for 250 users
Yahoo Inc. Sunnyvale, Calif. 408-349-3300 messenger.yahoo.com	Messenger	Browser	File and chat support, free phone calls, integrated with Yahoo's other services	Free
Zink Software Inc. Greenwich, Conn. 203-863-1473 www.flashmessage.com	Flash Messaging System	NetWare, NT	Peer-to-peer messaging, 30-day free trial, firewall support, message logging, auto-forward feature	\$1,000 for 100 users