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Subject: Re: Stuck with icq

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tvanriper wrote on Tue, 29 April 2008 03:30Honestly, I can't stand IM systems, in general.

When I have to communicate with someone, I either use e-mail, or forums.

Unless, of course, I can walk down the hall and talk to the person.

I find IMs terribly disruptive. They demand attention immediately, when perhaps I might need to focus on a problem. I may as well pick up a ringing phone.

But, I seem to be the minority in this opinion... a lot of my friends love to IM each other... so I'm perhaps old-fashioned or something.

IMHO im are very good to solve quickly a problem, when it's there.

Just think you've an app opened, it doesn't behave as expected, with im you can follow step-by-step instructions and show/solve the problem. With forums/mails it would take forever.... Of course a phone call is even better, but it's usually not cheap, and sometimes the language barriers are strong

OTOH, for long-term problems, forums are much better.

Max

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