

# How To Put an Instant Message Box on your Web Site for FREE



I found a neat little widget that is provided for free by AIM (AOL Instant Messaging). You can put a message box on most any web site for free. Anyone visiting the web page that you put this widget on will be able to chat with you through AIM messaging privately right through your web page. See the example below of what the widget looks like.

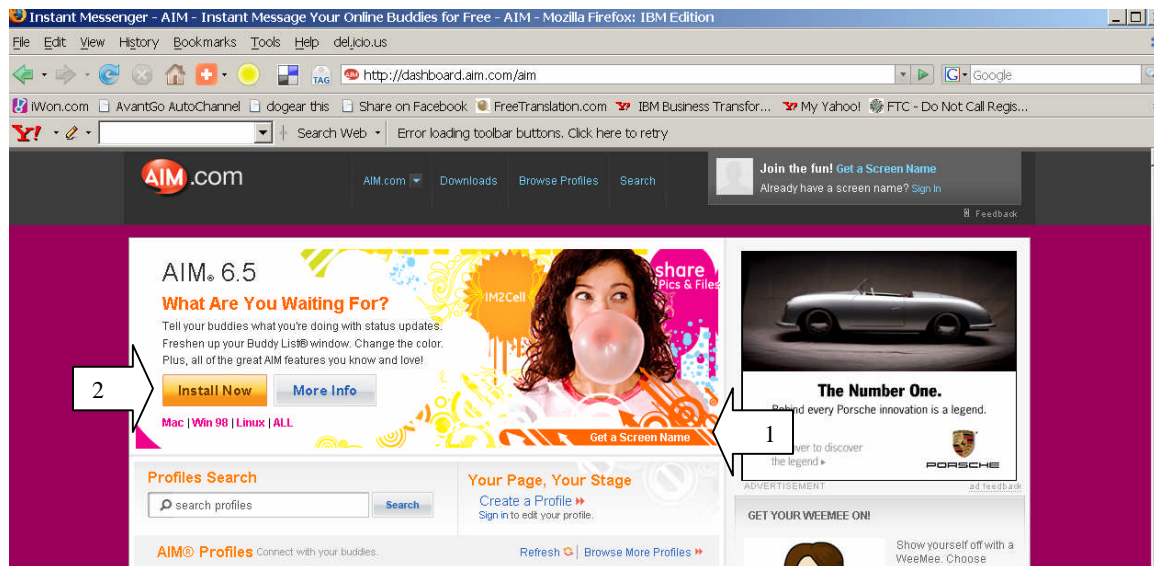


Illustration 1

You can find a live example of this at my web site at <http://www.enhanced-life.com/contact.shtml> .

Now, how to get one yourself:

In order to be able to communicate with your users, you will need an AIM compatible chat client and an AIM account or “Screen Name”. You can get both for free at <http://www.aim.com>. In the below illustration, first click on “Get a Screen Name” (Arrow 1) and after you have a screen name, go back and click on AIM 6.5 “Install Now” (Arrow 2).



Once you get your AIM account and have downloaded your AIM client, go back to my web site and click on the link on the bottom of the widget called “Get your own WIMZI widget”. You will then get to the screen shown below.

The screenshot displays the AIM.com website interface for creating a WIMZI widget. At the top, the AIM.com logo is visible on the left, and 'Site Map | Help' is on the right. A navigation menu includes 'Main', 'Downloads', 'Services', 'Fun with AIM', 'Developers', 'AIM Beta', and 'Support'. Below the menu, a banner for the 'AIM® WIMZI™ Widget' provides introductory text. The main content area is titled 'Get an AIM WIMZI Widget' and features a 'Get Started' sidebar with instructions. The central form is divided into several sections: 'Name it.' with fields for 'Widget Name' (filled with 'My WIMZI'), 'Your Display Name', and 'Location'; 'Size it.' with radio buttons for 'Standard(190x275)' and 'Mini(160x195)'; 'Choose a theme.' with radio buttons for 'MorningMist', 'PitchBlack', 'BubbleGum', 'Aqua', 'OrangeCrush', 'Midnight', 'SnowDust', and 'Grape'; and 'Add messages.' with fields for 'Greeting Message' (filled with 'Hi!') and 'Offline Message' (filled with 'I'm not here.'). A checkbox for 'I Agree to the terms of service' is present. A 'Create it' button is at the bottom. A 'Preview.' section shows a sample widget with the name 'My WIMZI', a status 'is Online', and the message 'Hi!'. A text input field for the preview contains 'Type here, press 'Enter' to send.' and a 'Your Name:' field is filled with 'AIMGuest1234'. A link 'Get your own WIMZI widget.' is at the bottom of the preview. In the top right corner of the form area, there is a link 'AOL & AIM Sign In' with an arrow labeled '1' pointing to it.

You will need to sign in with your new AIM screen name (Arrow 1) and then you can customize your Widget. Simply fill in you Widget Name (I use my web site so I know which web site they are coming from), your display name (in my case “Steve”). Pick your color and size and that you agree to the terms of service. Then press “Create It”.

You will then be presented with something like the picture below:

Sign Out sjcor2004

**Name it.**

Widget Name:

Your Display Name:

Location:

Location Check Enabled:  Yes  No

**Size it.**

Standard(190x275)  Mini(160x195)

**Choose a theme.**

MorningMist  PitchBlack  BubbleGum

Aqua  OrangeCrush  Midnight

SnowDust  Grape

**Add messages.**

Greeting Message:

Offline Message:

I Agree to the [terms of service](#)

**Preview.**

Standard (190x275) - MorningMist

**AIM Enhanced Life Options**

Steve is Online

Hi!

Type here, press 'Enter' to send.

Your Name:

[Get your own WIMZI widget.](#)

**Viewing Options:**

Note that you now have two more buttons under “Viewing Options”. Press “Code” and it will present you with something like below:

Sign Out sjcor2004

**Name it.**

Widget Name:

Your Display Name:

Location:

Location Check Enabled:  Yes  No

**Size it.**

Standard(190x275)  Mini(160x195)

**Choose a theme.**

MorningMist  PitchBlack  BubbleGum

Aqua  OrangeCrush  Midnight

SnowDust  Grape

**Add messages.**

Greeting Message:

Offline Message:

I Agree to the [terms of service](#)

**Copy & Paste it.**

HTML  Flash [Help me choose](#)

If you use Flash, you must select "no" for the Location Check!

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<script type="text/javascript"
src="http://o.aolcdn.com/aim/web-aim
</script>
<script type="text/javascript">
AIM.util.createStyleSheet(
"http://o.aolcdn.com/aim/wimzi/morni
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wimzi_key="sj1nFmJUHa7aNR"></d
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Instructions: Copy and Paste this code into your website HTML. [Help Me Do This](#)

- [See what others are doing at the AIM Gallery](#)
- [Email a Friend about AIM WIMZI widgets!](#)
- [Facebook users click here!](#)

**Viewing Options:**

At this point I select the “Flash” version of the code as it is compatible with more web sites. Simply copy and paste the code into the area of your web site you want your widget to be and you’re done. You can test your widget by going to your web site and sending yourself some text. It should appear on you AIM client and you should be able to chat both ways. Be sure to test your widget.

Some benefits of having this widget is that your visitors do not need to have any type of IM (Internet Messaging) client to reach you. They can also reach you instantly when visiting your site. Finally, you do not need to share your screen name with others unless you want to chat with them outside of your web site.

Enjoy your new AIM WIMZI widget!

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