

NicoliNet Messenger Guide

The NicoliNet Messenger is a very powerful tool—provided that you use it correctly, that is. This guide (in Comic Sans, no less) was created to show you the proper way to utilize the full potential of the NicoliNet Messenger.

Pt. 1: Joining a Chat Room:

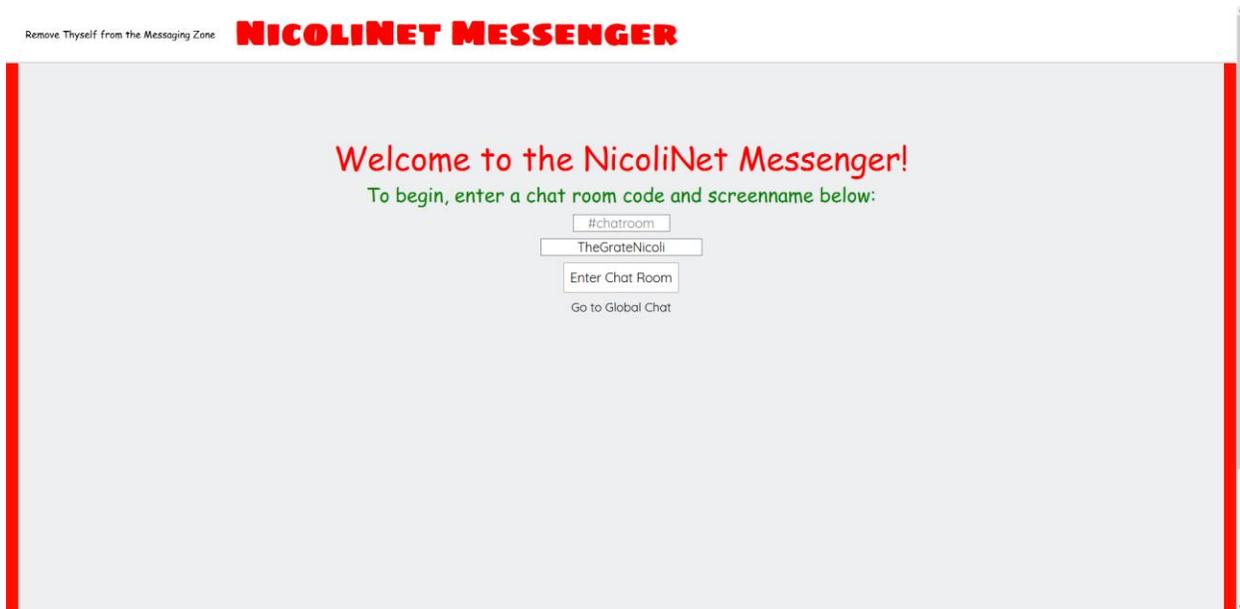


Figure 1: NicoliNet Messenger Home Screen

The NicoliNet Messenger Home Page (Fig. 1) is designed to be as simple as possible. However, as always with new and interesting technologies, it can still be a complicated place for some. To start off, you must enter a chat room code. Chat room codes consist of up to 10 alphanumeric characters, begin with a hashtag (#). Next, you choose a name. NicoliNet will automatically generate a name for you based upon your customization preferences, but it is also perfectly okay to enter a different name here as well. Once you have completed that, click the "Enter Chat Room" button to enter your selected chat room. If other people are already in that

chat room, you will be entered into that one, but if no one else is, it will be automatically created.

Pt. 2: Using The Messenger:

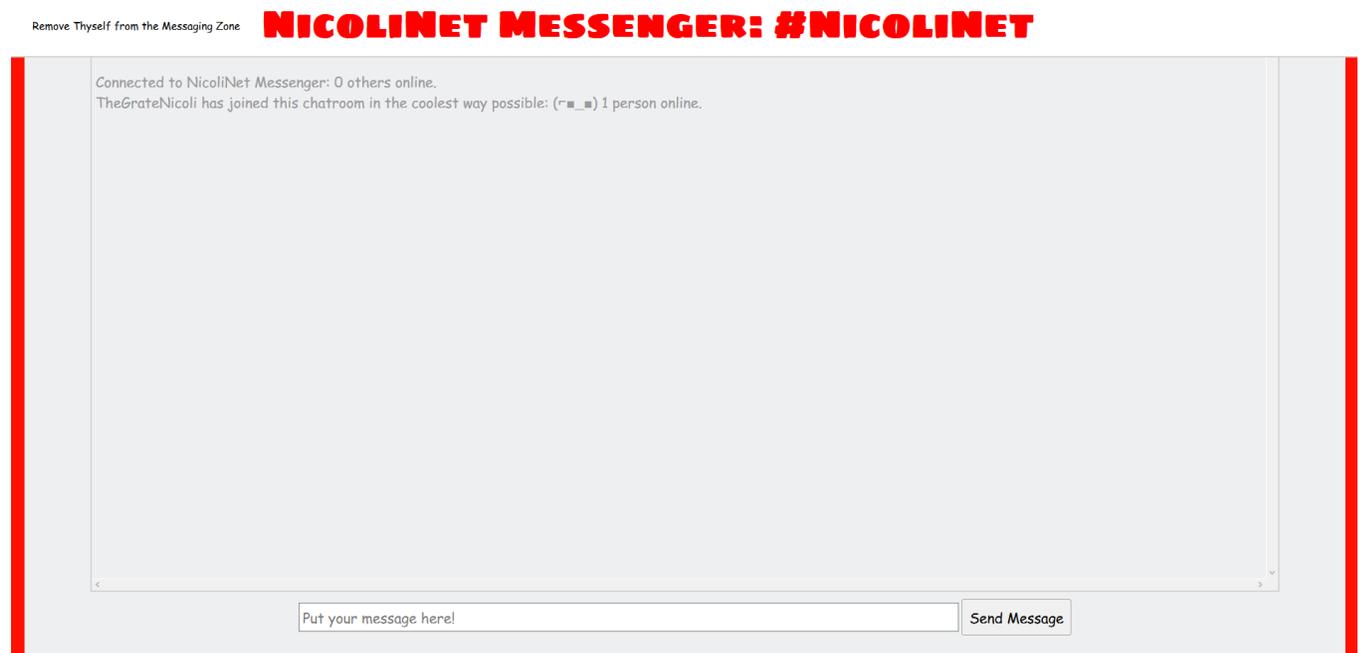


Figure 2: NicoliNet Messenger UI

The NicoliNet Messenger (Fig. 2) contains a very minimalistic interface designed to reduce confusion and be as simple as possible. However, as always with new and interesting technologies, it can still be a complicated place for some. As soon as you connect, a message will be displayed telling you how many other people are online, how many others (if any), and will also show a message to everyone in the chat notifying them that you are online. Note that these messages are different every time, adding a dynamic effect to the Messenger. To send a message, simply click on the box saying, "Put your message here!" and type your message. Then, to send it, hit the [enter] key or click "Send Message". The NicoliNet Messenger also will automatically underline and hyperlink any links that you send. To take advantage of this, we recommend that you send as many links as possible with this service. The final part of using the Messenger, is, of course, knowing how to exit it. You want to make sure to do this correctly, as it truly is one of the most difficult

and least intuitive parts of the NicoliNet Messenger and has given lots of us here at NicoliNet large headaches attempting to simplify it. To exit the chat room, just click the exit message at the top left corner of the screen (Fig. 3).

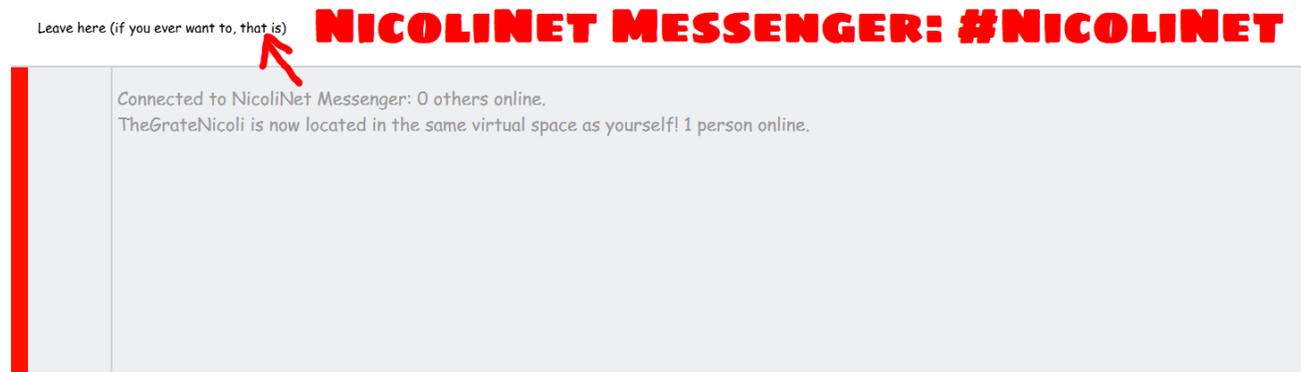


Figure 3: Exit Message

This will properly remove you from the NicoliNet Messenger, causing you no problems when you come back to use it again. However, if you accidentally leave incorrectly, don't worry! The NicoliNet Messenger will remember this and auto-enter you into the old chat room, prompting you to exit correctly before joining a new chat room.

Pt. 3: The Global Chat:

The NicoliNet Messenger Global Chat is designed to reduce confusion, be easy to use, and be as simple as possible. However, as always with new and interesting technologies, it can still be a complicated place for some. To join the NicoliNet Messenger Global Chat, start off by going to the NicoliNet Messenger Home Page

(Fig. 1). Then click the text that says, "Go to Global Chat" to be brought to the Global Chat Home Page (Fig. 4).

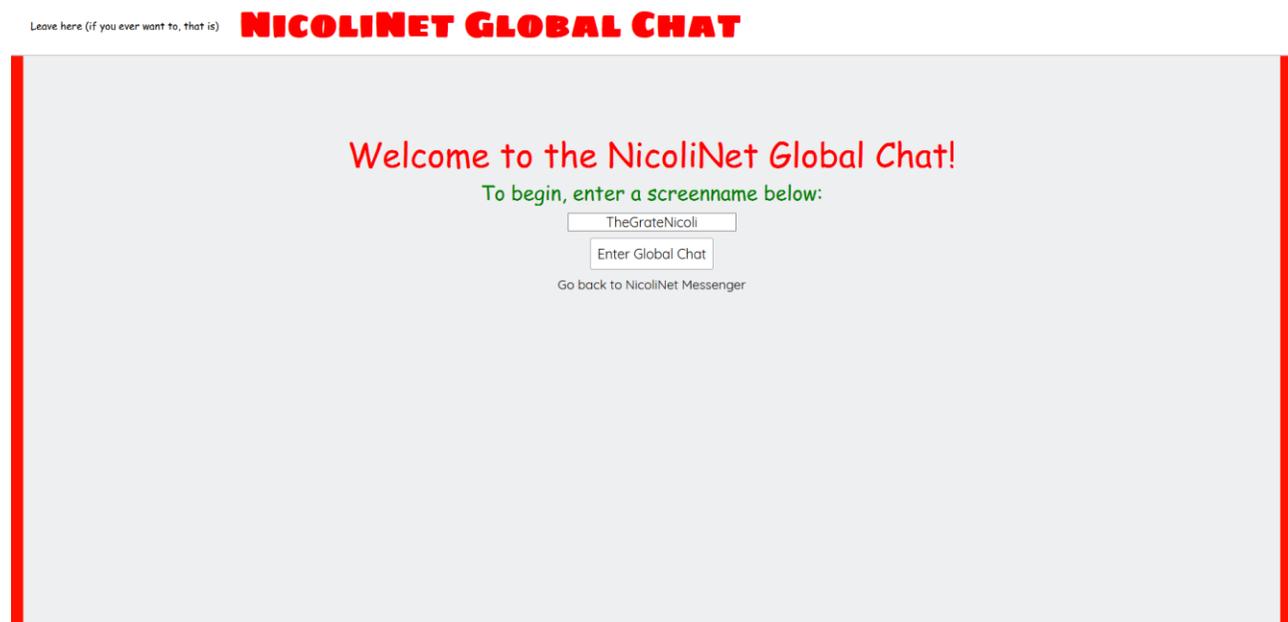


Figure 4: NicoliNet Messenger Global Chat Home Page

Since all of the Global Chat can communicate with each other, no chat room codes are required here. However, you do still need a username. Similar to the NicoliNet Messenger Home Page, a username will be automatically generated for you based upon your customization preferences, but it is still possible to create your own. Once you have decided upon a username, simply click, "Enter Global Chat" to enter the NicoliNet Global Chat. Sending messages and exiting the Global Chat are the same as in the Messenger, so it will be easy for you to get used to this extension upon the NicoliNet Messenger. In addition to your normal NicoliNet Messenger functions, the Global Chat an extra feature. By typing ".online.", and only ".online" into the chat, you will receive information about who is online, as to be able to tell in anyone is eavesdropping on your private conversations in a global chat room. After all, NicoliNet's number one concern at all times is your privacy!

Happy NicoliNeting!

-The Grate Nicoli