Note: This howto aims to configure the Microsoft Office Communicator service provided by CERN in any compatible client.

Note2: There is another howto on how to configure it in Pidgin.

Using CERN Office Communicator with any compatible client

Configuration parameters

- Protocol: Office Communicator / OCS / Live Communicator / LCS
- Username: YOUR CERN EMAIL (with @cern.ch)
- Server: cernocs01.cern.ch (try to leave this empty, it should be able to auto discover it)
- Port: 5061 (try to leave this empty, it is the default port for this service)

Compatible clients

- Pidgin
  - Pidgin CERN OCS installation guide
- Empathy
  - To install it in Ubuntu 10.04 LTS: sudo apt-get install pidgin-sipe
  - I am not able to make it work with Empathy. If you have any clue, drop me an email!

More information

- Microsoft Office Communications Server uses a modified and incompatible Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) for signalling along with the SIMPLE extensions to SIP for IM and presence.
- OCS Official Web
- OCS Wikipedia entry

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