How To Add Facebook Chat to Messages in Mac

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Facebook users can chat with their friends using Facebook Chat whenever they are signed into facebook.com on their computer. Facebook Chat sits at the bottom-right of the Facebook window, and if your window display is wide enough, you'll see a list of Facebook friends who are also online to chat.

You can easily configure the Messages app on your Mac to connect to Facebook Chat, so you can stay logged-in and online with Facebook Chat even when you're working in another app or don't have your browser window open to facebook.com. Here's how:

1. Open Safari and go to facebook.com
2. Click on your profile picture on the facebook menubar and then click About
3. Scroll down to Contact Information and click on See All Contact Information
4. Make note the "facebook email" address assigned to your account.
5. Have your Facebook login password ready for a later step
6. Close Safari
7. Open Messages in the Applications folder of your Mac
8. In Messages, type Cmd-comma or choose Preferences from the Messages menu
9. Click on the Accounts tab
10. Click the Plus button at the lower-left corner of the Accounts tab to add a new account
11. For Account Type, choose **Jabber**
12. For Account Name, enter your "facebook email" address from Step 4, and append **@chat.facebook.com**
13. For Password, enter your Facebook password
14. Click Done

You are now logged into Facebook Chat in Messages! You should see a list of all your Facebook friends who are online. Select View options in the Messages View menu to choose whether you want to see buddies listed who are offline, and whether you want to group your Buddy List by service type.