

Using OctroTalk

OctroTalk is an instant messaging application that supports Google Talk, Jabber, Yahoo, MSN, AOL and ICQ. It supports multiple chat sessions and group chat/conference. It has many features including Voice over IP (VoIP), File Transfer and Picture Transfer, Unattended File Sharing (File Sharing BOT), Message Archiving and Search in your Gmail account and Today Screen/Home Screen support. Besides, OctroTalk supports low bandwidth codec (even works on EDGE/GPRS/CDMA), has low CPU usage and its easy to use user interface supports one handed operation and 5-way navigation.

Besides OctroTalk for Window Mobile (Pocket PC and Smartphone), it is currently available for Windows. OctroTalk for Windows can turn your computer into a file server and you can access files from anywhere anytime using your mobile device. You can share files with your buddies. You can instantly backup or transfer files and pictures from your mobile device to your remote desktop.

Download the latest version of OctroTalk from <http://www.octro.com>. OctroTalk is available for Pocket PC and Windows Smartphone. Either download the proper CAB file (for Pocket PC or Smartphone) directly from your device or MSI file on your Windows PC. When you download the CAB file directly on the phone, go to the File Explorer and click the OctroTalk CAB file. This will start the installation process. When you download the MSI file on your Windows PC, connect your device using activesync and double click the MSI file to install the software on your device.

Launch OctroTalk from the Start menu (Figure 1). When you launch OctroTalk for the first time you will be required to configure your Google Talk or Jabber account. If you don't have a Google Talk or Jabber account, you can easily create a new account through OctroTalk.

(Note: Once you have configured your Google Talk or Jabber account, you may also launch OctroTalk form the Today screen/Home screen.)

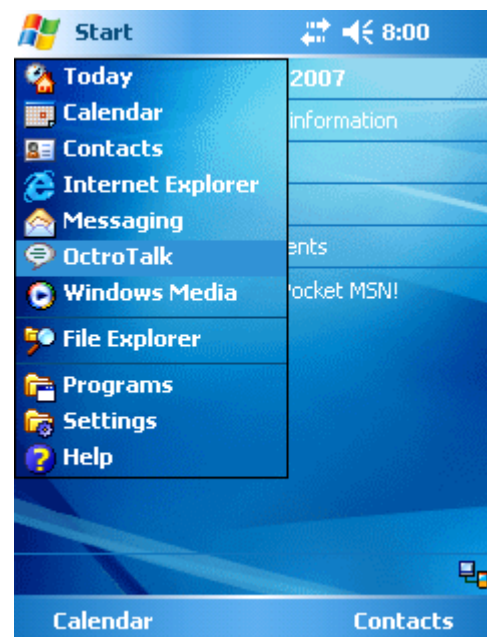


Figure 1

I. Configuring Google Talk/Jabber Account

When you launch OctroTalk for the first time, you need to configure your Google Talk or Jabber account. The account configuration (or Login Information) screen has two tabs: Login Information and Advanced (Figure 2). In the Login Information screen you can enter your Google Talk or Jabber or Octro.net (Jabber) account information.

a) Google Talk Account

To configure the Google Talk account, in the Login Information screen make sure that Google Talk is selected. Enter the Gmail or Google Talk User Name (eg: foo@gmail.com, foo) and Password. Click Menu the Ok button to continue. OctroTalk will automatically take care of the Advanced settings. You don't need to edit the Advanced settings.

(Note: If you don't have a Google Talk or Jabber account, you can instantly create an Octro.net account and use the account. This is discussed under Register New Octro.net Account.)

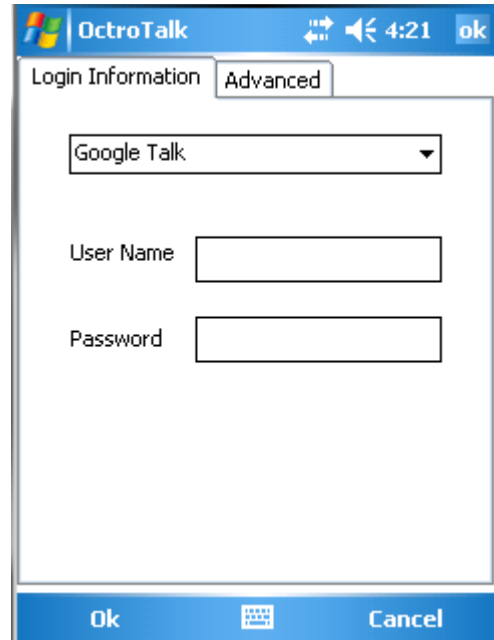


Figure 2

The Advanced settings for the Google Talk account are shown in the Figure 3. It shows the Server and Port information. There are two check boxes. Google Talk uses TLS (Transport Layer Security) and the Security Certificate is authenticated. For Google account, "Use TLS" box is checked while "Ignore Bad Certificate" is unchecked.

When you configure a Google Talk account, you are not required to do change or enter the Server or Port information. Just make sure that in the Login Information screen, Google Talk is selected.

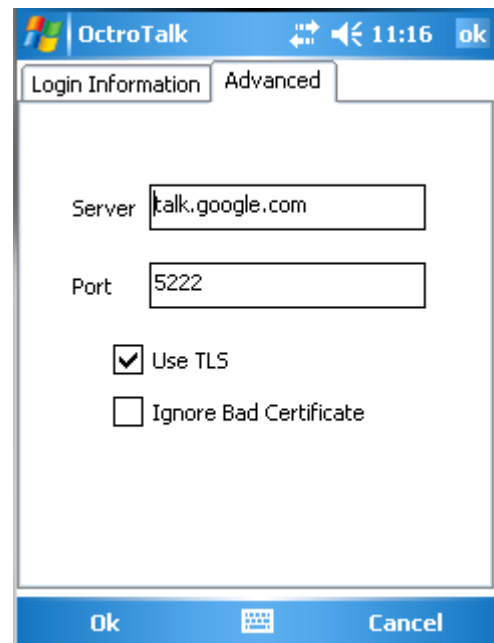


Figure 3

b) Jabber Account

Instead of a Google Talk Account, you can configure your Jabber account or Octro.net account. In the Login Information screen, view the available account options. The options are Google Talk, Jabber, Register new Jabber account and Register new octro.net account. Select Jabber (instead of Google Talk) as in the Figure 4. Enter your Jabber User Name and Password. Now select the Advanced tab to go to the Advanced settings screen.

(Note: To configure an octro.net account, in the Login Information screen you must select Jabber.)

In the Advanced settings, enter the Server and Port information. Also check or uncheck “Use TLS” and “Ignore Bad Certificate.” When you have configured the Login Information and Advanced settings, click the Ok button.

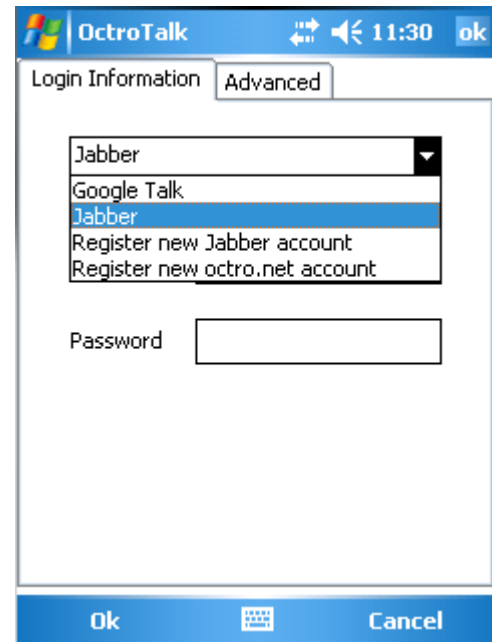


Figure 4

For example for Jabber.org account, in the Server field enter Jabber.org, in the Port field enter 5222 and check both the “Use TLS” and “Ignore Bad Certificate” as in the Figure 5.

If you are using your own Enterprise server, enter your server information as provided by your System/Server administrator.

If you are using an octro.net account, then in the Server field enter octro.net, in the Port field enter 5222 and check both the “Use TLS” and “Ignore Bad Certificate”.

c) Register New Jabber Account

OctroTalk will let you create a new Jabber account. To create a Jabber account, in the Login Information screen select Register new Jabber account. Enter a User Name and Password. In the Advanced settings enter the Server information. When done, click the Ok button.

d) Register New Octro.net Account

You can instantly create an Octro.net account. To do this, in the Login Information screen select Register new octro.net account. Enter a User Name and Password. Click the Ok button. You do not need to go to the Advanced settings; OctroTalk automatically takes care of the Advanced settings.

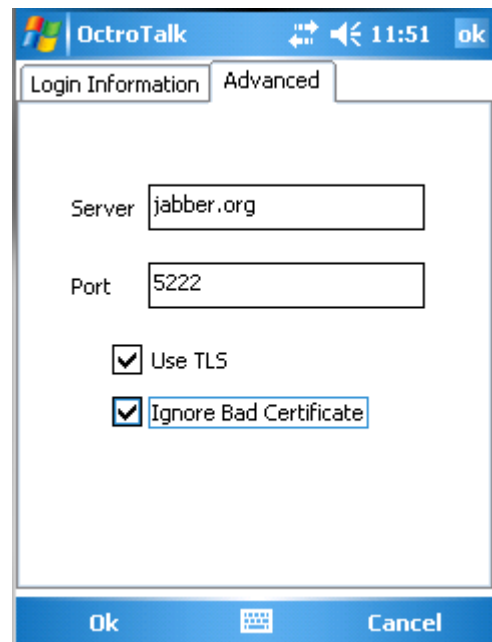


Figure 5

II. OctroTalk Main Window

After you configure your Google or Jabber or Octro.net account and select Ok, you automatically go to the Main window of OctroTalk (Figure 6). In the beginning your status is Offline and your status icon is grey. Just below your status icon is the Buddy View field for your buddy list. Below the Buddy View field, you can see the status of your connection in the yellow background. The application tries to connect to the designated Google Talk/Jabber server. The connection status in the yellow background changes from Connecting... Logging in... to Logged in or Logged out.

If your account information is incorrect, you are Logged out and a message box appears: “User is not authorized. (Check your username and password).” Click Ok to close the message box. Now check your Login Information and Advanced settings. When done, select Menu -> Ok. Now select Menu -> Login.

At times your connection status will change from connecting... logging in... logged out (will retry)... to connecting..., and this will keep on repeating. If this happens, check your account settings including the Advanced settings.

If a message box appears: “TLS could not be negotiated...,” check the Advanced configuration settings. You may choose to select Ignore Bad Certificate.

If the connection status always remains connecting... then check your Internet connection.

When your account information is correct, you are connected to the Google Talk/Jabber server and your status changes from Offline to Available, and the status icon becomes green as shown in the Figure 7. In the Buddy View you will see the list of your online and offline buddies along with their status and status icons.

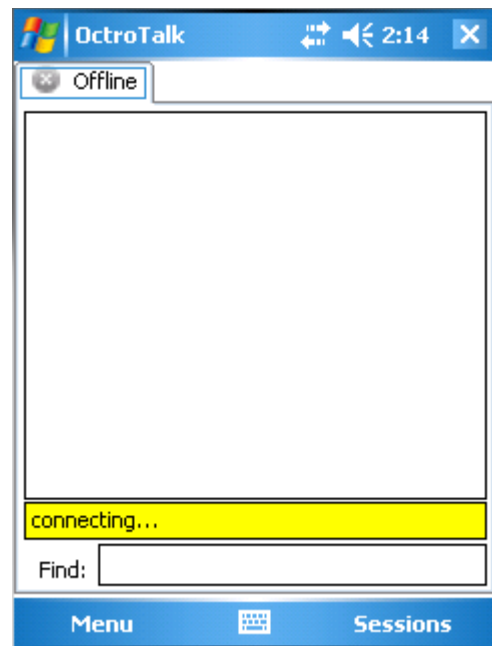


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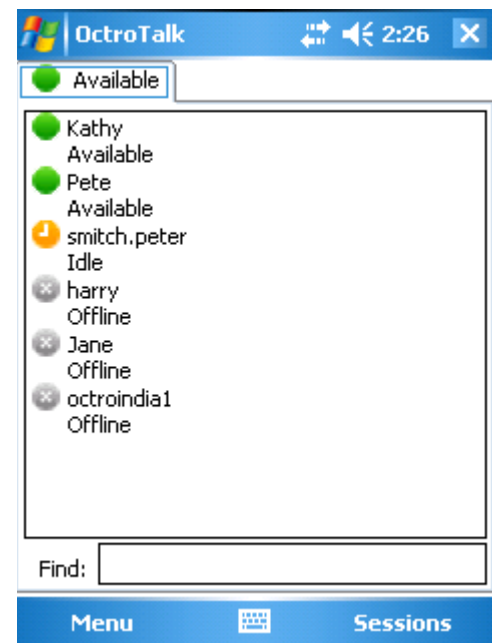


Figure 7

III. Managing Your Buddies

The Main window of OctroTalk has two menu items: Menu and Sessions. Click Menu to see the menu items: Call, Hangup, Buddy Options, Conference, Options, Login, Status, Logout and Exit. Select Menu -> Options. The options are Accounts, Preferences, License Info, Check for new version and About.

a) Making the Buddy List Compact

Your buddy list consumes two horizontal lines for each buddy. If you have a long buddy list, you can make your buddy list compact. You can choose to display every buddy in a line as in the Figure 8. For this click Menu -> Options -> Preferences. In the Settings select “Show compact buddy list.”

b) Buddy Options

You can easily manage your buddies. Select Menu -> Buddy Options. The available options are: Buddy Info..., Add Buddy, Remove Buddy, Rename Buddy, and Show online buddies/ Show all buddies and Enable File Share.

Add Buddy. To add a buddy, click Menu -> Buddy Options -> Add Buddy. In the dialog box that appears, enter the email address of the buddy to be added. When done, click Ok. If you have configured the legacy accounts, then in the Add Buddy dialog box first select the protocol and then enter the Email ID.

Show Online Buddies. To see only your online buddies, click Menu -> Buddy Options -> Show online buddies. To see all the online and offline buddies, click Menu -> Show all buddies.

Buddy Information. To view a buddy information, highlight the buddy and select Menu -> Buddy Options -> Buddy Info... This opens a message box that shows the Buddy’s Name, ID, and Status. If file sharing is enabled, Buddy Info... box also shows the Shared Folder.

Rename Buddy. Highlight the buddy and select Menu -> Buddy Options -> Rename Buddy. This opens a dialog box that shows the Old Name of the buddy. In the New Name field, enter the new name and select Ok. The buddy will be renamed.

Remove Buddy. Highlight the buddy and select Menu -> Buddy Options -> Remove Buddy. The buddy will be removed (deleted) from your buddy list.

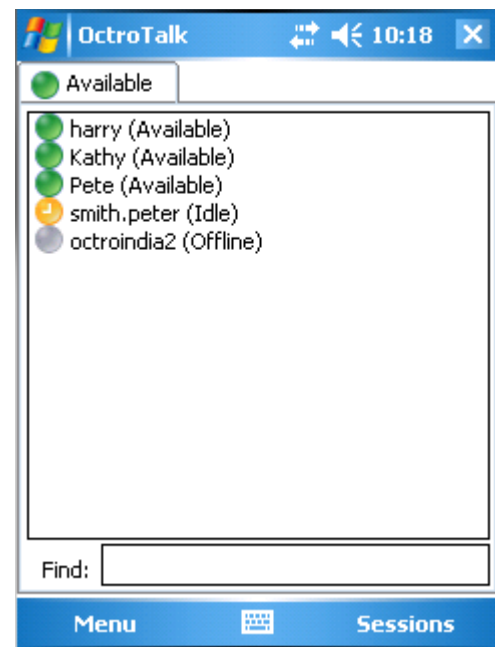


Figure 8

c) The Find Feature

If you have a long list of buddies, then instead of scrolling through the buddy list to locate a contact, you can use the Find feature. In the Find field just enter a few letters, and OctroTalk will show you all the matches as in the Figure 9.

d) Sharing a Folder with a Buddy

You can share a folder with a buddy. For this highlight a buddy and select Menu -> Buddy Options -> Enable File Share. You will be prompted of select a folder that you want to share. Select a folder and click Ok. Now your buddy will have access to this folder on your device. When the buddy sends you any message, he/she will get the list of files shared by you. The buddy can download the files. On the Main window, the buddy's status icon gets modified to signify that file sharing is enabled. In the buddy info (Buddy Options -> Buddy Info...) you can also see the path for the shared folder.

When you enable file sharing for a specific buddy, the buddy can also send you files and those requests will be automatically accepted by OctroTalk. These files will be saved in the shared folder on your device. Thus if you share a folder with many buddies, each buddy can send his/her files and share each other's files.

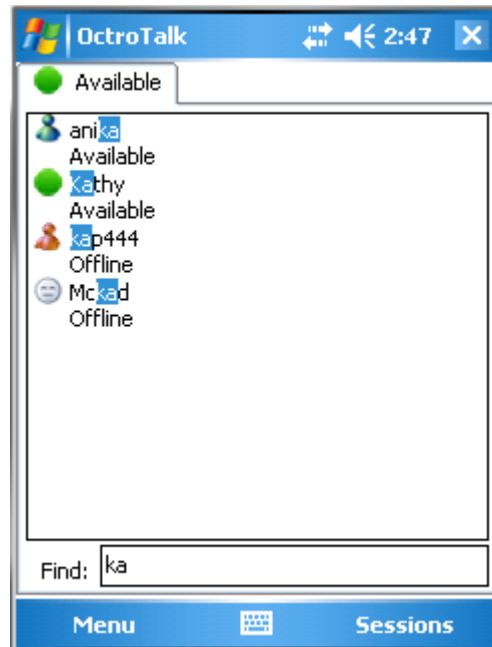


Figure 9

This file sharing feature can be used in many situations. You can even install OctroTalk for Windows on your Windows computer (desktop or laptop). Then you can access your computer from remote. For example, you have a large collection of music files on your desktop. You can listen to this music on your hand-held device any time from any where. You can even get a file from your desktop to your hand-held device and send it to a buddy.

To disable file sharing with a buddy, highlight the buddy and select Menu -> Buddy Options -> Disable File Sharing.

e) Backup Files from Mobile on Your Desktop

Install OctroTalk for Windows on your desktop. Make sure to configure a different Google Talk/Jabber account on your desktop than that you use on your mobile device. On your desktop, use Add Buddy to add the mobile buddy. Select the buddy and select Menu -> Buddy Options -> Enable File Share. Select the folder that you want to share and click Ok.

Now from your mobile device, start a chat session with your Window's buddy. You will get a list of folders and files available for sharing. To download a folder or file, enter the folder or file number. You can also send you files to your desktop buddy. In the Chat window, select Menu -> Send -> Files and folders. Select the files that you want to backup and select Ok. The files will be automatically accepted by OctroTalk on your desktop and saved in the shared folder.

IV. Your Status Message

When you are connected to your Google Talk or Jabber or Octro.net account, your buddies will see your status as Available. At times you don't want to be disturbed, you are busy or you can't chat with the buddies. You will like to set your status to Busy or Away or to some other Custom Status. For this, click Menu -> Status or select your status and press enter. Now you will see a list of available status options. You can set your status to Busy, Away or Available or to any custom status or to File share on. For example to set your status to Busy, select Busy. Notice the difference between the Available icon and the Busy icon.

a) Custom Status Messages

To set a custom status, select Custom Status... This opens a Custom Status dialog box where you can enter and save the desired status information. You can also check or uncheck "Show busy icon." To save the Custom Status, click OK. You can save more than one Custom Status messages. To delete the custom status messages, select Clear custom status.

In the Figure 10, you will notice two custom messages: "On road driving" and "In a meeting." The message "On road driving" appears with a green icon as the "Show busy icon" check box was not selected. The message "In a meeting" appears with a busy icon as the "Show busy icon" was selected.

b) Status: File share on

OctroTalk has a useful feature: File Sharing Bot--unattended file sharing. You can share a folder with all your Google Talk/Jabber buddies. For this set your status to File share on. A message box will appear: Are you sure you want to share a folder? Select OK. You will be prompted to select a folder that you want to share. Select the folder that you want to share. This enables Global File Sharing.

When you enable Global File Sharing, your buddies can access the folder you selected for sharing. They will see the list of folders and files made available by you (Figure 11). Any buddy can automatically download any file or folder from the list just by entering the number in the list.

To disable Global File Sharing click Menu -> Status and select any other status except File share on.

Important: OctroTalk's File Sharing can be configured for Global File Sharing or for a specific buddy. This feature is discussed in detail later in this chapter.

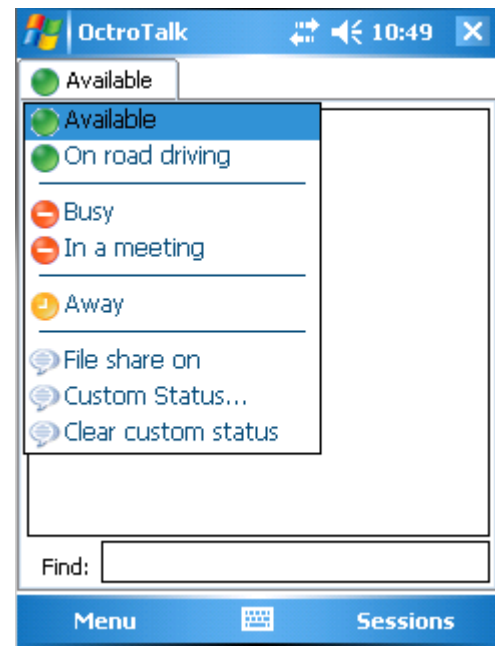


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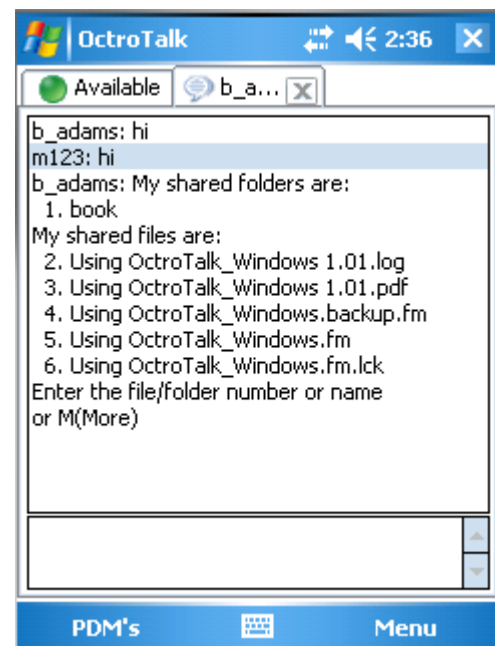


Figure 11

V. Configuring Legacy Accounts

OctroTalk also supports MSN, AIM, ICQ and Yahoo protocols. You can configure or edit these accounts only when your Google Talk/Jabber client is online. To configure MSN, AIM, ICQ and Yahoo transports, click Menu -> Options -> Accounts -> Legacy Accounts. This opens the MSN, AIM, ICQ and Yahoo configuration window as shown in the Figure 13.

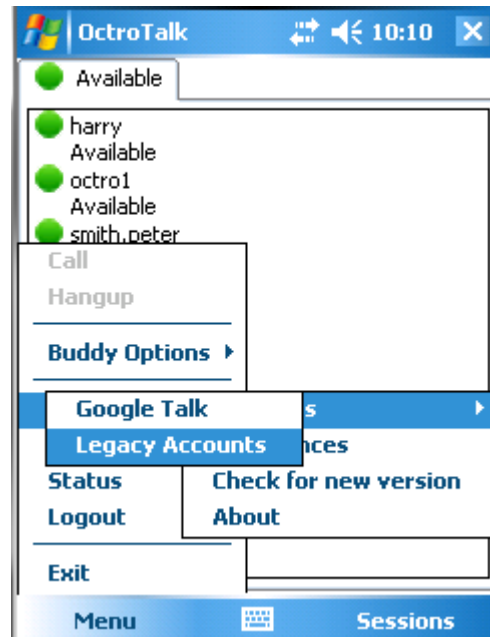


Figure 12

a) Configuring MSN, AIM, ICQ and Yahoo

In the MSN, AIM, ICQ and Yahoo configuration window, select the protocol you want to configure. For example, in the Figure 13, the MSN protocol is selected. In the User Name and Password fields enter the MSN User Name and Password. Similarly you can configure your AIM, ICQ and Yahoo accounts. When done click OK.

(Note: For the Legacy accounts, OctroTalk uses its own Octro.net transport servers. Normally you do not need to edit these transport servers. However, to use an enterprise transport server, click Edit. Enter the new transport server.)

Any time while using OctroTalk you can disable any of the Legacy Accounts. Go to Menu -> Options -> Accounts -> Legacy Accounts, select the protocol and check "Disable account". When done, select Ok.

(Note: For MSN User Name use the format foo@msn.com or foo@hotmail.com. For AIM, ICQ and Yahoo use the format foo (that is without domain name.)

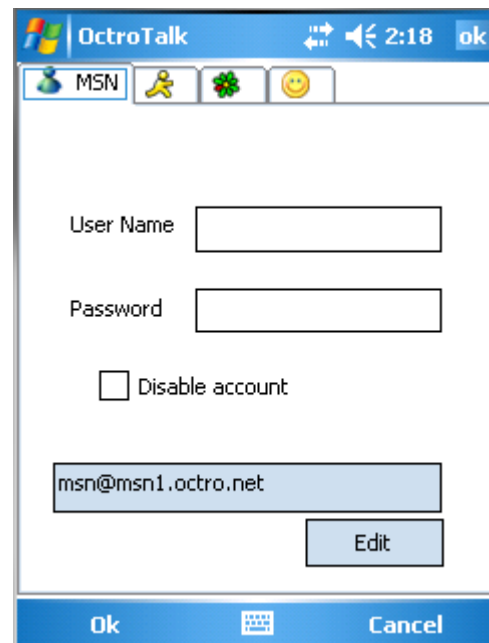


Figure 13

b) Managing Legacy Accounts

After you configure any account, you return back to the Main window. OctroTalk will connect you to the configured protocol. If the connection is established, on the top of the buddy list you will see MSN/AIM/ICQ/Yahoo Transport Available. You will also see the list of all your online and offline buddies for the configured protocols.

If you find that a Transport is Offline, then go back to the account configuration screen and check the User Name and password. In case of MSN account, make sure to use the format foo@hotmail.com or foo@msn.com.

If you want to disable any protocol, go to the Legacy Account configuration screen and select "Disable Account." In this way you can disable a legacy account. Similarly you can disable all the four accounts: MSN, AIM, ICQ and Yahoo.

You can't disable your Google Talk/Jabber account and remain connected to any Legacy Account. You must use Menu -> Logoff to logoff from your Google Talk/Jabber Account. When you logoff from your Google Talk/Jabber account, you will be automatically logged off from your Legacy accounts.

With OctroTalk you cannot send a file or folder to any of your MSN, AIM, ICQ and Yahoo buddies. Also you cannot share a folder with these buddies.

When you are in the Main window of an OctroTalk, the unread messages from your buddies will appear in a separate field with yellow background at the bottom of buddy list view. Highlight a message and press enter to go to the Chat window for that buddy.

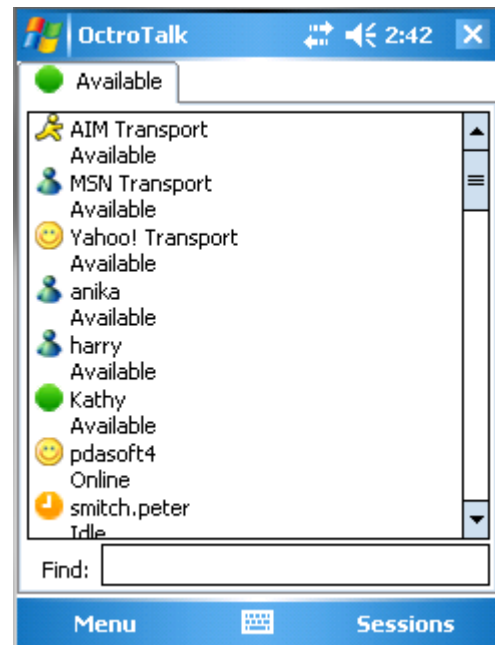


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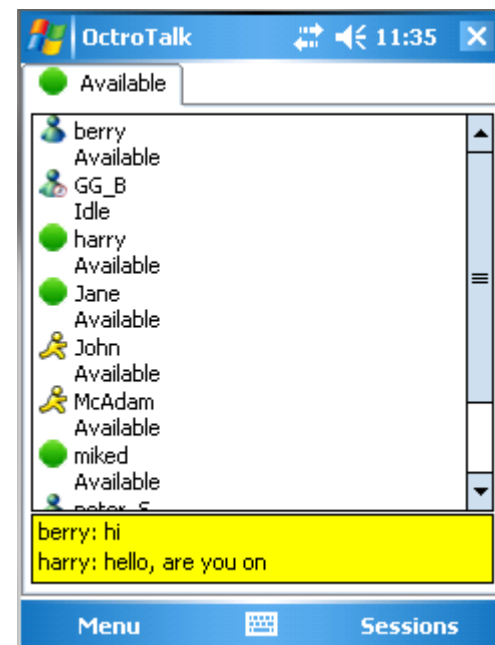


Figure 15

VI. OctroTalk Instant Messaging

You can start a chat session with a buddy from the Main window. To start a chat session, highlight the buddy and press enter. This opens a Chat window as in Figure 16. The buddy's tab appears on the right side of your Status icon. In the tab, along with the buddy name appears an X sign. Click on X to close the Chat window. However to go to the Main window or to another ongoing chat session without terminating this chat session, use the Sessions button or use the tabs.

a) The Menu Items

At the bottom of the Chat window there are two menu items: PDMs and Menu. The Menu items are Call, Mute, Hang-up, Send (Files and folders, Picture), Sessions, Close Session, Goto buddylist, Edit PDMs, Enable File Share and Edit (Copy, Cut, Paste).

b) Sending/Receiving a Message

The Chat window has two fields. The top field is the Chat view that displays the ongoing conversation. The bottom field is the Message field. It has a cursor on the left side and it is here you enter your message. Type a message. If the message is long then you can use the vertical scroll buttons. To send the message to your buddy press the enter key on your device.

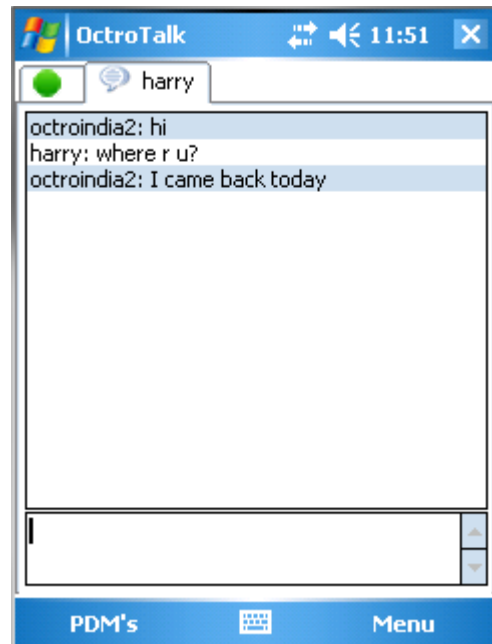


Figure 16

The message sent by you will appear in the Chat view field. Your buddy will receive the message if he/she is online. Your buddy's reply will appear in the Chat view below your message. Your message and your buddy's messages appear in a different background. In the Figure 16, you are octroindia2 and your buddy is harry.

When this chat window is active and you do not exchange of messages for two minutes, you will get a time-stamp message from OctroTalk. You will also receive your buddy's status change messages.

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(Important: OctroTalk supports 5-way navigation in Treo700w and other devices. This makes OctroTalk navigation simple and convenient. For example on the Chat screen press 5-way left-rocker twice or thrice, and you will go to the Main window.)

c) Sending a Pre-defined Message (PDM)

You can also send a pre-defined message (PDM) to your buddy. In the Chat window, click PDMs to view the pre-defined messages (Figure 17). Select a pre-defined message. The selected PDM will appear in the Message text field. Press the Enter button to send the message.

To enter and save a new PDM, click Menu -> Edit PDMs. This opens the list of existing PDMs. Now click Menu -> New. In the Pre-defined Messages dialog box enter the new message and click OK. To edit a pre-defined message, highlight the message and click Menu -> Edit. The message appears in the Pre-defined Messages dialog box. Edit the message and click Ok. To delete a pre-defined message, highlight the message and select Menu -> Delete. Finally click Done to return to the Chat window.

d) Multiple Chat Sessions

You can simultaneously communicate with many buddies. To start a new chat session, on the Main window select the buddy and press the Enter key. You can easily switch back and forth between the chat sessions and Main window of OctroTalk. For this, in the Main window click Sessions or in the Chat window click Menu -> Sessions to see all the ongoing chat sessions (Figure 18). Now make the selection.

When you have multiple chat sessions going on, then OctroTalk can show all these sessions in various tabs. Then you can select a chat session just by clicking the tab. To enable this feature in the Main window select Menu -> Options -> Preferences -> Miscellaneous and check **Show multiple sessions in tabs**. These tabs exhibit auto rearrange feature. Also when an ongoing chat is in the background, and the buddy sends you a message, the color and the position of the tab changes. Thus you know, just by seeing the tabs, which buddy has sent you a message.

e) Archiving and Search

If you are using the Google Talk account, then for your Google Talk buddies you can archive your chat conversations and search an information in your Gmail account. To enable or disable archiving for the buddies, go to your Gmail account and click Settings -> Chat. In the Chat history enable or disable "Save chat history in my Gmail account." When you enable "Save chat history in my Gmail account," the conversations with your Google Talk buddies will be saved in your Gmail's Chats Inbox. Use Gmail's Search Mail to search the information.

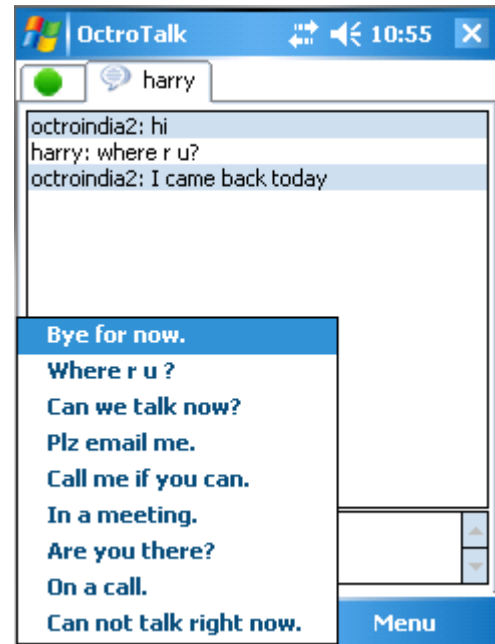


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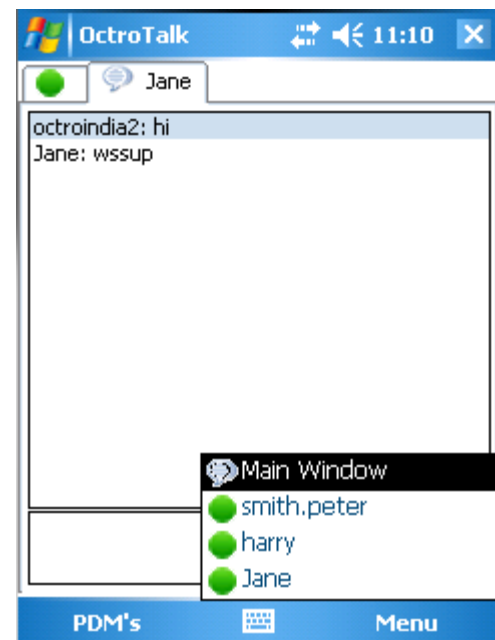


Figure 18

VII. Conference or Group Messaging

You can join an existing conference room (or chatroom) or even create a new conference room. When you join a chatroom then you can send your messages and read messages sent by other buddies.

a) Joining a Conference Room

To join an existing chatroom, in the OctroTalk Main window, select Menu -> Conference -> Join room. This opens a Conference window as shown in the Figure 19. The default Service address is conference.octro.net.

Edit the Service address and enter your Conference Service (or server) address. If you want to use conference.octro.net, do not edit the Service address. For the Room name field, click the Browse button. When you click the Browse button OctroTalk will retrieve the names of the chatrooms from the server. The process may take a few seconds. Soon a new window with list of chatrooms will appear. Select the room and click Ok to close this window. In the Nick name field enter your nick name for the selected chatroom. When you have entered the Room name, Service address and Nick name, click the OK button. This opens the conference room as in the Figure 20. The Conference Room also appear in your buddy list in the Main window. The icon is different from the buddy icon.



Figure 19

In the chat window you will see many messages recently sent by the participants. Messages from different participants appear in different colors. The status messages, inserted by OctroTalk, appear in red.

You can enter your message in the Message field and send it. All the participants will be able to read your message. To close the conference room window or to leave the conference room select the X on the chatroom tab. A message box will appear: "Do you want to leave the conference?" If you select No, the chatroom window will close but the chatroom will still be in your buddy list in the Main window. If you select Yes, the chatroom window will close and it will not be in the buddy list.

(Note: OctroTalk has created a chatroom octro@conference.octro.net. In this chatroom you can discuss OctroTalk, its features, improvements and support questions.)



Figure 20

b) Private Messages to the Participants

You can send a private message to a participant. To view the list of participants, click the Participants button at the bottom of the Chat window. Now highlight the participant and press enter. This opens a Private Message dialog box. In the text field, enter the text and click Ok. The participant will receive this private message while other participants will not even know that any private message was sent.

c) Creating a Conference Room

You can also create a new chatroom. Select Menu -> Conference -> Create room. This opens a new window which has three fields for Service Address, Room name and Nick name as shown in the Figure 21. First of all enter the Service or server address. Enter the Room name. The room name must be unique that is there cannot be two chatrooms with same Room name. Now enter the Nick name by which you will join the conference. When all the three fields are complete, click the OK button. This will create the new chatroom if you have filled the fields properly.

The name of the chatroom will appear in your buddy list in the Main window. To see for yourself that the chatroom is accessible to all the users, go to the Main window and select Menu -> Conference -> Join room. Make sure that the Service address is correct. Click the Room name Browse button to see the list of the existing names. You will find that the chatroom created by you is in the list.

(Note: You can create a chatroom using the Service address: conference.octro.net. Invite your buddies to join the chatroom. Tell them what to discuss in the chatroom.)

The image shows a screenshot of the OctroTalk application's 'Create room' dialog box. The window title bar reads 'OctroTalk' and includes system tray icons for volume and time (5:15). The dialog contains three text input fields: 'Service address:' (containing 'conference.octro.net'), 'Room name:' (empty), and 'Nick name' (empty). Below the 'Service address:' field, an example 'conference.example.net' is displayed. At the bottom of the dialog are 'Ok' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Figure 21

VIII. OctroTalk Supports VoIP

With OctroTalk you can talk to a Google/ Jabber buddy using Voice over IP (VOIP). In the Main window, highlight the buddy and select Menu -> Call. In the chat window select Menu -> Call. You buddy will receive your Call Request Notification. When the buddy accepts the call request, you can start talking. And, like Google Talk you will not incur separate calling charges for your Google Talk and Jabber buddy.

During an ongoing VOIP talk you can select Menu -> Mute in Chat window. Then the outgoing audio will not be transmitted. You will be still able to listen the incoming audio.

To disconnect the ongoing VOIP talk, select Menu -> Hangup.

Similarly any of your Google Talk/Jabber buddy can initiate the VOIP talk. Whenever a buddy wishes to talk to you, you will see a message box that has the name of the caller and the message: Do you want to accept the call? Click Yes to start the audio chat.

In devices with low CPU (like ones with 200 MHz or lower processor), go to Menu -> Options -> Preferences -> Miscellaneous and check "High quality sound (64 kbps required. Recommended for Wi-Fi connections).

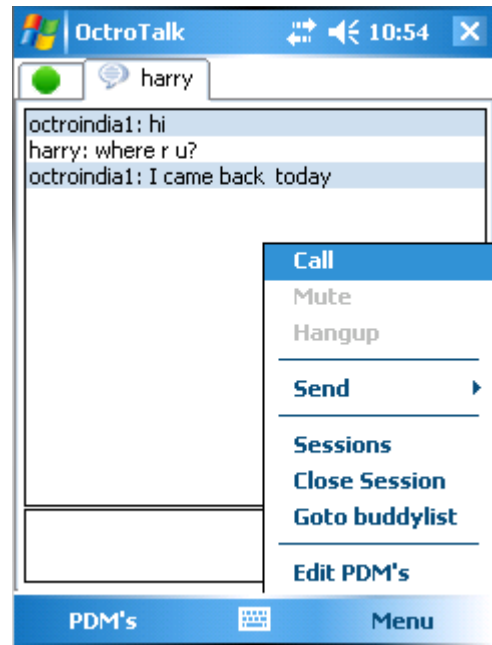


Figure 22

IX. File and Folder and Picture Transfer

With OctroTalk you can easily send Files and folders or Picture to your GoogleTalk/Jabber buddies. In this Chat window click Menu -> Send.

a) File or Folder Transfer

To send Files and/or Folders, select Files and folders. This opens the “Select Items” explorer window in the Standard View. If needed, click Menu to can change this explorer view from Standard to Tree or List.

(Note: If the options appear disabled it may be because your buddy may not be a Google Talk or Jabber buddy or the buddy’s client does not support File and folders transfer.)

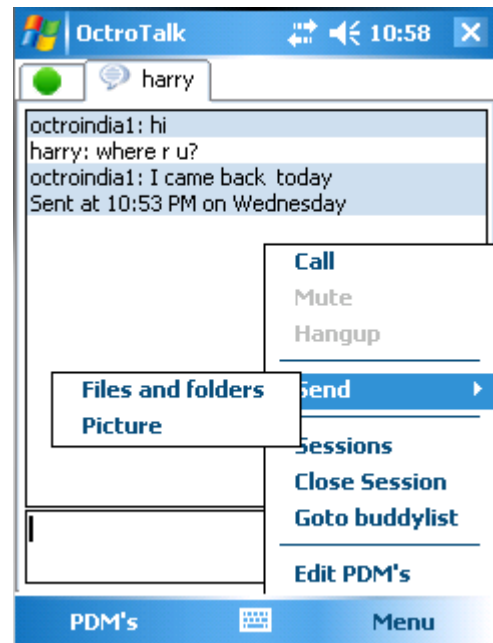


Figure 23

In the Select Items window check the items that you want to send. You can check one or more items. For example, to send the file “file-transfer-17.bmp” check the box on the left and select Ok (Figure 24). The file transfer process begins. The Select Items window disappears and you return back to the Chat window.

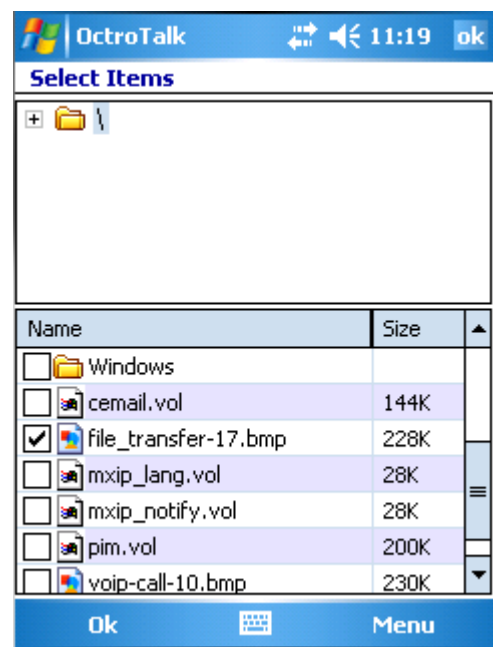


Figure 24

When you send files and folders to your buddy, in the Chat window a message appears that you are sharing the files and folders with your buddy. The message shows the names of the files and folders and size of the files. The word Cancel appears below this message. The word Cancel will disappear when the file transfer is complete.

Your buddy receives a message that you are sharing the files and folders. If the buddy selects Accept, the file transfer begins. When the transfer is complete, the "Transfer complete" message appears in the Chat window as in the Figure 25.

Your buddy can also send you a file. For example, your buddy sends you a 26.5 KB file Copyright.doc. A dialog box will appear that informs you that "(your buddy) is sharing a file (26.5 KB) with you. Do you want to accept the file?" The file name appears in the Chat window. To accept the file transfer, click Ok. This begins the transfer process. When the transfer is complete, you will see the options to "Open" file or "Open containing folder".

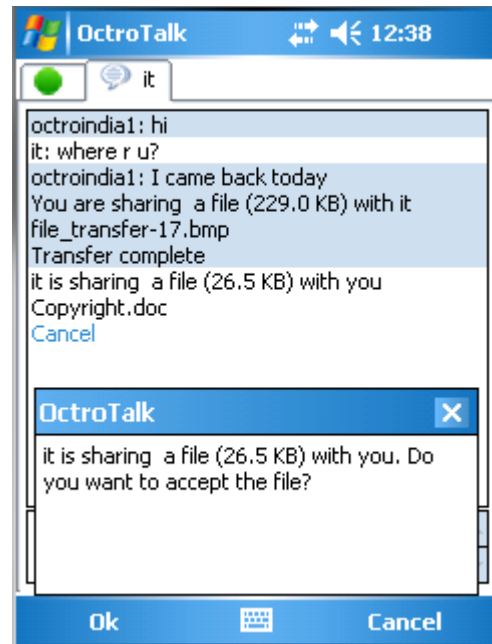


Figure 25

b) Picture Transfer

If your device has a built-in camera, you can snap a picture and instantly send it to your GoogleTalk buddy. For this in the Chat window, click Menu -> Send -> Picture. Now use your built-in camera to capture a picture. In a Smartphone, the Picture transfer process initiates automatically. In a pocket PC press OK on your device and the Picture transfer process initiates.

(Note: With OctroTalk you cannot send a file or folder to any of your MSN, AIM, ICQ and Yahoo buddies. Also you cannot share a folder with these buddies.)

X. File Sharing Bot -- Unattended File Sharing

OctroTalk File Sharing Bot--unattended file sharing can be configured for Global File Sharing or for a specific buddy. Global file sharing enables all your buddies to share a folder.

a) Global File Sharing

For enabling Global File Sharing you must set your status to File sharing on. For this, select Menu -> Status -> File share on. A message box will appear: "Are you sure you want to share a folder?" Click OK to continue.

Now OctroTalk will open a Select Folder window (Figure 26). This is a file explorer window. Navigate through the file explorer and select the folder to share. When you have decided that you want to share the selected folder, click OK or otherwise click Cancel. You must be very careful before selecting OK.

When you set your status to File sharing on, all your Google Talk/Jabber buddies can access the folder shared by you. It is like converting your device into a file server. Your Google/Jabber buddies (with file transfer support) will not be able to chat with you when file sharing is enabled. However, you can chat with other buddies. To disable Global file sharing click Menu -> Status and select any other status except File share on.

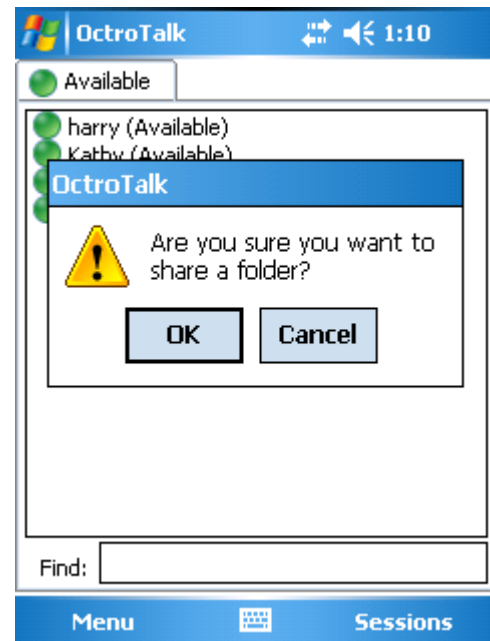


Figure 26

b) Sharing Folder with a Buddy

You can allow a specific buddy to share a specific folder on your device. For this highlight the buddy and select Menu -> Buddy Options -> Enable File Sharing. OctroTalk will open the Select Folder window. Navigate through this file explorer window and select the folder you want to share and click OK. This enables the unattended file sharing for the selected buddy. The icon before the buddy's name changes to signify that file sharing has been enabled.

When you enable file sharing for a specific buddy, the buddy can also send you files and those requests will be automatically accepted by OctroTalk. These files will be saved in the shared folder on your device. To disable file sharing with a buddy, highlight the buddy and select Menu -> Buddy Options -> Disable File Sharing.

(Note: OctroTalk has released a version for Windows. With this, you can access your computer from anywhere at any time. You can authorize all your buddies or any of your buddies to share specific folders and files on your computer. You will find many uses of this feature.)

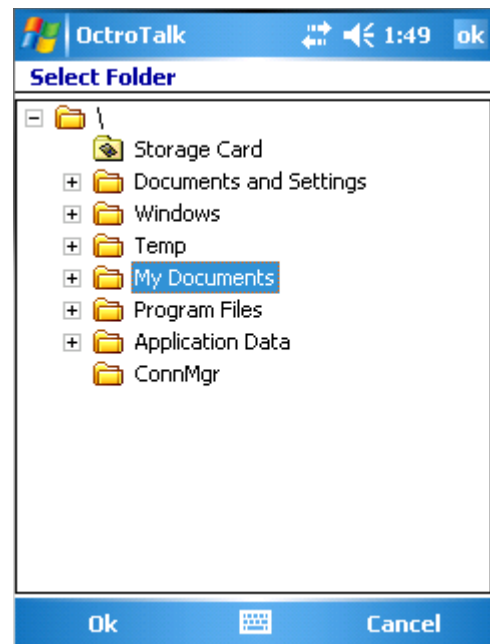


Figure 27

XI. OctroTalk Preferences

OctroTalk lets you customize your Preferences. On the Main window of the OctroTalk, click Menu -> Options -> Preferences. The Preferences screen has four tabs: Miscellaneous, Alerts, File Transfer and Auto Login. OctroTalk's Miscellaneous and Alerts Preferences options for Pocket PC are different from that for Smartphone.

a) Miscellaneous Preferences

The OctroTalk for Pocket PC has four Miscellaneous preferences as shown in the Figure 28. For the Smartphone there is an additional preference item for the Home Screen. For VoIP over Wi-Fi connections, select High quality sound. To make your buddy list compact select Show compact buddy list. The other selections are Show multiple sessions in tabs and Disable incoming call.

Home Screen Preference for Smartphone:

You can choose to add OctroTalk plug-in on the customized home screen. On your device go to Settings -> Home Screen and enable the desired Home screen layout. After that in OctroTalk, click Menu -> Options -> Preferences -> Miscellaneous and enable "Create OctroTalk Home Screen using current." Now again on the device go to Settings -> Home Screen and press Done.

b) Alert Preferences

The Alerts preferences for Pocket PC are shown in the Figure 29. Smartphone also has these two Alerts preferences and additional preferences to enable sound and/or vibrate. OctroTalk can alert you when message is received but not actively chatting or when actively chatting.

On your Pocket PC device, you can set your Sounds & Notifications preferences. For this on your device go to Start -> Settings -> Sounds & Notifications and select the Notifications tab. From the Event options select Octro: Message. Now make the desired Notifications selections.

The OctroTalk's Alerts preferences screen for Smartphone has option to enable vibration with sound. For this check both Play Sound and Vibrate. To have Sound alert only uncheck Vibrate. To have Vibrate alert only uncheck Play Sound

On your Smartphone device you can also disable sound and enable only the vibration mode. For this on your device go to Settings -> Profiles and select Silent or Meeting.

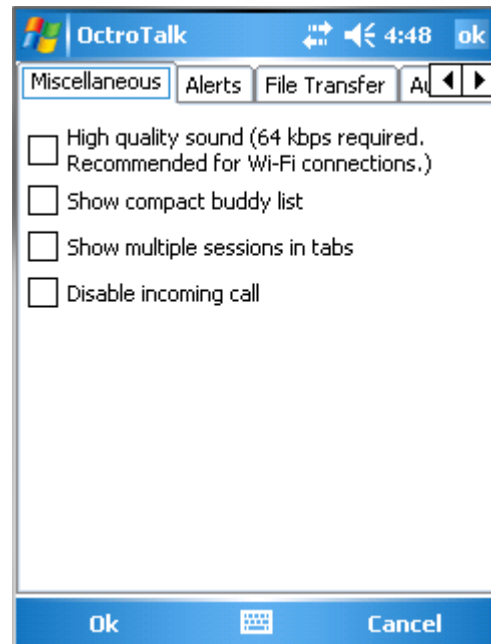


Figure 28

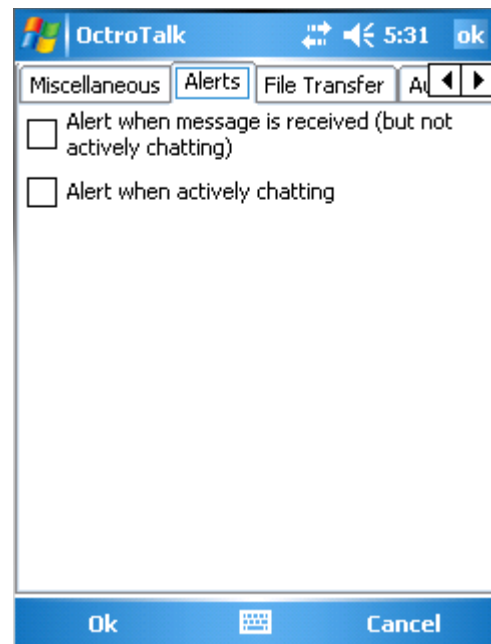


Figure 29

c) File Transfer Preferences

You can set your File Transfer and File Sharing preferences. If you select Disable File Transfer then your buddies will get a message that they cannot send you a file. You can also set path to the folder where the incoming files are save. For this click Set Path. This opens a Select Folder window, which is a file explorer window. Navigate through the file explorer and select the folder where you want to save the files received from your buddies and click Ok.

The File Transfer preferences screen also lets you set the path for the shared folder for Global File Sharing. Next time when you select Menu -> Status -> File sharing on, OctroTalk will show the path previously set by you for your shared folder. If you wish to change the shared folder click Yes. This opens the Select Folder window where you can select the folder. If you don't want to change the folder click No.

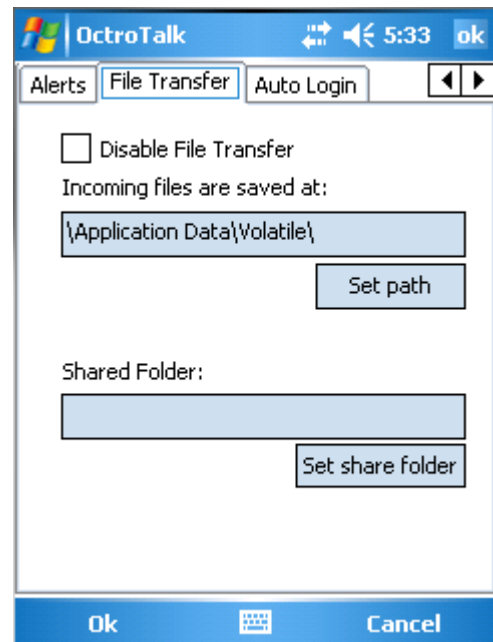


Figure 30

d) Auto Login/Logout

Use the Auto Login screen to set time for the application to automatically login and logout. For example, to set time for Auto Logout, select Auto Logout, then set the time and click Ok.

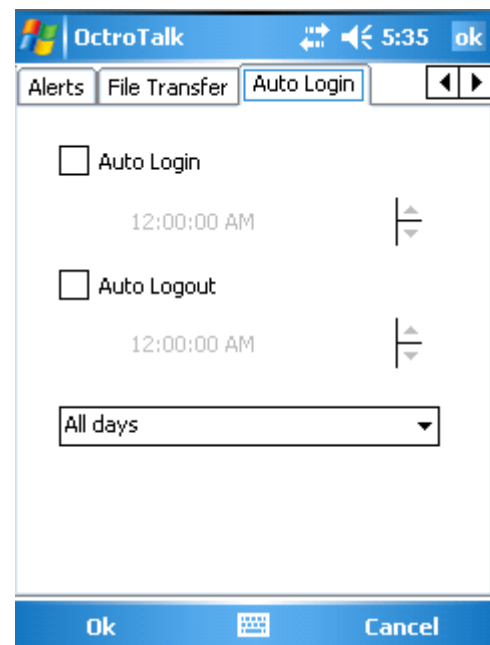


Figure 31

Today/Home Screen

When you are using OctroTalk you can go to Today screen/ Home screen without existing the application. For this press Ok on the Title bar. With OctroTalk running in the background, you can use any other application.

When OctroTalk is running in the background, then from the Today screen/Home screen you can watch the status of the application. You will know if you have any new unread messages. Launch OctroTalk to view the messages.

In the Smartphone you can choose to add OctroTalk plug-in on the customized home screen. On your device go to Settings -> Home Screen and enable the desired Home screen layout. After that in OctroTalk, click Menu -> Options -> Preferences -> Miscellaneous and enable "Create OctroTalk Home Screen using current." Now again on the device go to Settings -> Home Screen and press Done.



Figure 32

Logout and Exit

To logout from your Google Talk/Jabber account, click Menu -> Logout. When you logout from the Google/Jabber account, the application will automatically log you out from all your accounts including MSN, AOL, ICQ and Yahoo. You can be connected to MSN, AOL, ICQ or Yahoo only when you are connected to Google Talk/Jabber.

Any time when your are using OctroTalk you can disable any of the Legacy accounts (MSN, AOL, ICQ or Yahoo). To disable an account, go to the MSN/AOL/ICQ/Yahoo configuration screen, select the protocol and check Disable account.

To exit the application, click Menu -> Exit. The application will sign you off from all your accounts and exit.

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