

# The Choqok Handbook

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### **Abstract**

Choqok is a micro-blogging client for KDE (<http://choqok.gnufolks.org>).

## Chapter 1

# Introduction

Choqok is a micro-blogging client which currently supports Identi.ca/Laconica and Twitter.com services.

Micro-blogging is a form of multimedia blogging that allows users to send brief text updates or micro media such as photos or audio clips and publish them. These can be viewed either by anyone or by a restricted group, which can be decided by the user. These messages can be submitted by a variety of means, including text messaging, instant messaging, email, digital audio or the web.

## Chapter 2

# Using Choqok

### 2.1 Getting Started

In the Choqok main window there are some timelines allowing you to see what your friends have posted, replies to them and direct messages sent and received from friends. You can also post a new message.

All of this will be available when you configure at least one account in Choqok.

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You have one tab per account, on the screenshot you can see a tab with the alias identica and another with the alias twitter.

On top of the tab you can choose to send a direct message to someone who is subscribed to your account. You can send direct messages to other users of the same service, as long as both of you are subscribed to each other. If you leave Direct message to unchecked your message will be posted publicly and all your friends will read it. If you check it, you will then choose a name in the list and the private message will only be posted to this person.

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The text area allows you to post your message which must have less than 140 characters. The number of characters left is displayed in green on bottom right under the text area. The color changes to orange when you reach the 30 characters limit then to red when you reach 0. If your message is longer than 140 characters, you'll be asked if you want to post it anyway. If you agree, it'll be posted up to 140 characters.

The Home tab displays the timeline which consists in all posts you and your friends wrote. A post using Identi.ca is called a dent while a post using Twitter is called a tweet.

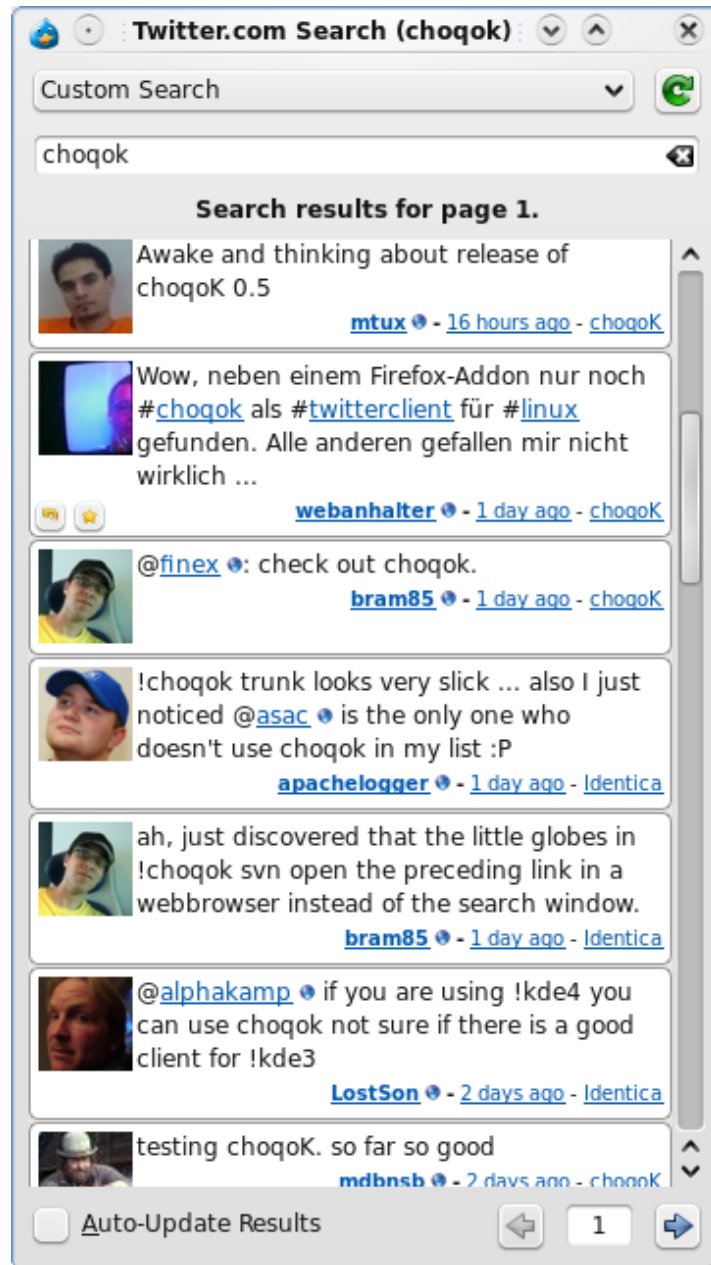
The Reply tab displays posts that are replies to you.

All the private messages you sent will be displayed in the Outbox tab while the received ones will be displayed in the Inbox tab.

## 2.2 Searching

You can search through services for something (anything that the service-search api can offer to a client).

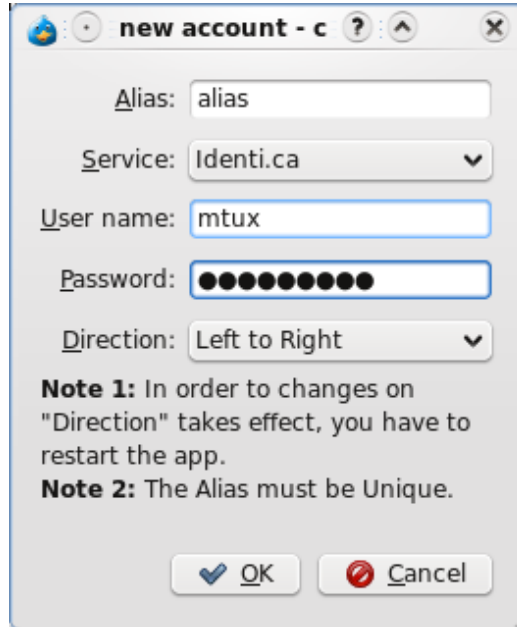
This function is available via the File → Search menu (shortcut: Ctrl+F) For example you can search for a special word in all users' posts:



## 2.3 Configuring an Account

Open the Choqok configuration window via Settings → Configure Choqok... then go to the Accounts tab and click the Add button, the Add a new account

window will appear.



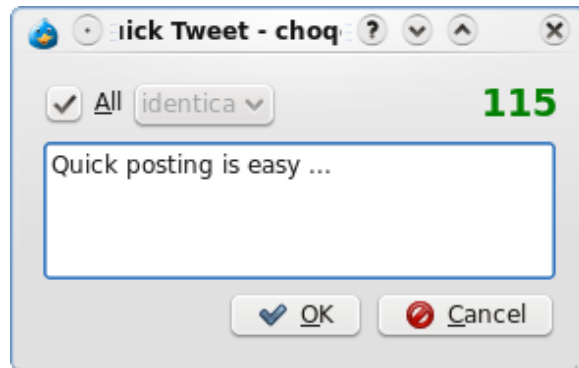
Simply enter your desired unique alias, username and password and click the OK button. This will check your credentials and, if everything is okay, your account will be ready to use.

You can configure other accounts subsequently.

## 2.4 Special Features

- You can disable the timeline updating of Choqok (the timeline is the list of posts by you and your friends).
- Another special feature is the ability to notify the user about new received posts.
- You can do a quick post by pressing Ctrl+Meta+T to open the quick microblog window and write your post:

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### NOTE

You can post the same text to all accounts at once.

- When new posts are received, Choqok marks them as unread and shows the number of unread posts in the system tray icon. When the main window is shown and then minimized to system tray it then marks all new messages as read.

## Chapter 3

# Command Reference

### 3.1 The File Menu

**File** → **Quick Tweet (Ctrl+T)** Open the quick tweet window.

**File** → **Update Timelines (F5)** Update timelines.

**File** → **Mark All As Read (Ctrl+R)** Mark all messages as read.

**File** → **Search (Ctrl+F)** Open search window for current account.

**File** → **Minimize** Minimize Choqok window to tray.

**File** → **Quit (Ctrl+Q)** Quit Choqok.

### 3.2 The Settings Menu

**Settings** → **Enable Update Timer (Ctrl+U)** Toggle update timeline timer.

**Settings** → **Enable Notifications (Ctrl+N)** Toggle notifications.

**Settings** → **Show Statusbar** Toggle the statusbar.

**Settings** → **Configure Shortcuts...** Configure the keyboard shortcuts used by Choqok.

**Settings** → **Configure Toolbars...** Configure the items you want to put in the toolbar.

**Settings** → **Configure Choqok...** Display the Choqok settings dialog.

### 3.3 The Help Menu

**Help** → **Choqok Handbook (F1)** Invokes the KDE Help system starting at the Choqok help pages. (this document).

**Help** → **What's This? (Shift+F1)** Changes the mouse cursor to a combination arrow and question mark. Clicking on items within Choqok will open a help window (if one exists for the particular item) explaining the item's function.

**Help** → **Report Bug...** Opens the Bug report dialog where you can report a bug or request a 'wishlist' feature.

**Help** → **Switch Application Language...** Opens a dialog where you can edit the Primary language and Fallback language for this application.

**Help** → **About Choqok** This will display version and author information.

**Help** → **About KDE** This displays the KDE version and other basic information.

## Chapter 4

# Credits and Licenses

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## Appendix A

# Installation

### A.1 How to Obtain Choqok

Choqok is part of the KDE project <http://www.kde.org/> .

Choqok can be found in the extragear package on <ftp://ftp.kde.org/pub/kde/> , the main FTP site of the KDE project.

### A.2 Compilation and Installation

For detailed information on how to compile and install KDE applications see [Building KDE4 From Source](#)

Since KDE uses **cmake** you should have no trouble compiling it. Should you run into problems please report them to the KDE mailing lists.