

# Joining the JMC IRC

The JMC IRC is on OFTC, and only accepts registered Nicks. Here is how you go about joining the channel.

1. First get a standard IRC client, for example mIRC on Windows.
2. Select the Nick you would like and connect to OFTC (is usually a predefined server available in the client).
3. Once connected (check proxy settings if you fail to connect), execute the commands necessary to register your nick so that only you can use it:
  - a. `/msg NickServ register <pwd> <email>`  
  
(for example `"/msg NickServ register mypassword1 my.email@example.com"`)
  - b. `/msg identify <pwd>`
4. Next validate your nick by going to <https://services.oftc.net/> and login with Nick as username, and the password you used in step 3.a, then go to Account Verify and complete the captcha.
5. You should now be able to join the #jmc channel in your IRC client.

If you now want to use Matrix/Riot as your client, you need to accomplish the following additional steps:

1. Start Riot and create your account: [https://riot.im/app/#/room/#\\_oftc\\_#jmc:matrix.org](https://riot.im/app/#/room/#_oftc_#jmc:matrix.org)
2. Start a chat with `@_oftc_NickServ:matrix.org`
3. In that chat, send `register <pwd> <email>`
4. Validate your Matrix/Riot Nick with OFTC, just like you did your standard OFTC IRC Nick.
5. Link your Matrix Nick to your local OFTC Nick created in the first steps by executing the following in the chat with NickServ  
`link <OFTC nick> <password>`
6. Log into the JMC channel: [https://riot.im/app/#/room/#\\_oftc\\_#jmc:matrix.org](https://riot.im/app/#/room/#_oftc_#jmc:matrix.org)