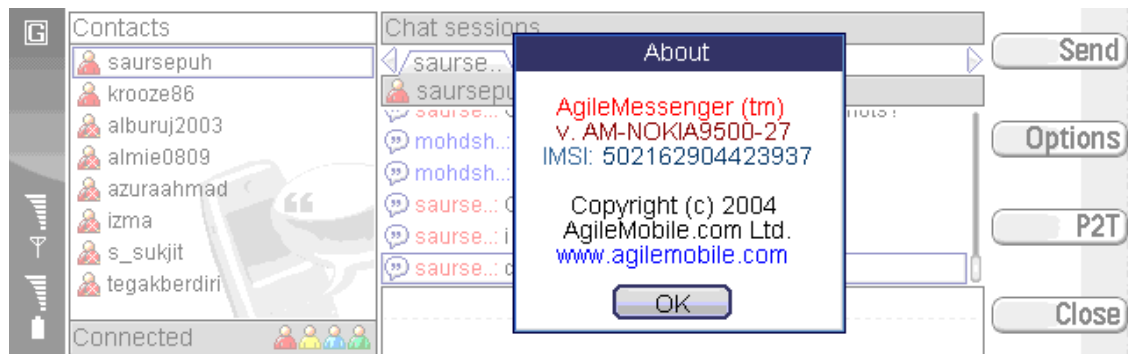


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AgileMessenger - I Think, Therefore IM :-)

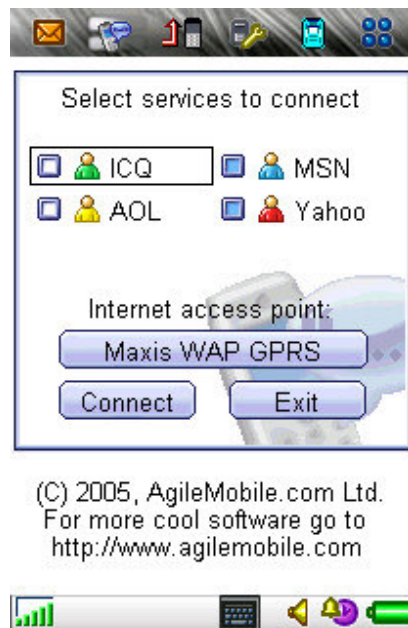
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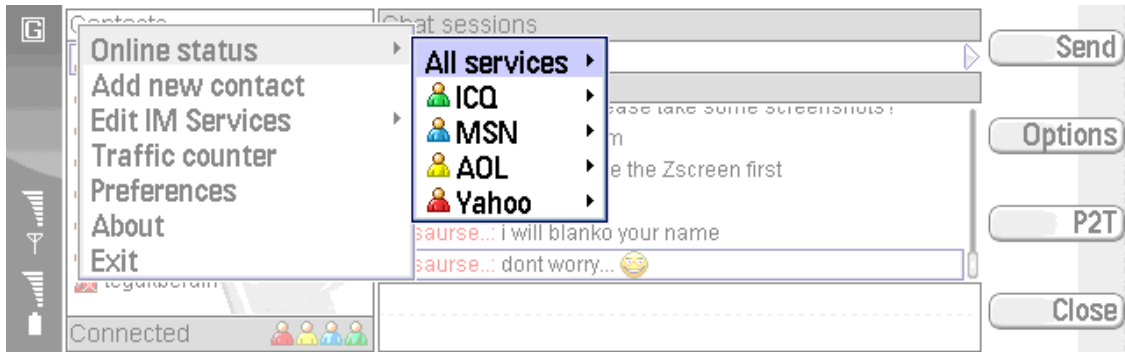
This free app is developed by Agile Mobile and it is the ultimate app to experience Instant Messaging on Symbian smartphones. At the moment, it is available for UIQ, Series 60 and Series 80.



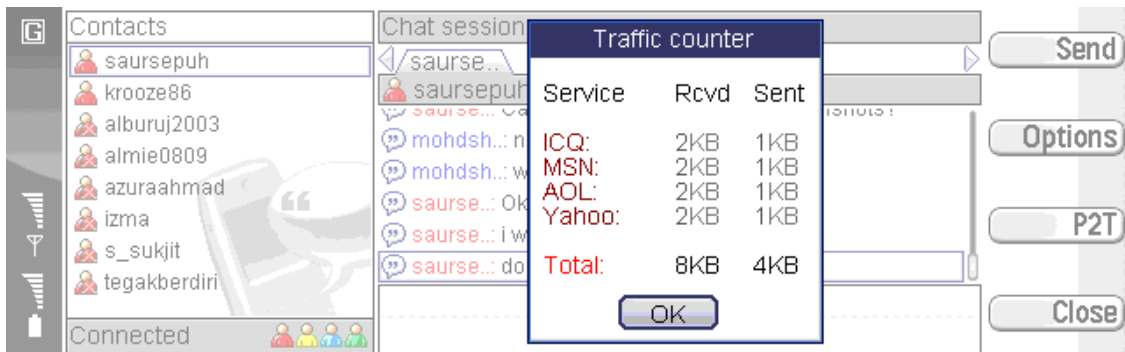


Apart from AgileMessenger, there are also other applications that can be used for Instant Messaging on Symbian smartphones. Applications like IM+ or jMSN or TurboMSN are also available. However, AgileMessenger is unique because it offers all-in-one solution for Instant Messaging nirvana. Some other Instant Messaging applications are limited to certain services. For example, you cant use jMSN to chat using your Yahoo! account. With AgileMessenger, you can connect to different IM accounts in one single application and it's free ☺.

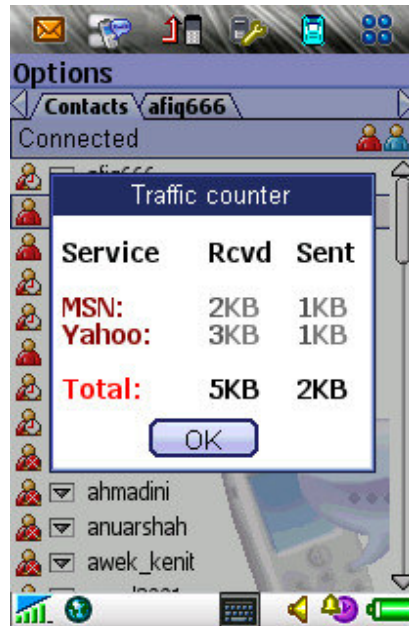




Instant Messaging nowadays has become a norm. With smartphones and PDAs having internet connection, you can be connected all day long and hook yourself with the cyber world. Furthermore, with GPRS, EDGE and soon 3G, users are billed according to the amount of data downloaded. Not according to the time spent on the network.



Many people asked me whether it is cost effective to be engaged in Instant Messaging compared to Text Messaging aka SMS. My answer is always in favour of Instant Messaging. Imagine, I always use AgileMessenger, engaged on online conversation with my friend, Xion while he is a thousand miles away from me. And normally, for 2 hours conversation (text conversation i mean), I only pay around RM1 for the amount of data downloaded.



With conventional text messaging, in Malaysia, users are charged around RM0.20 per SMS. For RM1, you could only send 5 SMSes. You do the math :-)

The most convenient way to get into the IM bandwagon is via mobile device. I believe not everyone is connected to PC all day long. Most people are connected to the net during office hours and that's about it. After office hours, people left the PC and internet at the office. With smartphones, especially Symbian smartphones, users get virtually internet anywhere, anytime of the day.

Why AgileMessenger?

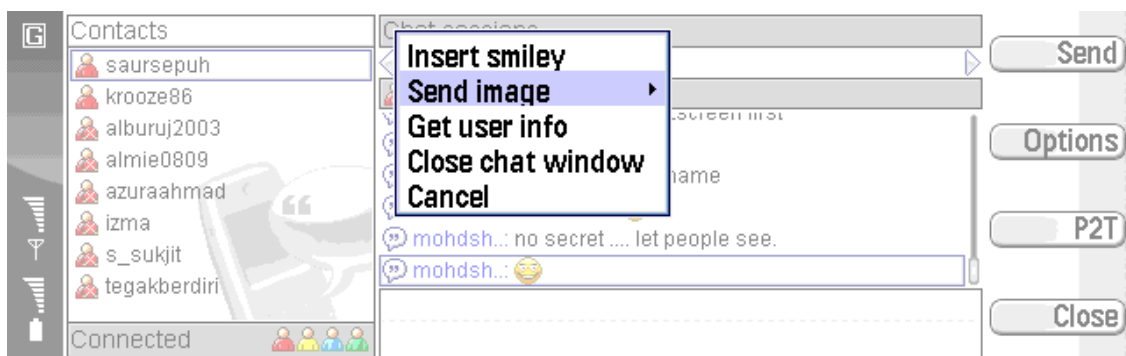
First and foremost, it has become an IM trademark for Symbian devices and most importantly, it works. Whether you are on Yahoo! Messenger or MSN Messenger or AOL or ICQ, you can use AgileMessenger without fuss. As long as your device can connect to the internet, you can use AgileMessenger. Not to mention, it is a freeware. You only need to pay the internet connection to your telco :-)

I have used AgileMessenger on various devices since its initial release. On UIQ, Series 60 and also Series 80. And all work flawlessly,

People always said that you cant use Yahoo! Messenger to others without PC. I say that is wrong. As long as you have Yahoo! ID and Symbian smartphone, you can use Yahoo! Messenger. All these while, people are connected to the net via PC but it is changing now.

The best thing about AgileMessenger is not only about Instant Messaging. You can send images and the latest versions also include PTT (Push To Talk) function.

Sending images using AgileMessenger is a very cool feature. Especially for smartphones with camera. I can only think of 9300 which doesn't have a digital camera. All other Symbian smartphones, whether UIQ or Series 60 and also 9500, come with a camera. "A picture speaks a thousand words". And when sending pictures, users can select either from the camera or any saved images, which is also handy for 9300. The pictures can be sent to a recipient, which can be viewed on a PC. If the recipient is also using AgileMessenger, there will be an option to download the image and view it, and users can later save it.



If a user sends images from a Symbian smartphone to his IM buddy on PC, AgileMessenger will send a URL link to download and view the image via an internet browser on PC. Cool eh? :-)

Push To Talk (PTT) is something like using a global walkie-talkie. With a press of a button, a user can send voice to anywhere in the world. But the downside is the voice duration for only 10 seconds. Not for "mushy-mushy" stuff here :-)

For what it does, AgileMessenger deserved to be used by everybody. Not only for its efficiency, but also for its innovative technology in bringing Instant Messaging for everybody. Anytime, anywhere...

I THINK, THEREFORE... IM :-)

Get AgileMessenger from : <http://www.agilemobile.com>