

Goodbye AOL Instant Messenger

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AOL Instant Messenger is shutting down today marking the end of its 20 year run. Chances are good you haven't used the service in a good decade, but there were still a few hardcore users that used the service right to the bitter end. Chances are good if you were still a user you've made sure to transfer any personal data you had, but if you didn't, today it will be deleted automatically.

While the popularity might have diminished over the years, any internet service that last 20 years deserves some credit. [Fortune has more on the story.](#)

AOL Instant Messenger (AIM), the chat app that was a hallmark of the fledgling Internet-era in the 1990s, is officially shutting down on Friday. It's time to say goodbye to the screen name that marked your puberty years. Say farewell to your buddy lists—there is no way to save or export them.

If you're still using AIM, that gives you one day to find an alternative and rebuild your contact list. AIM will not automatically transfer all of your contacts to another service. All personal data associated with AIM will be deleted after December 15, 2017. The company says users can save their chat logs, but it must be done by Friday.

Users will still be able to use their @aim.com email address to send and receive email, according to Oath (formerly AOL).