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Purpose

B2IRC is a group of skilled voluntary people working to create and maintain high quality open resources for free discussion. This is done by creating and actively maintaining and further developing services open to the general public which can be used for information interchange. B2IRC's services are primarily aimed at its key target audience. At the time of writing this document, the technology used for these services is IRC, Internet Relay Chat. For creating and maintaining its services, B2IRC may use previously created technologies which it finds capable in technical and other ways. B2IRC may also modify these technologies to better serve the required purposes, or B2IRC may create the technologies needed on its own.

B2IRC's aim is to emphasize on the quality of the provided service above all else.

Funding

B2IRC's services are intended to be available for the open public without any costs to the user. This naturally does not cover any non-B2IRC specific costs to users which may result from purchasing required hardware, software and connection services.

B2IRC's services are primarily funded by sponsoring companies and other organisations, which provide B2IRC with technological resources it requires to operate its services. Individuals may also contribute to B2IRC's funding. B2IRC must work to use these sponsored resources in their entirety in effective ways for B2IRC's operation and future development.



B2IRC's sponsors, both individuals and all organisations, receive no special commanding authority of any kind in B2IRC's decision making. B2IRC must work to provide its sponsors with fair compensation primarily through allowing ways for advertisement. This advertisement operation should be entirely operated by B2IRC, not its sponsors, and it should be accomplished with fair judgement, through ways which do not create annoyances or interfere with B2IRC's users or its normal operational activities. Recommended methods for this include usage of MOTD files (message of the day) and graphical advertisement such as banners and buttons on the WWW pages.

B2IRC's duty is to keep an open mind with all types of suggestions from its sponsors that are designed on furthering ways of cooperation with B2IRC and its sponsors. B2IRC must process these suggestions accordingly and provide a response for all decisions to the sponsor in question.

Limits and key aims for service type

B2IRC's services are aimed primarily at its key target audience, but the main services are open to the general public, even if some additional services may not be available for users outside the target audience. Some limitations however apply to the availability of B2IRC's services to the general public. All users of B2IRC must respect local and international laws in all their operations on B2IRC and all operations contradicting with such laws are strictly banned on B2IRC. In addition but not limiting to, any activities dealing in any way with Nazism or racism are banned throughout B2IRC. Also, all forms of abuse targeted towards the B2IRC services, its staff or its users are strictly banned.

These limits are enforced by the B2IRC staff. Any cases concerning any type of breach of B2IRC's rules may be reported to proper authorities if found necessary.

Network staff and basic policies of internal structure

The B2IRC staff's two primary tasks are maintaining and developing B2IRC services and providing assistance for B2IRC's users. Every member of staff has a duty to help the network users as best possible. The hierarchy of the B2IRC staff is split into levels.

The main chairman is the commanding person of the network. S/he has a veto right in all decisions and approves all major decisions alone. The chairman should make decisions based on the ruling board's suggestions. The chairman must, when requested, justify made decisions in writing. The majority of all active operators and members of the ruling board may request change of chairman with just cause and two thirds majority vote. The chairman should appoint a temporary substitute if s/he is unavailable for an extended period of time.

The ruling board is a group of staff members, chosen by the chairman based on suggestions from all staff members. The member amount of the ruling board should be only a small percentage (20% or less) of the total staff member count, but always a minimum of 3 members. The ruling board manages all day-to-day matters and makes suggestions to the chairman. The ruling board chooses network policies, operators, new servers and all other operational matters. The ruling board may also authorize new committees. The ruling board chooses one member to be a ruling board chairman whose main duty is to supervise and keep track of all major projects. Unless specified otherwise, and in all uncertain cases, the ruling board is the primary contact in B2IRC.



Committees may be formed and the ruling board may delegate parts of its authority to such committees. For example, the development committee may be given all rights for choosing and developing operational software. The committees have one chairman, who makes final decisions similar to the network chairman. All other forms of internal power sharing may be chosen by the committee chairman. Members of committees may, in special cases, be dismissed from everyday operator work. The committee must make such suggestions to the ruling board that can accept or dismiss such requests. This special permission is always granted for a limited time only, maximum one year, and can be renewed if necessary.

Active operators are chosen and dismissed by the ruling board. The ruling board defines requirements for activity. Active operators must take part in decision making progress. New operators, as well as new servers are always first accepted for a limited trial time of two to four months. An operator may not be chosen as a member of a committee or the ruling board during trial time nor does s/he have voting rights during this time.

The duty of all staff members is not to take part in any internal affairs of discussion groups (channels). With the exception of handling network abuse, staff members are limited to the same channel rules as any other users. A staff member cannot override any internal channel policies or limits to forcefully join a discussion where s/he is not welcome. The ruling board has the responsibility to handle such cases of abuse and act accordingly, through methods they best see fit.

If any staff member can not keep up with activity, s/he should ask for temporary leave or resign from the position.

Validity

This B2IRC Charter is confirmed by the network chairman, who should, in accordance with basic control policies, choose the option agreed upon by the majority of the ruling board. An opinion from all active network operators should also be heard. The charter may only be replaced with a new one after such an agreement, with the exception of correcting typographical errors.

The first, founding charter is confirmed by a simple majority vote by all network operators who have been in their position for at least three months. Simultaneously, the first network chairman and first ruling board chairman is named.

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