

First try of reverse engineering the NC1 chat-protokoll

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Byte	Description	Bit
00	Standart Neocron1 opening byte; 0x13	13
01	Unknown. Changes randomly, haven't figured out what this byte does exactly (See Note 3)	3
02	Either 0x00 or 0x01, No idea what this does...	1
03	Unknown. Changes randomly, haven't figured out what this byte does exactly (See Note 3)	5
04	Either 0x94 or 0x95. No idea what this does... (See Note 3)	9
05	Unknown. Changes randomly, haven't figured out what this byte does exactly (See Note 3)	4
06	Seems to be always 0x03 (rarely it is 0x20, but it could be an error in the client. Still, this is Neocron :P)	3
07	Unknown. Changes randomly, haven't figured out what this byte does exactly	7
08	Exactly the same as byte 02. (Either 0x00 or 0x01, but always the same value as byte 02)	1
09	Seems to be always 0x1F	15
10	Seems to be always 0x01	1
11	Seems to be always 0x00	0
12	Either 0x1B or 0x3B. See Note (1) for more details	3
13	Channel ID. See Note (2) for detailed information. Skipped if byte 12 is 0x1F !!!!	0
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17	Seems to be always 0x00 Skipped if byte 12 is 0x1F !!!!	0

Note 1: This byte indicates the channel you're talking to;
0x1F: Talking in "local"
0x3F: Talking in one of the channels listed in (2)

Note 2: These 4 bytes indicating one of the following channels: (IF byte 12 is 0x3F!)

Hex	Channel
0x00000000	Buddy
0x02000000	Clan
0x03000000	Team
????????	Direct
0x05010000	Custom -> Zone
0x05020000	Custom -> Fraktion
0x05200000	Custom -> Trade Canyon
0x05080000	Custom -> Trade MB
0x05040000	Custom -> Trade NC
0x05100000	Custom -> Trade TH
0x05400000	Custom -> Trade Wastelands
0x05000004	Custom -> OOC
0x05000002	Custom -> Player 2 Player help
0x05000001	Custom -> Searching Clan
0x05000400	Custom -> Runner Services Canyon
0x05000100	Custom -> Runner Services MB
0x05800000	Custom -> Runner Services NC
0x05000200	Custom -> Runner Services TH
0x05000800	Custom -> Runner Services Wastelands
0x05001000	Custom -> Searching Team ~10
0x05002000	Custom -> Searching Team ~30
0x05004000	Custom -> Searching Team ~50
0x05008000	Custom -> Searching Team ~70

Important: Make sure you reverse these Hex values before you use them! (Big Endian <-> Little Endian) So 0x05020000 becomes 0x00000205

Note 3: At one of my tests (Logged into GS and wrote random stuff to LOCAL)
i noticed that these numbers are increasing. It could be a counter for something or even a message ID.
However, i have no idea why the client should add Ids/counters to a chat message... o_O
I have to verify that later. (Or maybe someone else)