

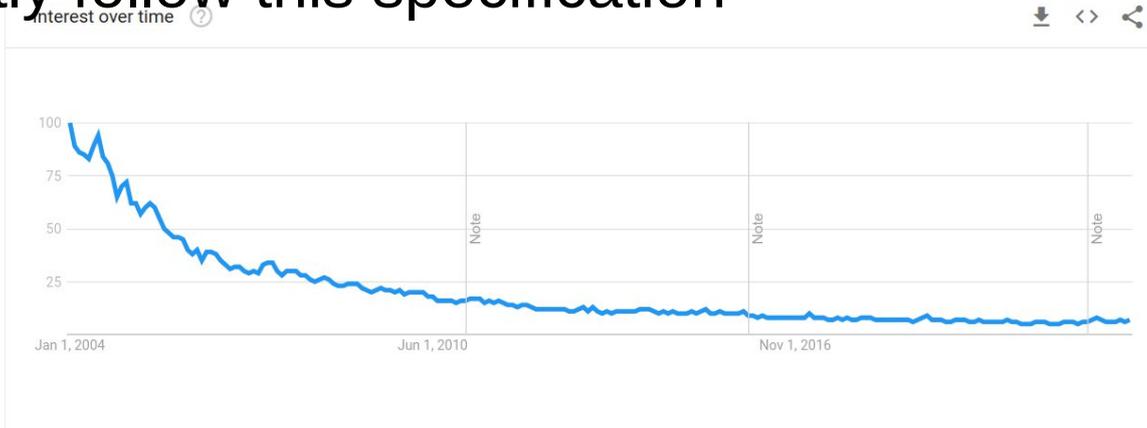
How do IRC?

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History

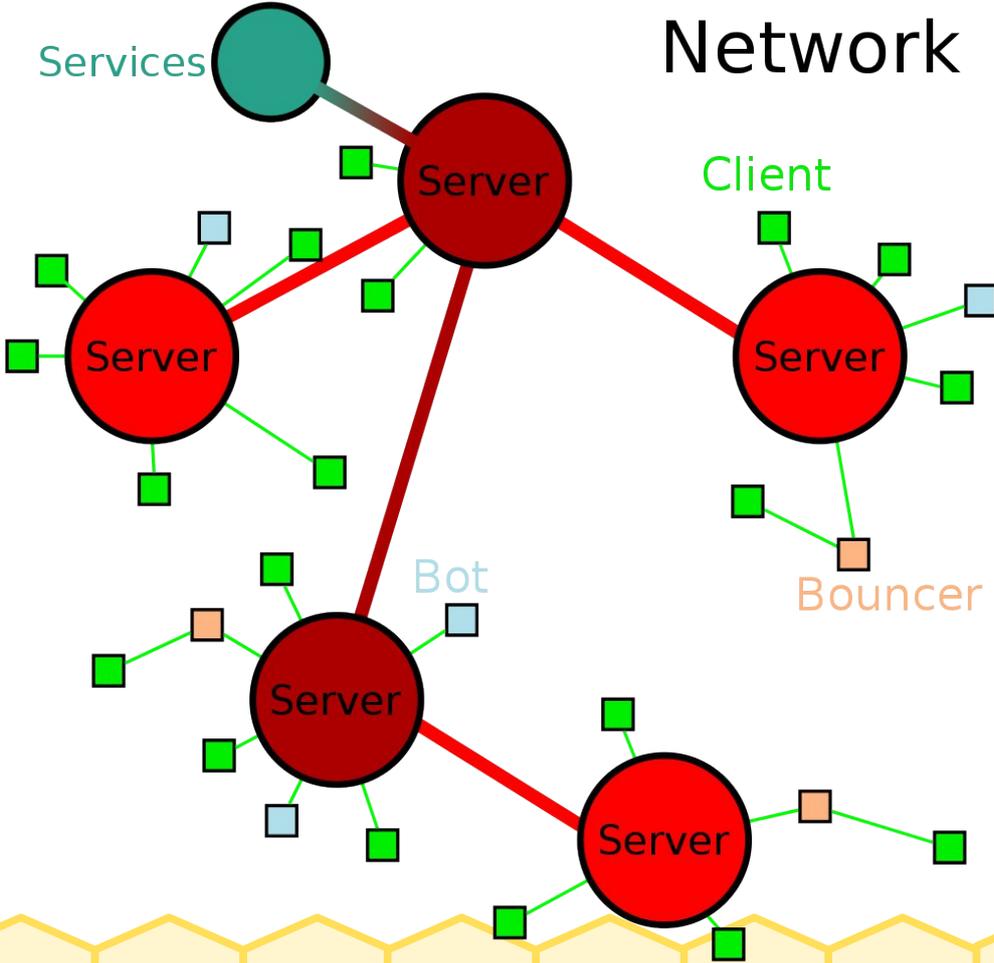
- Originated in 1988 from BBSes as a way for users to communicate
- Originally defined in RFC-1459, however modern IRC does not exactly follow this specification



Vocabulary

- Client/Server - you probably know what these mean
- Network - multiple servers connected together
 - Channel - a place to send messages on a network
 - Private message - special type of channel between two users
- Netsplit - when one server in a network goes offline or loses connection to the others
- Op (Operator) - an admin in a channel
- Halfop - fewer permissions than ops
- Voice - can speak in “moderated” channels

Network



Commands

- Names of commands depend on which client you're using
- `/connect <server>`
- `/disconnect <server>`
- `/join <channel>`
- `/leave <channel>`
- `/msg <user> <message>`



Under the hood

- IRC is simple enough that you can use it without a dedicated client
- This is probably not a good idea

