

## Smuxi Issues [FROZEN ARCHIVE] - Feature # 219: Option to Left-Align nick name in chat-window to eliminate crag

<b>Status:</b>	New	<b>Priority:</b>	Normal
<b>Author:</b>	Sammy Veira	<b>Category:</b>	Frontend GNOME
<b>Created:</b>	10/17/2009	<b>Assigned to:</b>	
<b>Updated:</b>	05/02/2017	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Complexity:</b>	High		
<b>Subject:</b>	Option to Left-Align nick name in chat-window to eliminate crag		
<b>Description:</b>	Vertical separator separating timestamp/nick from chatter.  Also, option to show/hide timestamps (is it there yet? didn't see it!)  example: <a href="http://www.flamedesktop.com/wp-content/bf_data/apps/web/im-chat/x/xchat.png">http://www.flamedesktop.com/wp-content/bf_data/apps/web/im-chat/x/xchat.png</a>		

### History

**10/24/2009 11:05 AM - Mirco Bauer**

- Category set to Frontend GNOME
- Assigned to set to Mirco Bauer

**01/05/2010 02:53 AM - Mirco Bauer**

- Complexity set to Medium

I would really really love this feature, but I haven't found out yet to align text in a Gtk.TextView! :(

**02/11/2010 01:03 AM - Chris Le Sueur**

I would very much like to implement this. It looks like it will be pretty non-trivial to do, and require basically indenting the main text a suitable amount then drawing the timestamps and nicks in the gap at the appropriate place.

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**02/11/2010 11:28 AM - Mirco Bauer**

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I don't think that's the right thing to do as Smuxi allows to use non-monospace fonts too. TextView has support for columns somehow, but I have no idea how to make use of them.

**02/11/2010 11:28 AM - Mirco Bauer**

- Complexity changed from Medium to High

**05/13/2013 08:06 PM - omeringen .**

Hi,

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**05/13/2013 08:10 PM - omeringen .**

omeringen . wrote:

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The screenshot link you provided is not working anymore. Weechat also has this feature, <http://weechat.org/screenshots/>

**05/19/2013 08:20 PM - Mirco Bauer**

- Assigned to deleted (Mirco Bauer)

**06/01/2015 01:45 AM - Mirco Bauer**

- Subject changed from Option to Left-Align 'chatter' in chat-window to eliminate crag to Option to Left-Align nick name in chat-window to eliminate crag

**05/02/2017 09:04 AM - Mirco Bauer**

I have plans to move away from a Gtk.TextView to a HTML rendering engine to render Smuxi messages. In HTML/CSS this is trivial but with Gtk.TextView, even by reading the C implementation of it, I wasn't able to figure out how you can tab or column align text in a stable way.

**05/02/2017 09:06 AM - Mirco Bauer**

So once Smuxi uses a HTML renderer this feature becomes feasible. The redmine issue to move to a HTML renderer is covered in #1045.