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### **BuddyFuse integrates Google Talk and Twitter into Windows Live Messenger**

**The first international version of BuddyFuse has been released today. BuddyFuse is a free extension for Windows Live Messenger, which seamlessly integrates chat and social networks into the world's most widely used instant messaging client. BuddyFuse currently enhances Windows Live Messenger by adding support for Google Talk, Twitter and the Dutch social network Hyves.**

### **Long time requested feature**

By integrating third party chat and social networks into Windows Live Messenger, BuddyFuse turns one of the most frequently requested features of the chat program into reality. *'The vast amount of chat and social networking services available today causes people to be 'online' on different services at different times. By adding interoperability to Windows Live Messenger people can use an application they are already familiar with to stay in touch with all their friends, regardless of the network they are on.'*, says BuddyFuse cofounder Yousef El-Dardiry.

### **Successful try-out**

BuddyFuse has been released to the Dutch public in April 2009, supporting only the Dutch social network Hyves. This beta version has been embraced by the community, with over ten thousand users in the first few weeks. *'The overwhelming amount of enthusiastic responses motivated us to work on this international release'*, says El-Dardiry.

Support for more services such as AIM, ICQ and Facebook is planned for future releases.

### **About BuddyFuse**

BuddyFuse is an initiative of two students from the Netherlands. Yousef El-Dardiry (20) studies Computer Science at the Delft University of Technology and gained experience at Microsoft Corporation in 2007. Jeroen Bransen (22) is a graduate student Cognitive Artificial Intelligence at Utrecht University. Both founders have been recognized by Microsoft Corporation in the past for their community contributions as *Windows Live MVPs* (Most Valuable Professional).

### **Contact**

Website with application-download, video impression, blog announcement and more information: <http://www.buddyfuse.com>

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