

Quassel IRC - Bug #1907

Admin attack on client using Mass Channel Invites

04/21/2025 12:27 AM - GlossLimb

Status:	New	Start date:	04/21/2025
Priority:	High	Due date:	
Assignee:		% Done:	0%
Category:		Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:		OS:	Linux
Version:	0.14.0		
Description I was connected to an IRC server. Suddenly Quassel became super slow and i had high CPU usage. Quassel became unusable and it freezes. I killed Quassel using btop resource manager. But when i run Quassel again, it's still unusable and it's frozen. Quassel tray icon appears in KDE, but i cannot view the main window. I had to uninstall Quassel, delete the config files, then reinstall it again. Before Quassel freezes, i saw myself invited in many channels in the server i was connected to. I think the admin attacked me using Mass Channel Invites, by forcing me into many channels, the UI had lots of processing and froze. When i connect to the irc server via the browser, the admin does the same (or another, i am not sure) attack, i see lots of random ASCII characters filling my chat screen that freezes my browser tab. How can i defend against these annoying spamming attacks ? I am using Linux KDE Neon.			