

## Quassel IRC - Feature #645

### Term "Buffer" is not user friendly - suggest to change to Discussions

03/29/2009 03:51 PM - miohtama

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| <b>Status:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | New                   | <b>Start date:</b>     | 03/29/2009 |
| <b>Priority:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Low                   | <b>Due date:</b>       |            |
| <b>Assignee:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       | <b>% Done:</b>         | 0%         |
| <b>Category:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | General / Unspecified | <b>Estimated time:</b> | 0.00 hour  |
| <b>Target version:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |                        |            |
| <b>OS:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Any                   |                        |            |
| <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |                        |            |
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#### History

##### #1 - 03/30/2009 12:57 PM - tktn

miohtama wrote:

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I think that buffer should be renamed, but not to discussion, because in some instances it could be misleading.

I reject your terminology and substitute my own.

I prefer the term thread.

##### #2 - 03/30/2009 02:46 PM - miohtama

Very good idea! +1 for thread. People are familiar with this term from BBSes.

##### #3 - 03/30/2009 03:33 PM - Daisuke\_Ido

miohtama wrote:

Very good idea! +1 for thread. People are familiar with this term from BBSes.

Except IRC is not a threaded discussion, nor is it a BBS. While buffers may not be perfect, discussion is slightly better. Thread is a poor choice as it implies that IRC is something that it is not.

##### #4 - 05/26/2009 04:49 AM - Daegalus

How bout "Rooms" or "Lounges". Something more casual. Though Discussion is better than buffer.

##### #5 - 02/29/2012 06:03 PM - Anonymous

- Category changed from Quassel Client to General / Unspecified

- Assignee set to Anonymous

- Priority changed from Normal to Low

It has been decided that buffers should be named Chats, but the source strings don't always use the proper name. i'll be going through everything to settle this once and for all.

**#6 - 10/11/2013 11:18 AM - Anonymous**

- Assignee deleted (Anonymous)