

# Press Release



**Past for iChat: Now exports to more formats, renders nice PDF, speaks three more languages.**

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ZeeZide GmbH today released **Past for iChat** 1.4, an update to its macOS application for opening and viewing old iChat chat log files.

**Past for iChat** opens and displays the .chat and .ichat files created by Apple's iChat, the predecessor of the new and improved Messages.app. Since macOS Big Sur, Messages can no longer open these older archives. Past for iChat brings them back, rendered as a familiar chat timeline, and adds a Quick Look plugin for previewing chat logs directly in Finder, Spotlight, and other applications.

Version 1.4 is the biggest update since the app's launch:

- Improved exports, including HTML and PDF.
- File attachments now appear as their own bubbles.
- Opens more damaged and partial archives.
- Now localized in German, Spanish, and French.

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Past for iChat is available as a \$14.99 one-time purchase.

Past for iChat is a product developed by ZeeZide GmbH, a software development and consulting company founded in Magdeburg, Germany in 2015.

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