LibreChat

Chat like a pro!

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What You'll Learn Today

- What is LibreChat?
- What are some of the alternatives?
- How to install it?
- Setting up a good "System Prompt"

What is LibreChat?

- A web interface to your favorite LLMs
- Open Source software installed on your own server
- Direct support for OpenAl (ChatGPT), Anthropic (Claude), and many others
- Login management for multiple users
- Uses direct API calls
 - Much cheaper: per usage, not 20\$/month/person
 - "Business protection"
 - No training on your data
 - 30 day retention of all prompts



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Other tested apps in 2025/02 - add yours...

- With login for multiple users:
 - <u>OpenWebUI</u> direct support for OpenAI, needs special setup for Anthropic very good UI
 - LobeChat direct support for all kinds of models very nice looking UI
- Only as app for single user
 - NextChat direct support for all kinds of models OKish UI
 - LLMChat couldn't get to load the models UI crashed



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Installation of LibreChat

- Easy docker-compose.yaml
 - Uses docker-compose.override.yaml
- Configuration through .env file
 - Sometimes awkward because it grew organically
 - Some variables are not actually used
- Has some scripting
 - user management: adding / removing
 - manage credits for users
- A sample ansible role is here: LibreChat ansible role

Message, System, Custom Prompts

Message Prompt: what you write in the text-box

System Prompt:

- Sent before every message prompt
- <u>Claude System Prompts</u>

Custom Prompt:

• Pre-defined message prompts

Setting System Prompt

- Click "Model Family" and choose "Anthropic"
- In the right panel, choose "Parameters"
- Change the "Custom Name" to "Claude System Prompt"
- Copy paste first half of <u>Claude System Prompts</u> into "Custom Instructions"
- Click "Save As Preset"
- Add "Claude System Prompt" as the "Preset Name"
- In the "System Prompts", hover over your new prompt, and 🖈 it

LibreChat

- Allows some privacy
- Much cheaper usage of LLM models
- Can also interface with local models
- Very configurable also has agents and plugins (Dall-E)
- Grew somewhat organic the codebase is a mess...

Adding Custom Prompts

- Choose your system prompt
- Click "Prompts", then "+ Create Prompt"
- Add a name, e.g., "LinkedIn Article"
- Choose category to the right, e.g., "Writing"
- Uncheck "Auto-Send Prompts"
- Add a text, e.g.:

Please write a 1-paragraph LinkedIn introduction to the following article. Use tags and some emojis. On a scale from 1 - boring to 10 - very exciting, choose a 7

• Click "Create Prompt"

Choosing Prompts

System Prompts

- The 🖍 is the default one
- Click on "System Prompts" and choose another one

Custom Prompts

- Choose them from the right-hand panel
- Start a message with "/", and a list of prompts appear

Message Prompts - Editing and Sharing

Save & Submit

