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It shouldn't be surprising that Google aggressively goes after the best talent in the business. Google's nascent IM business is apparently no exception.

To that end, Google has hired the lead developer of the GAIM instant messaging project, one of the most popular open source projects on the planet, to help its IM development.

Sean Egan publicly broke the news on the GAIM Web site this week, revealing that he has been working in Google's Seattle office for a month and a half on the company's GoogleTalk IM application.

Full Story.

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