

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

Free Phone Calls

Computer to computer phone calls, across town or across the world, all for free. There are several systems offering to help you achieve this, like; MSN Messenger or Yahoo Messenger, but the best known is Skype.

You download the software for free from the internet. Then, armed with a microphone and speakers you set up a Skype account and are ready to start making free phone calls. You may also choose to use a Web Cam for video calls, but this is not essential. So other than the broadband internet connection, there is zero call cost between two computers using Skype.

The software holds your contacts list and adding people to this list is easy, by searching for their real name and tracking down their “handle”, or better still – ask them for their Skype handle. Once you have added people to your Skype contacts list – you are notified when they are “on-line”, making connecting with them very easy.

As well as phone calls – there is also a text section, available at any time, where you can have a written conversation with the other person.

Similar to your email system, you can also set up groups. This lets you have a group phone call, maybe even use it for a committee meeting without leaving home.

Sometimes not as clear or convenient as a phone call, but much cheaper!

Jonathan Harris
JNH Software Pty Ltd
5259 2304

