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Computer Tips & Tricks for the
novice to the advanced.

Computer SMS

A while ago I wrote about Skype. Since then it has grown in popularity and is now the standard in free, computer to computer phone calls and teleconferencing software.

Now you can send an SMS from your computer through Skype direct to a mobile phone. It is so much easier using a normal sized keyboard. Also it is fast and they only cost 11.8c each – in Australia, and can be used for international SMS's also. That's around half the normal cost of SMS, a great bonus if you send lots of them. Replies can be redirected to your own mobile.

So next time you need to advise your client that their order has come in, or you're advising casual staff their timetable – just send them a quick SMS from the office. No verbal directions being misunderstood, clear text, and you have a record of it.

Other uses of Skype are for computer-to-phone calls and computer-to-computer messaging. This is another method of communicating with clients and friends. Not the same as an eMail or an SMS, it is called instant messaging. So if you install the free app on your smart phone, you can instant message between mobile phones and computers without any message cost. Take a look at these new options, and have a go. Sign up to Skype for free, load up your account with some money, and have a go.

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