

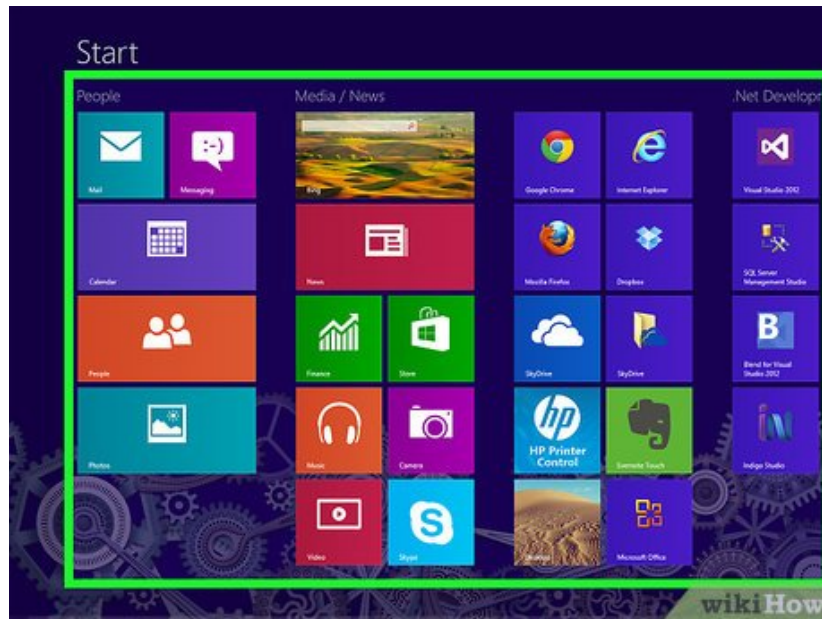
How to Use Skype on Windows 8

Skype is a VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) client which allows you to text, voice, and video chat with other people. If you're running Windows 8, you can download the Windows 8 version of Skype or download the traditional Skype for...

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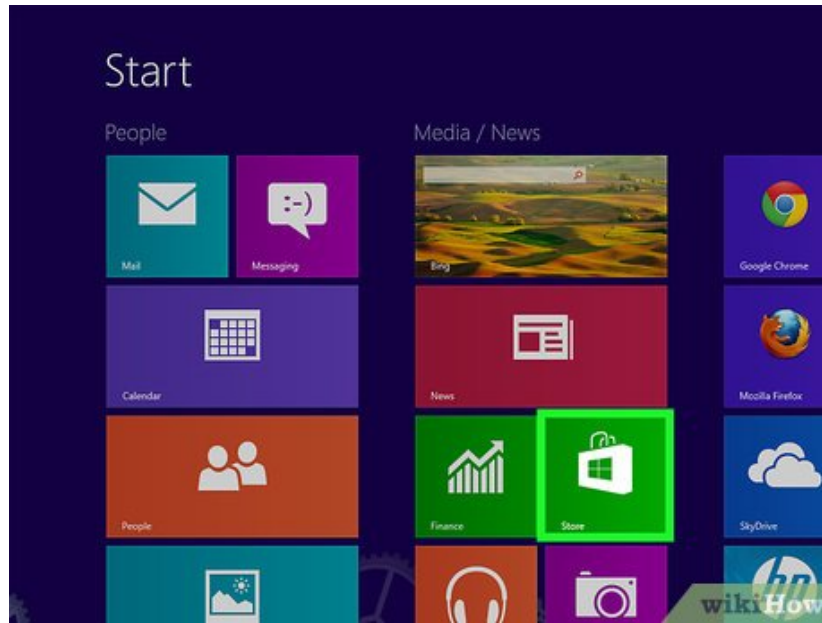
Using the Skype App

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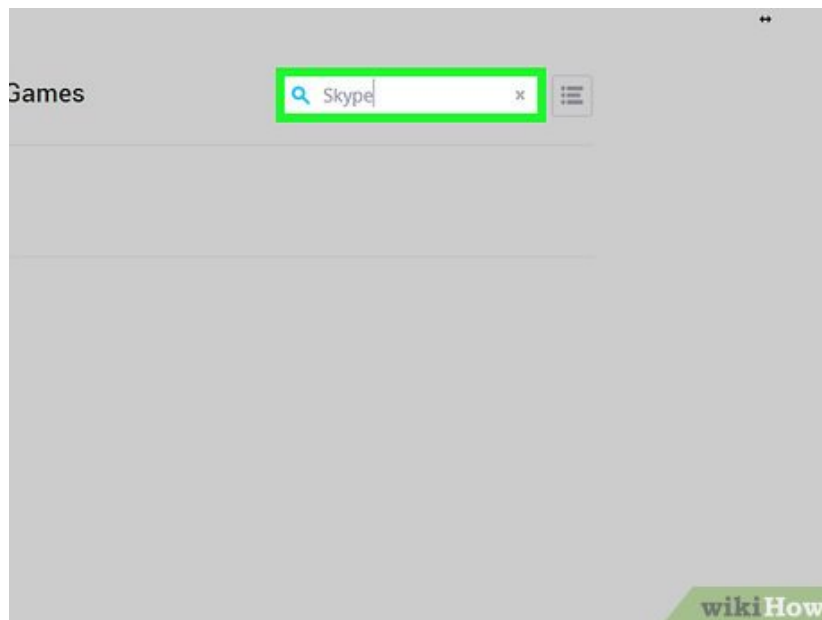
Open the Start screen. You can access the Start screen by pressing the `Win` key or by clicking the Windows icon in the lower-left corner of the Desktop view (Windows 8.1 only).

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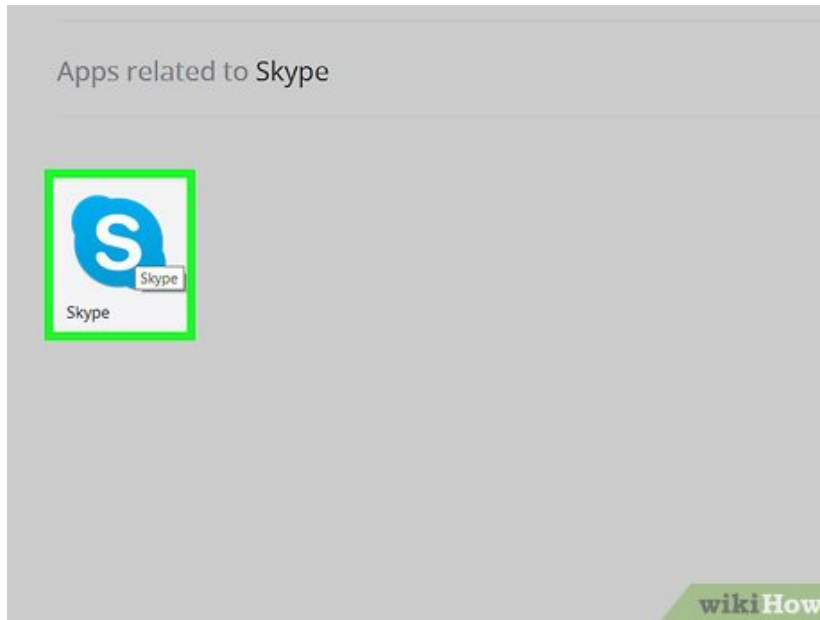


Click or tap the "Store" button. This will open the Windows store.

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Search for "Skype". The search bar is in the upper-right corner of the Store window.



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Select the "Skype" option. Make sure that you choose the Skype app, and not one of the related search results.



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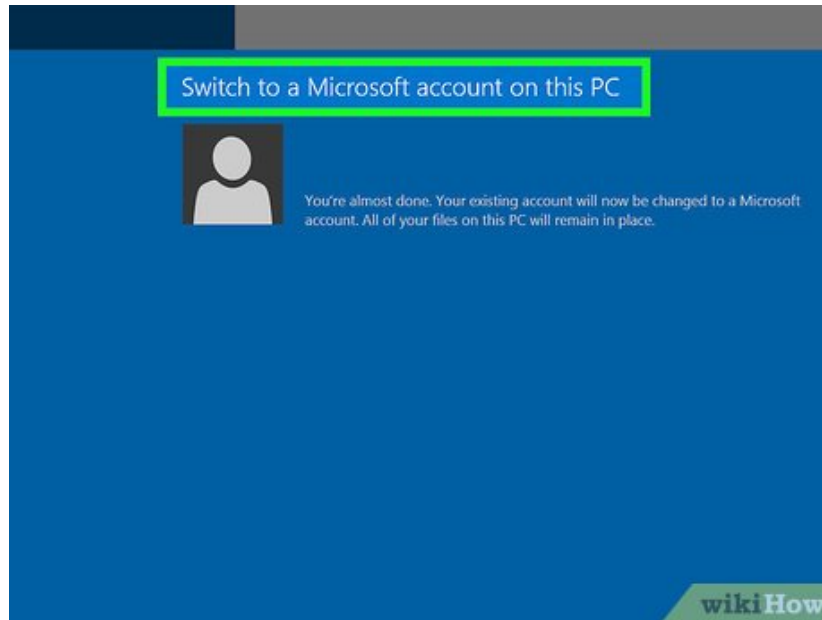
Description

Make internet calls for free with Skype.

With Skype, you can share a story, celebrate a birthday, learn a language, hold a meeting, work with colleagues – just about anything you need to do together every day.

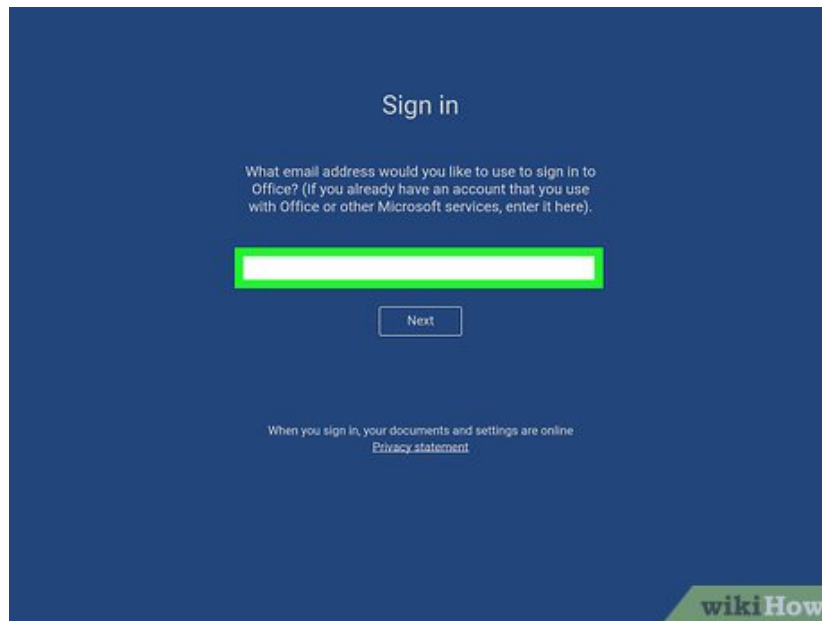
Click or tap the "Install" button.

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Switch to a Microsoft account if you aren't using one. If you set up Windows to use local accounts instead of a Microsoft account, you will be prompted to switch to using a Microsoft account. If you'd prefer to continue using your local account, select "Sign into each app separately".

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Enter your Microsoft account information. This is the account that you use to sign in to Skype. If you signed up for Skype before it changed to Microsoft accounts, you can use your Skype login information.

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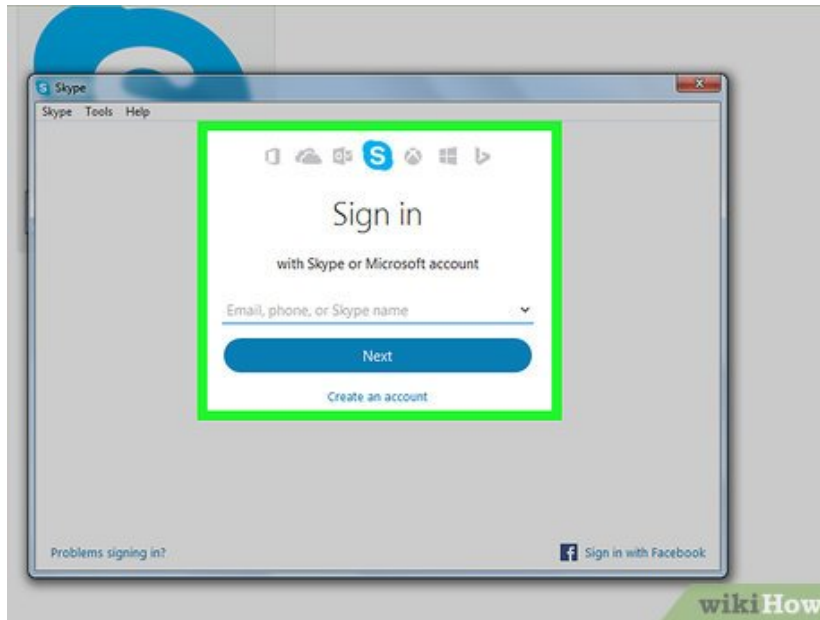
Return to your Start screen. You should see the SKype tile appear in your list of applications.

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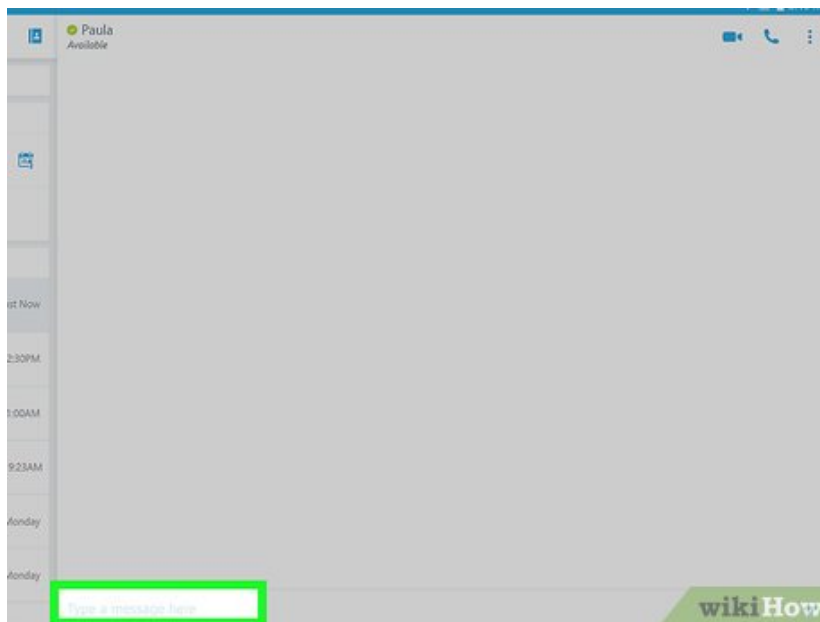
Click or tap the Skype tile to start Skype. You will be asked if Skype can access your webcam (if one is installed).

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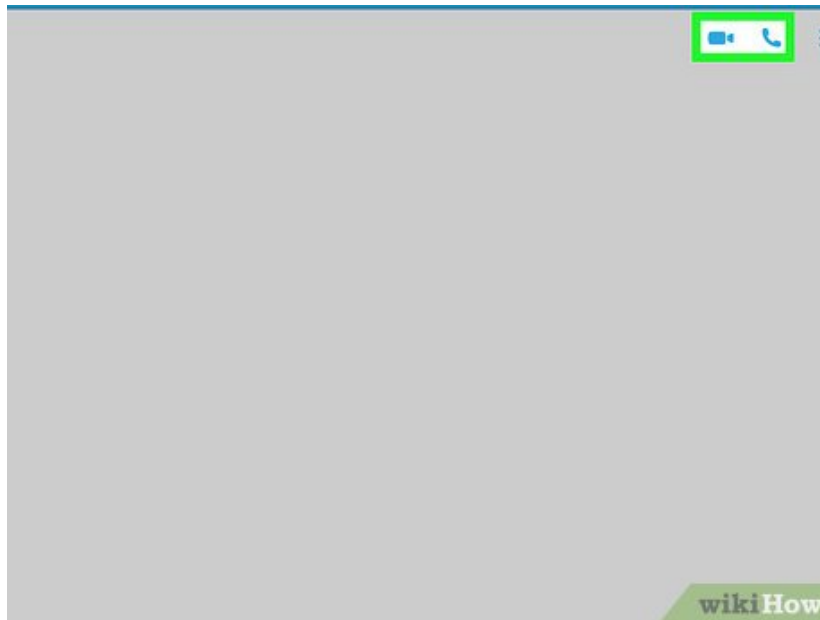
Sign in with your Skype/Microsoft account. You will be taken to the main Skype screen after logging in.

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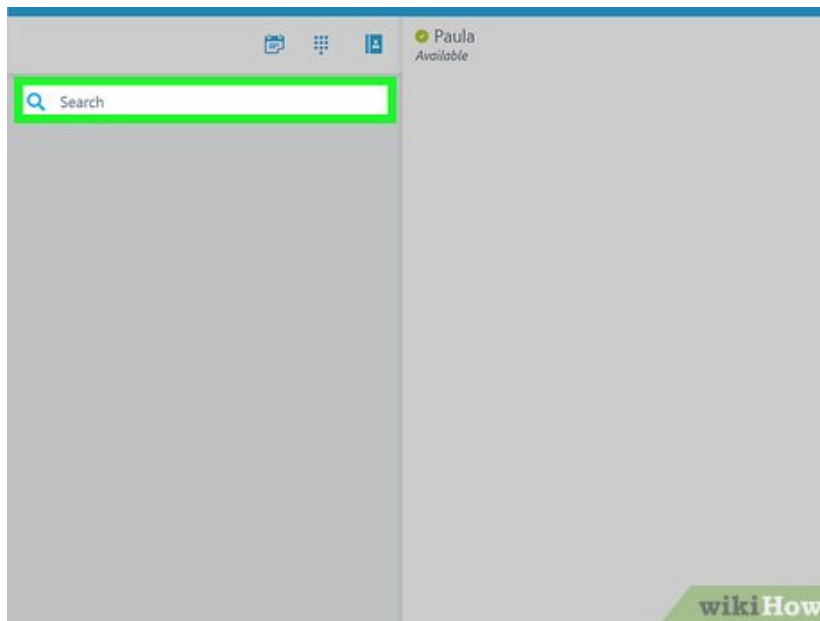
Start a conversation with a contact. Click or tap a contact in the list on the right to begin a conversation. You can see all of your contacts by clicking the "people" menu.

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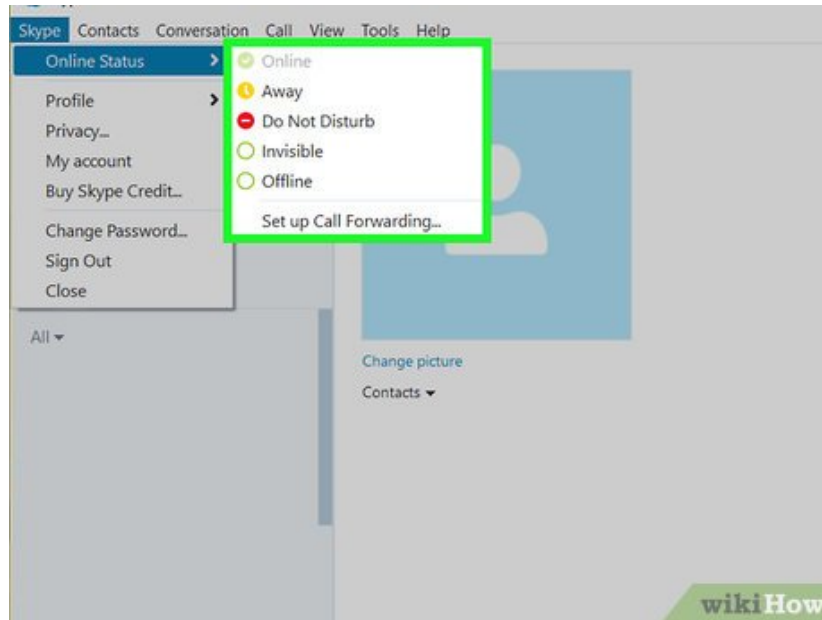
Start a voice or video call. If you have a webcam installed, you can start a voice or video chat with your contacts. Open a contact's conversation page and click either the phone (voice) or camera (video) to start a chat.

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Click or tap the "Search" button on the main screen to add more contacts. This button looks like magnifying glass. You can search for other Skype users by their usernames or email addresses.

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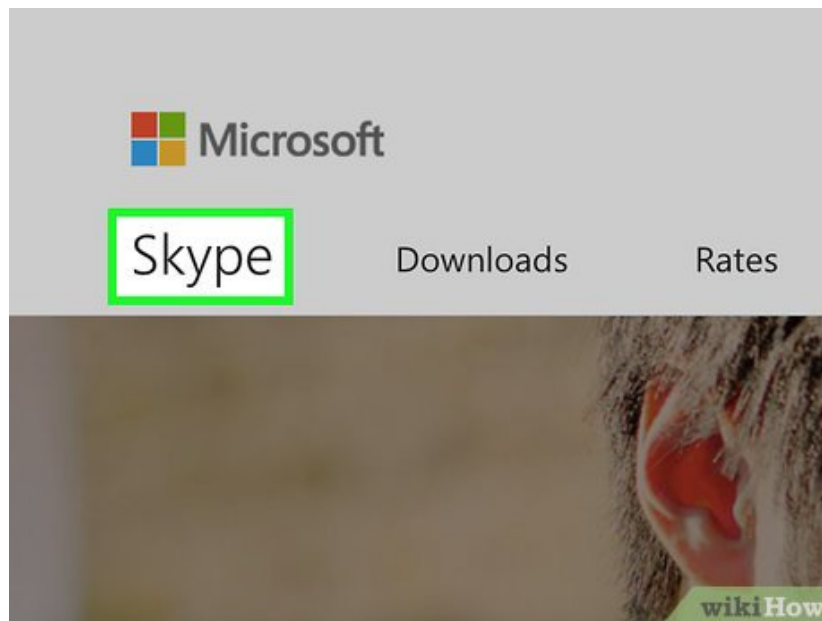


Change your status. Click your profile image in the upper-right corner to change your online status and set your mood.

Method 2 of 2:

Using Skype for Windows Desktop

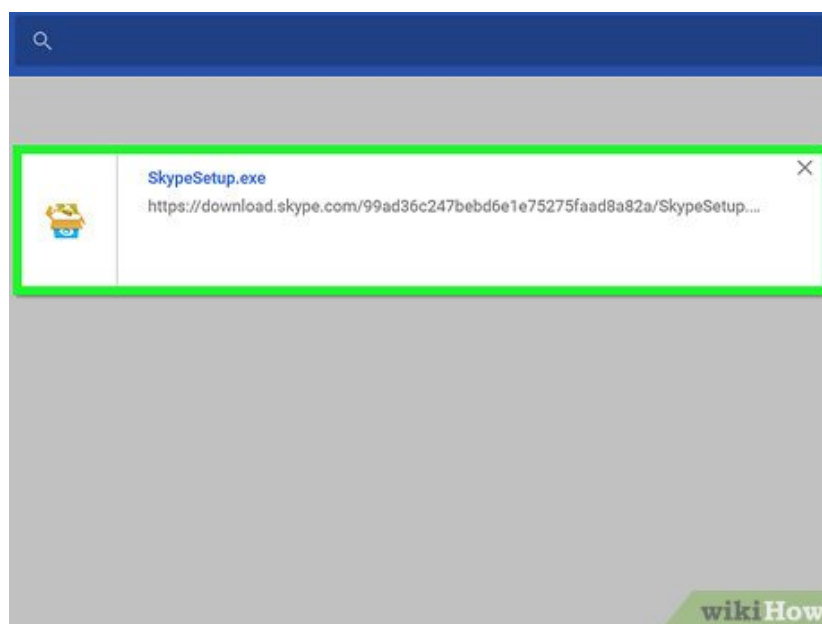
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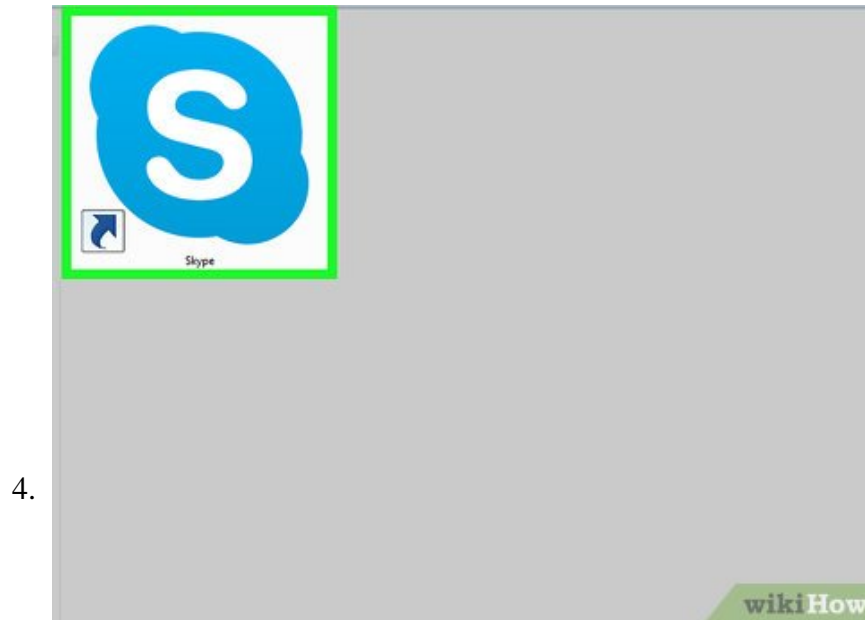
Visit the Skype website using your web browser. You can download Skype for Windows Desktop, which acts just like Skype in previous versions of Windows.



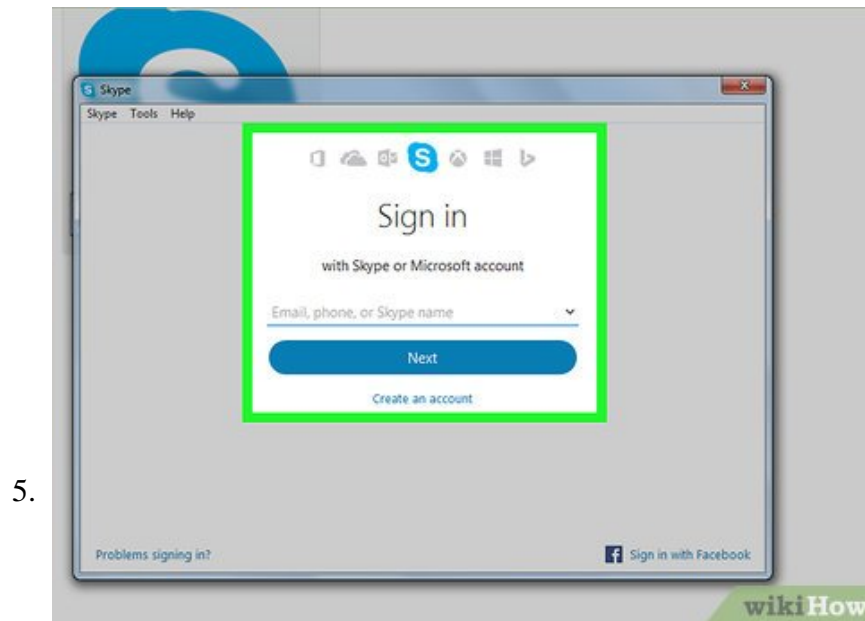
Download the Skype installer from the Skype website. Click the "Download Skype" button and then "Get Skype for Windows desktop" to begin the download.



Run the installer. Follow the prompts in the installer to install Skype for Windows desktop on your computer. Most users can leave all the installer options at their default settings.

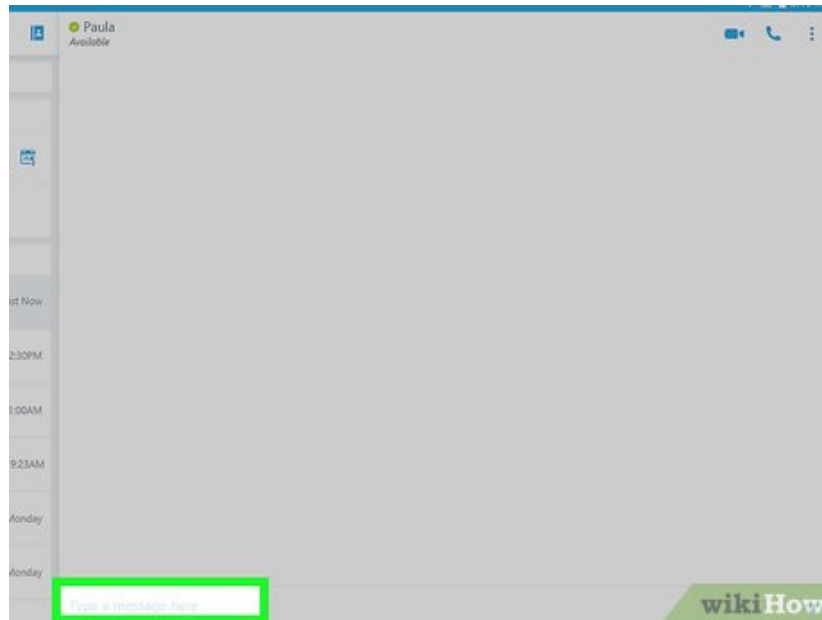


Launch Skype. You should be able to find a shortcut to Skype on your desktop. If you can't find it, open the Start screen, click the "Down" arrow at the bottom of the screen, and find Skype in the list of your installed programs.



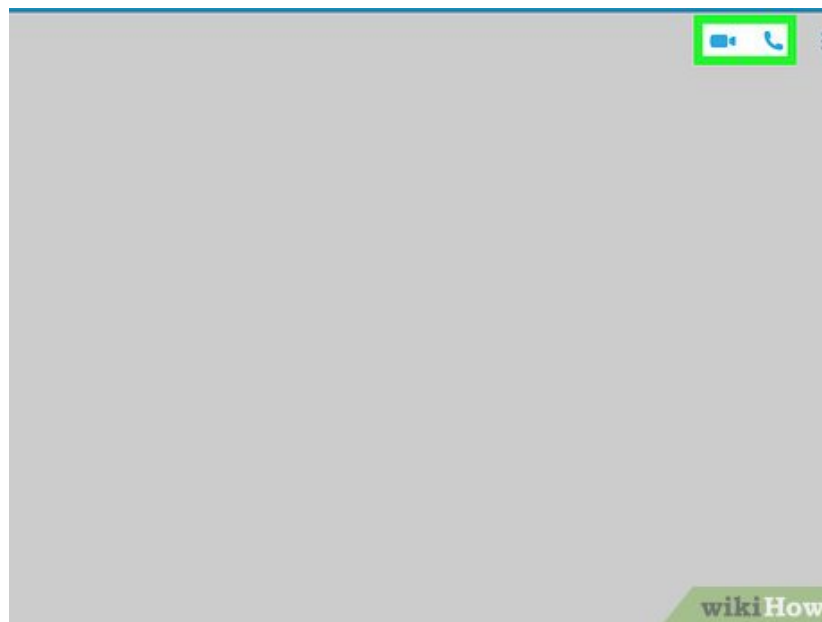
Log in with your account. You can log into Skype using your Microsoft account or using your old Skype account. If you don't have an account you can create one for free.

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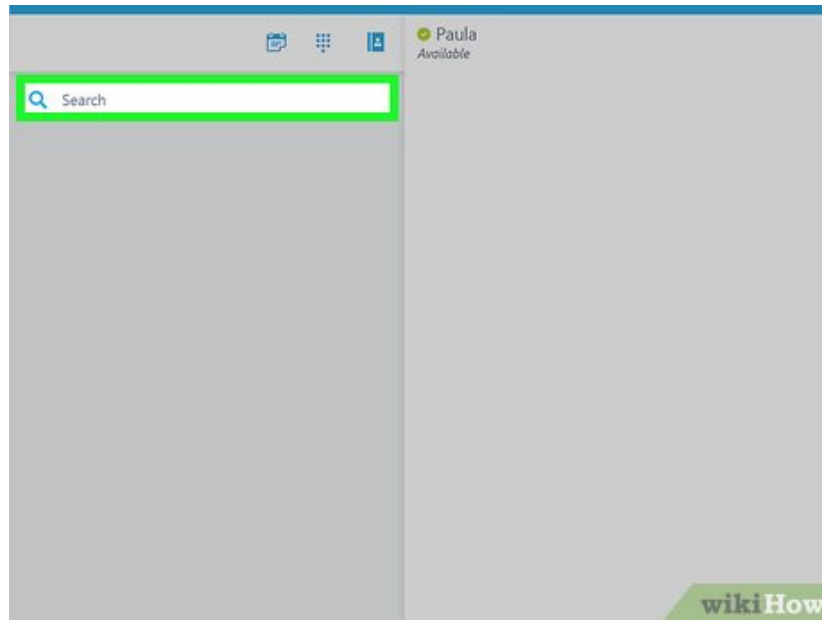
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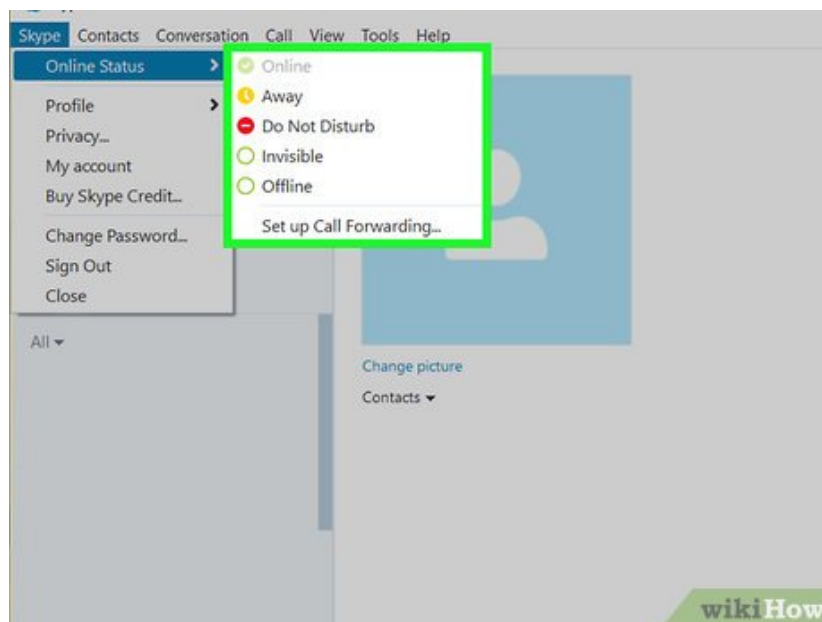
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