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Microsoft has begun offering a beta version of the Skype instant messaging application that is able to run right on the web browser.

The beta version of Skype on the web browser is designed to target users who want and need to use Skype without having to download the application to install on the computer. The new version will work on Windows computers with IE10 and above, the latest version of Chrome or Firefox. For Mac, Safari 6 version or higher is required.

However, users still have to install a small plug-in to start a conversation with Skype, but in the future, when Microsoft supports the RTC (*Real-Time Communications*) Web solution, plug-in installation -in will no longer be needed.

A Microsoft spokesman said that because the current version of Skype on the Web requires plug-in installation, it cannot work with Chromebooks for voice and video calling, only until the *RTC Web* solution is included. Private instant messaging function is still supported.

On the new beta beta blog, the company said the Web-based Skype application for Macs is experiencing some battery consumption problems, and outgoing calls on Skype may take longer to connect. .

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