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Microsoft released a new version of Skype for desktops earlier this year, with the aim of syncing messages across all devices. The article will show you some interesting or special features on the latest version of Skype that you may not know yet.

Whether it's learning a new language or sending a video, hopefully you'll learn something new about Skype - an app that has been around for 15 years.

To help users use Skype more interesting, this article will suggest you read some nice little tricks that you may not know.

1. Download Skype
2. Download Skype for Mac

If you have interesting tips to share about Skype, be sure to let us know in the comment section below!

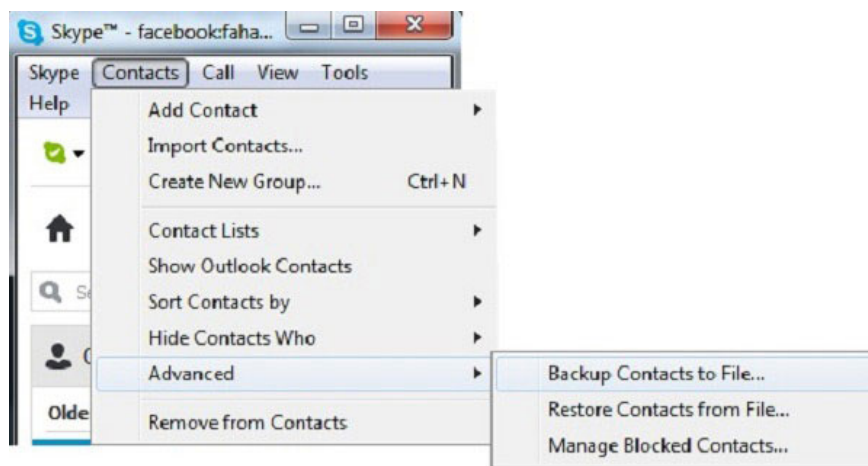
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## Backup and move Skype contacts

For many users, your name in Skype is quite important. So sometimes you need to back up this list if there is an account error or mistakenly delete someone in the directory. And to do this, you can do so by going to **Contacts> Advanced> Backup Contacts to File** to back up your contacts.



Or choose **Restore Contacts from File** if you want to restore your name from the previous backup.

## Quickly edit previously sent messages

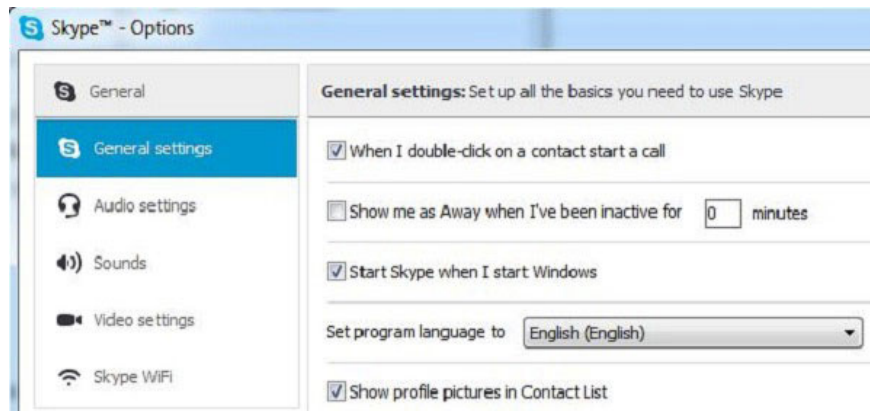
If you send a message and discover one or more errors about the character in the message, then want to message another message with the error corrected, you will have to retype from the beginning.



However, one faster way is to use the up arrow key. At that time, the sent message will display the support and then you will only need to edit it.

## Make calls directly from contacts

To make a call from the directory, you have to go through a few small operations but it will be faster if you just double click on the contact name and the call will be made immediately.



You can enable this job by going to **Tools> Options> General Settings** and **checking the option When I double-click on a contact start a call.**

## Disable the moving pencil icon

When making a text chat in Skype, if the other person is typing text, you will see a small pencil icon move in the chat frame. And if you feel uncomfortable or don't want to care about it, turn it off.



To do this, go to **Tools> Options> IM & SMS> IM Settings> Show Advanced Options** and **check the Show option when I am typing**

## Delete chat history and define storage time frame

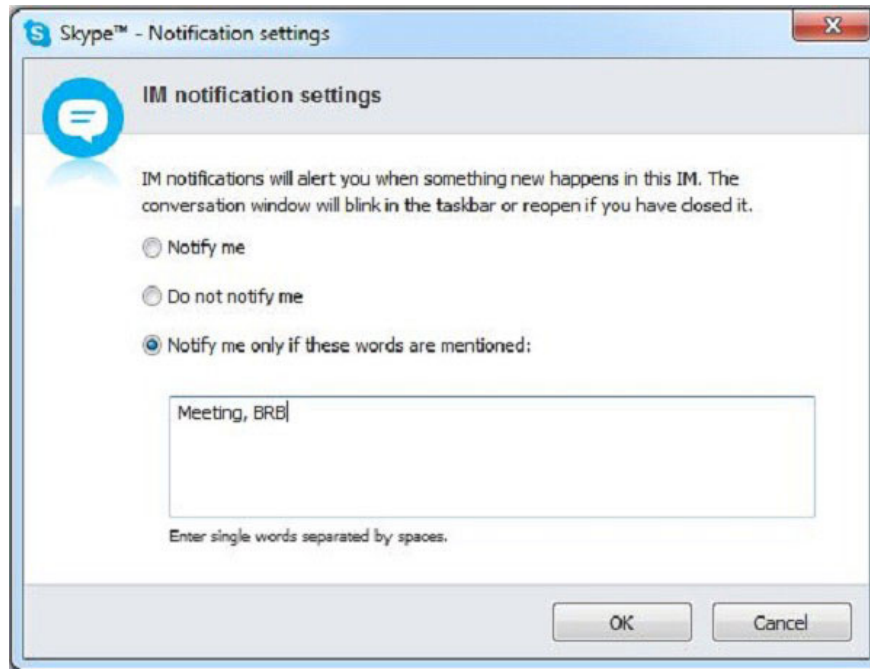
You can set up to delete all chat history as well as specify the amount of time to store chat content on Skype. To delete all chat history, go to **Tools> Options> IM & SMS> IM Settings> Show Advanced Options** and **click the Clear History button** .



However, you can also choose to delete chat content by specified time at the **Keep history for** line before clicking **Clear History** .

## Set up keywords for notifications

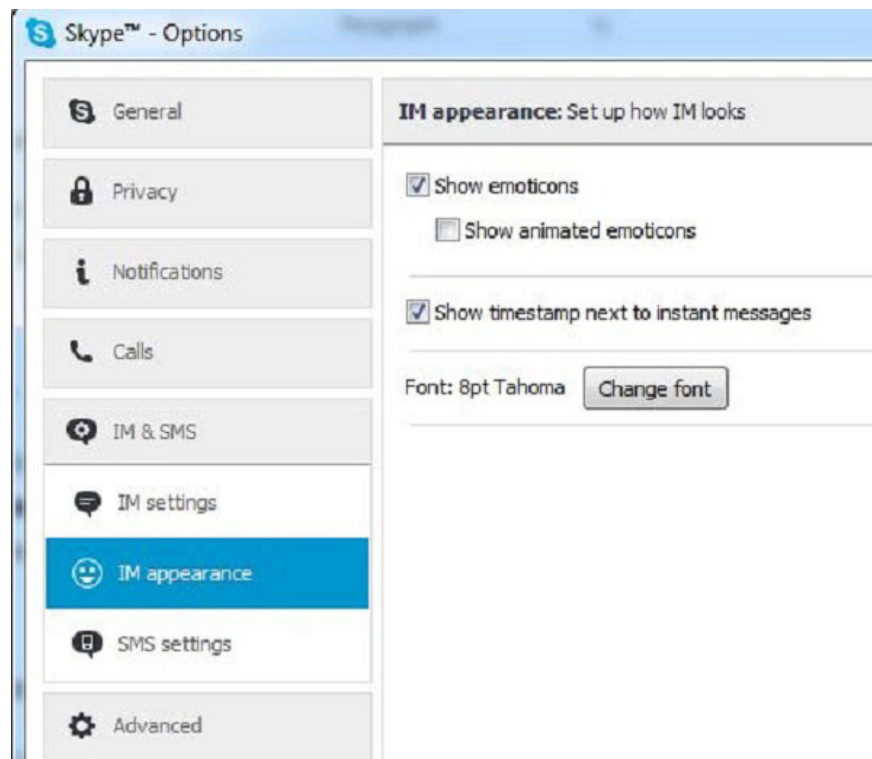
If you are constantly annoyed by notifications when someone wants to talk to you, you can set up a keyword to Skype based on that and only show notifications when the conversation content has this keyword.



To set up, go to **Conversation> Notification Settings** and proceed to enter the keywords you want to set into the **Notify** option box **only if these words are mentioned** .

## Disable the animated icons when chatting

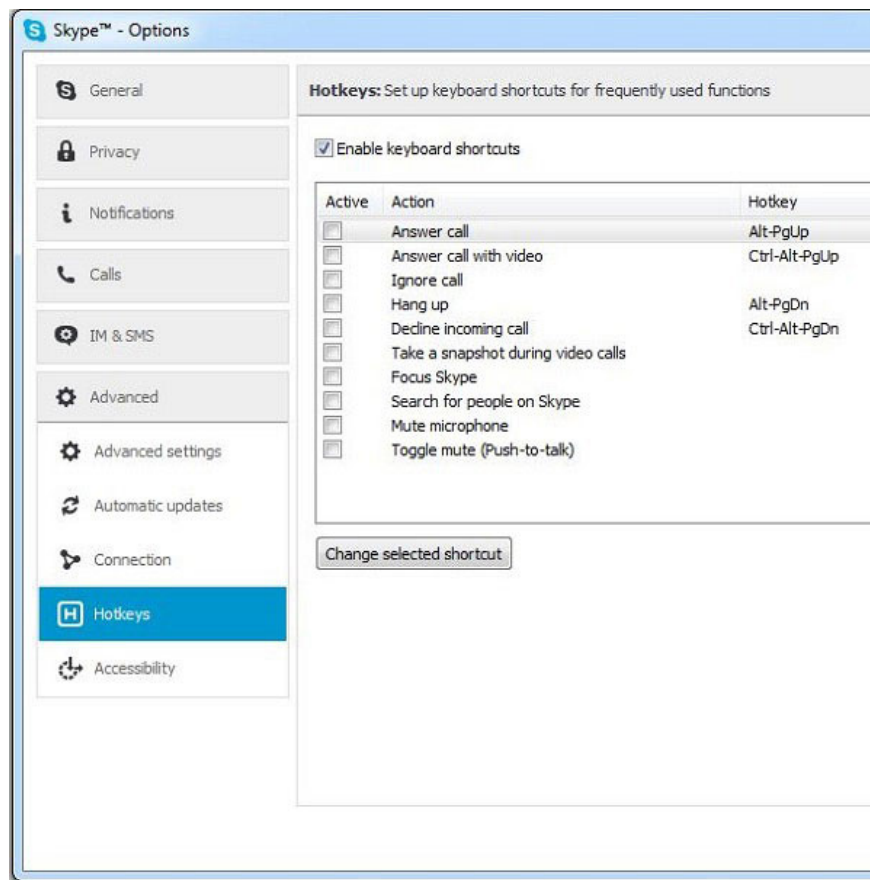
If you don't like 'moving' emoticons and want them to 'move' in the chat frame, you can easily disable it.



Go to **Tools> Options> IM & SMS> IM appearance** and **uncheck the Show animated emoticons option.**

## **Enable shortcut**

Skype provides a list of some shortcuts for users to quickly perform some operations during the application process. So what are these shortcuts?



By default all are not enabled, and to use Skype shortcuts, activate them by going to **Tools> Options> Advanced> Hotkeys** and checking the option **Enable keyboard shortcuts** .

## Set the ID for the call from your Skype account

If you make a call from your Skype account to a mobile or landline number that does not want on the screen of these devices display a series of 'strange numbers', you can set up Give me a fixed ID number for your friends to 'identify' when you contact.

Display this number when I call mobiles and landlines from Skype

Country/region

Pakistan

Phone number

+92

Verify number

To do this, visit the **Skype> Account** . A website will be opened, click the **Caller ID** option, then proceed to the **Country** selection (**Country / Region**) and the **phone number (Phone number)**, then click **Verify Number** to finish.

## Use two Skype at the same time (on a Mac)

On a Mac, to use two Skype, open Terminal and type the following command:

```
#!/ bin / bash
rm ~ / Library / Application Support / Skype / Skype.pid
sleep 1
open -n "/Applications/Skype.app"
```

Then you will see the second Skype opened and you can log in to the second account.

## Use Skype as a secret security camera



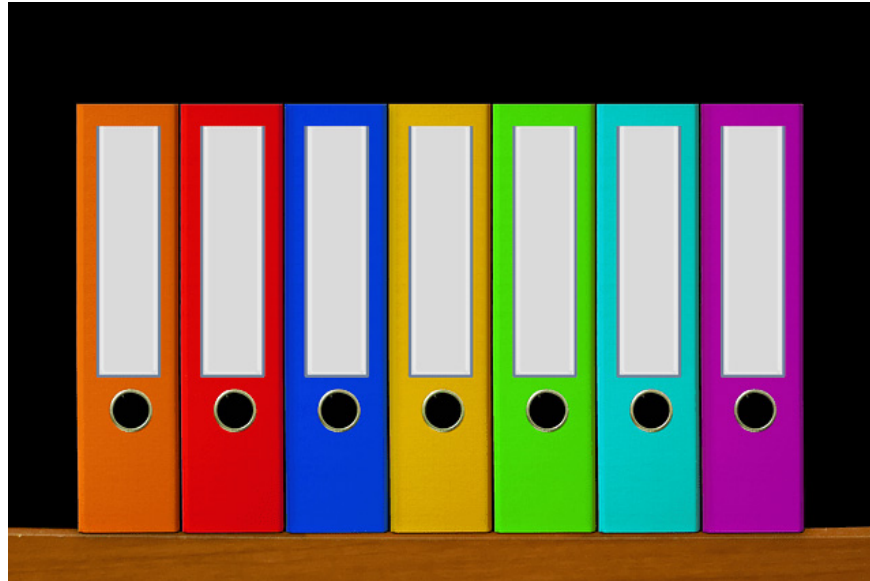
To do this, you need a second account and a device such as a smartphone or tablet. On the second account used as a spy account, you need to set it to answer all incoming calls automatically (so it does not ring and warn anyone). On Windows devices, go to **Tools> Options> Calls> Call Settings> Show Advanced Options** , Find and turn on the **Answer Incoming Auto Calls** option.

On your Mac, click on the avatar at the top and in the menu that appears, select **Calling> Advanced** , you'll see the same option here and turn it on.

Now, you need to make sure your webcam and audio are working properly. When using the first Skype account to call for the second account, the call will be answered immediately, and the webcam and audio will work. You can use it to track pets, children or babysitters when you are out.

1. How to use the old smartphone as an anti-theft surveillance camera

## Unlimited file transfer size



Skype allows you to send files to chat addresses, but unlike sending files via email, it does not limit file size. Email often limits the file size to 25MB and many other file transfer services like WeTransfer also set strict limits. However Skype does not and the file transfer is quite safe.

### 1. How to send an email that exceeds the size limit?

If you create a second Skype account, you can transfer the file to yourself by switching from one account to another.

## Disable file transfer (Windows only)

If you use Skype as a working tool, you can disable file transfers to prevent customers from transferring infected files to you. The following method is implemented on Windows.

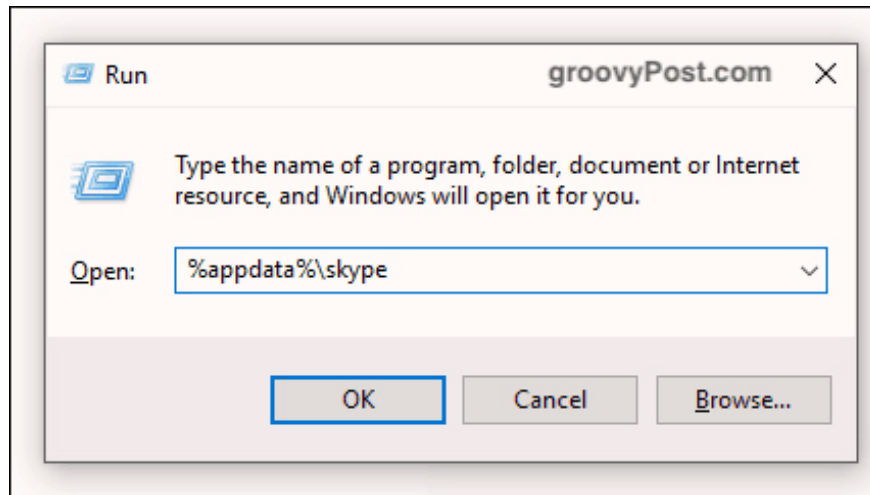
**Step 1** : First open the Registry Editor by going to the **Start** menu and typing **Run** . When the Run box appears, type **RegEdit** . You will be asked if you want to open the Registry Editor, click ' **Yes** ' .

**Step 2** : When Registry Editor is open, add this new key: **HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Policies\Skype\Phone** .

**Step 3** : When the key has been created, add a new **DWORD** value with the name **DisableFileTransfer**.

**Step 4** : Set **DisableFileTransfer** to 1 to disable Skype file transfer. Deleting this key will re-enable file transfer.

## Skype history backup (Windows only)



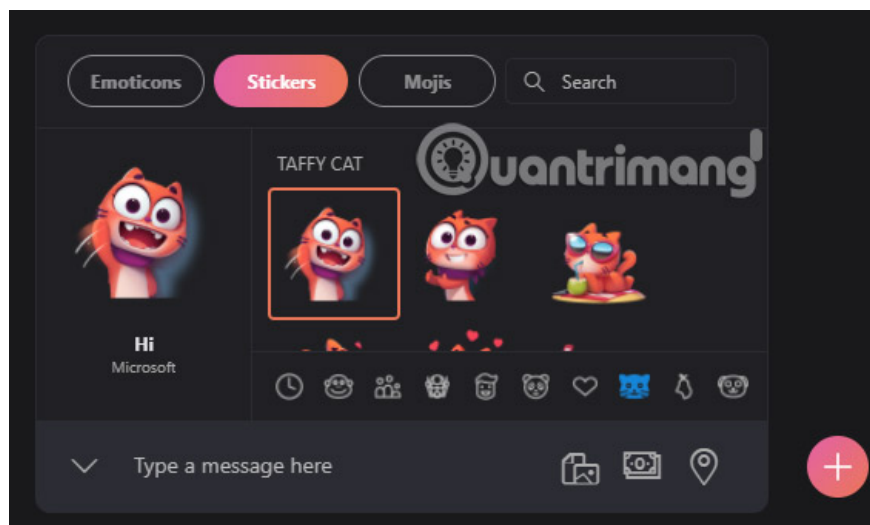
This trick does not work with the Skype application on Windows 10 store, but if you have an installable version from the Skype website, open the **Run** box and type the following:

```
% appdata% skype
```

This will open a directory containing the database (main.db), copy this file to a safe backup location because it contains all your conversations, contacts, and other information.

## Use emoticons, stickers and moji

Nothing is better than an emoticon. Why use long words when an animation can do it more quickly? If you love emoticons, Skype will satisfy you with many different types.



Types of emoticons are divided into Emoticons, Stickers and Mojis. Access them from the conversation by clicking on the smiley on the left of the message box.

Use these labeled tabs to select the icons included in each item. Hover over an icon to preview it on the left window and click on it to send it to the conversation.

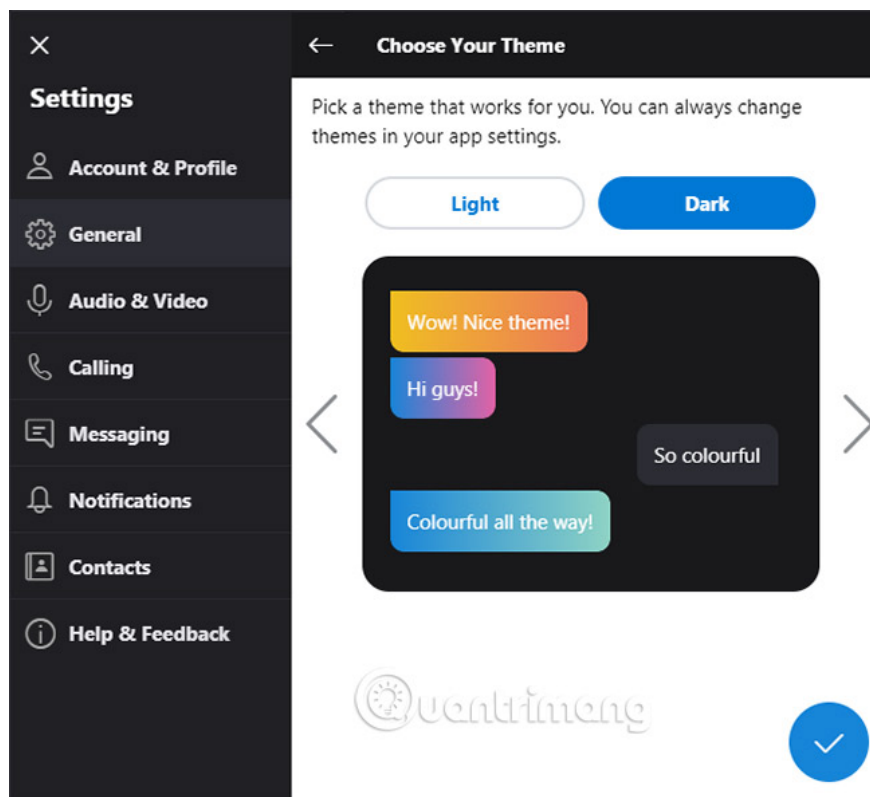
Emoticons include the usual yellow smiley icons. There are also animal pictures, objects and many other things. Send them separately to see them in large sizes, or with a text message. The stickers are larger in size and have no animation. Moji are animated clips that come with sound and include special theme options like Web and The Minions of Charlotte.

=> **Try 25 hidden smileys in Skype**



Have you ever wondered how many smileys are in Skype specifically? Discover and try it out here.

## Choose a colorful Skype theme



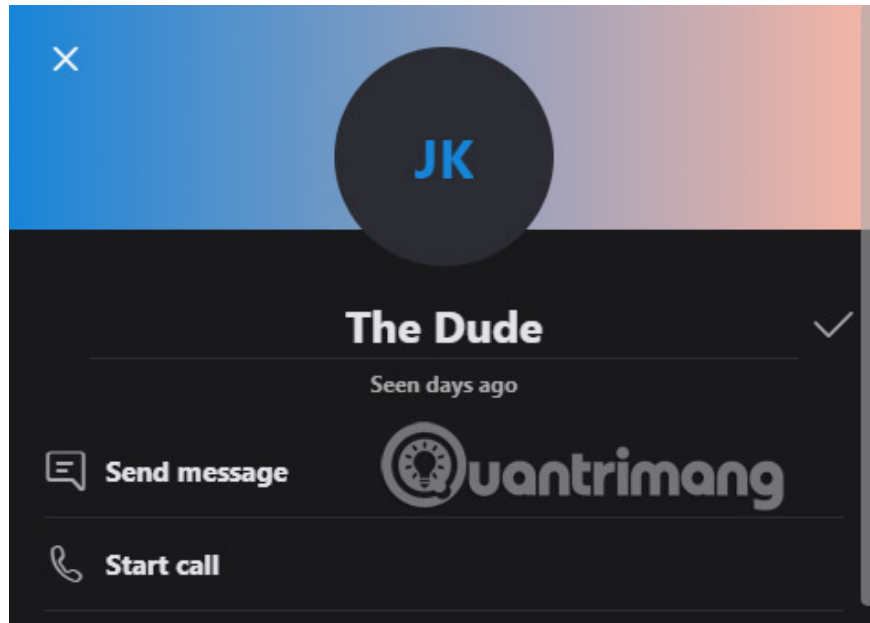
Colors are the spice of life, so why not add some color to your Windows applications? And you can customize Skype according to your preferences. To get started, click the three dots at the top left of the window. Click **Settings> General** .

First, click on the **Theme**. Here, you can switch between **Light** and **Dark**, depending on the Skype background color you want. Then, use the left and right arrows to move between different themes. The conversation preview will show you how the theme displays in the message. When you are finished, click the traces icon.

Next, click **Color**. Here you can click on a color, like orange, mint and rose. This will change the color of certain user interface elements, such as some sliders and buttons.

## Change your Skype contacts name

People use Skype for a lot of reasons. Stay in touch with family, job interviews and chat with friends. Skype will list all your contacts with their real names. What's more interesting, right?



It's easy to rename your contacts and give them a strange hearing nickname or change it to a relationship like "Mother" for example. To get started, click the **Contacts** tab from the left-hand panel.

Right-click on the contact you want to rename and click **View profile**. Click the pencil icon next to the person's name. Enter a new name for them and click the tick icon.

And don't worry, only you will see this name change!

## Enable Skype interpreter Bot

There is no need to learn a new language, because there are many applications that can help you. If you have friends in your contact list who don't speak the same language as you, that doesn't mean you can't talk to them. Skype has an active interpreter bot for voice and text chats, in languages like German, Italian, French and many other languages.

To start, right-click on the contact number you want to use the translation feature. Go to **View profile**> **Start translator**. This will create a group chat between you, your contact and the Skype interpreter. It will guide you to choose the language for both parties, along with the gender of the robot interpreter.

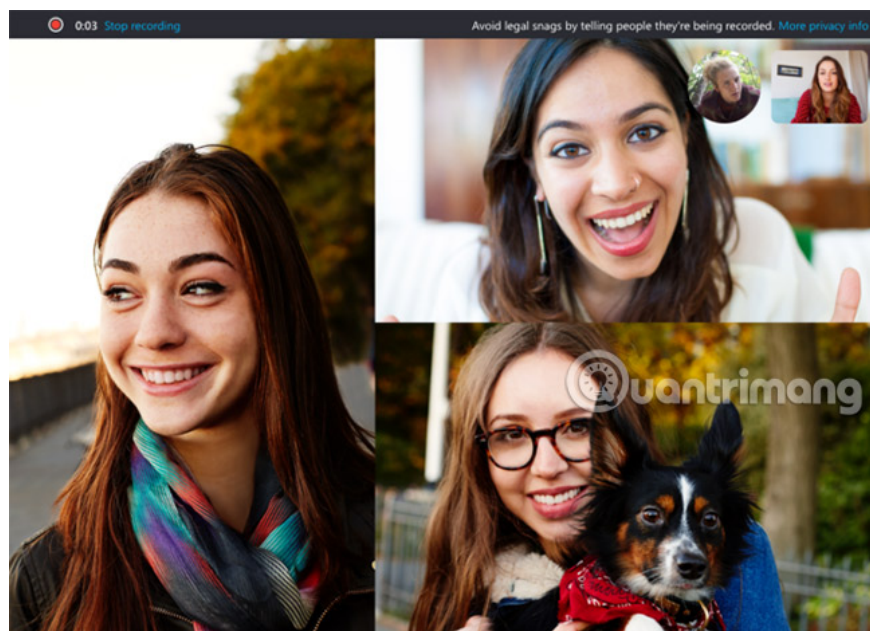
Skype interpreter bot can also work for voice calls. But you need to pause to listen to the translation when there is a voice call, and when you text, this feature will automatically.

As you can guess, this technology is not perfect. Although it can translate to 13 languages ??in calls and 50 languages ??on instant messaging, it will still do something incorrect. For best results, use a headset instead of the built-in microphone of your device. And more importantly, do not use the translations it provides in important situations, but this feature is certainly still great to be able to chat with someone in another language.

## Record Skype calls

If you often have memorable calls and want to hear them again later, Skype will be a very useful tool. Skype recently added the feature to record your calls. This feature will include everyone's videos (including your videos) and any screenshots.

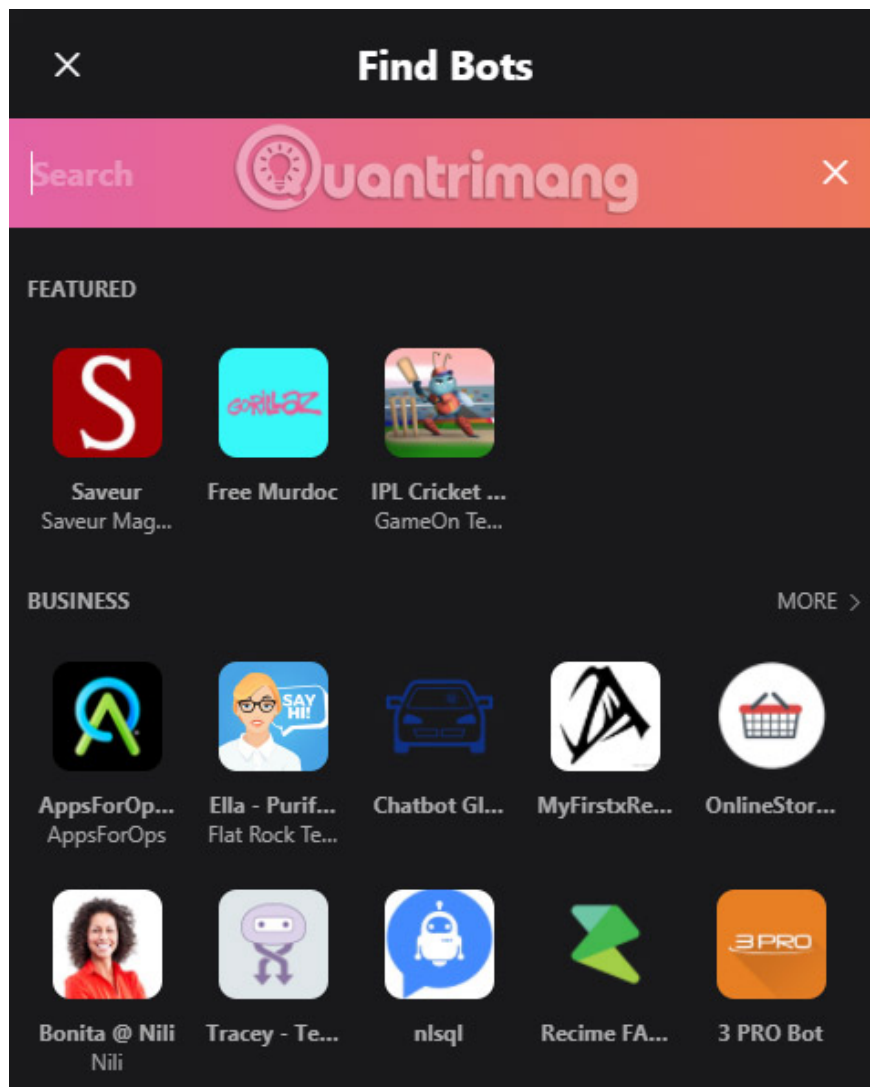
To do so, during your Skype call, click the plus icon and click **Start recording**. A banner will appear for all members in the conversation to let them know you are recording. When the call ends, the record will be posted to the conversation and the recording is available for download for 30 days.



You can download it from the chat, or by clicking **More Options**> **Save as** . Or if you want to share the record with others, click **Forward** instead.

## Interact with Skype Bots

Skype has all kinds of bots ready for you to chat and call. To check options, go to the **Contacts** tab from the left-hand panel. Click **Contact**> **Add Bots** . This will open a new window, where you can scroll through several tabs or search for a specific tab.

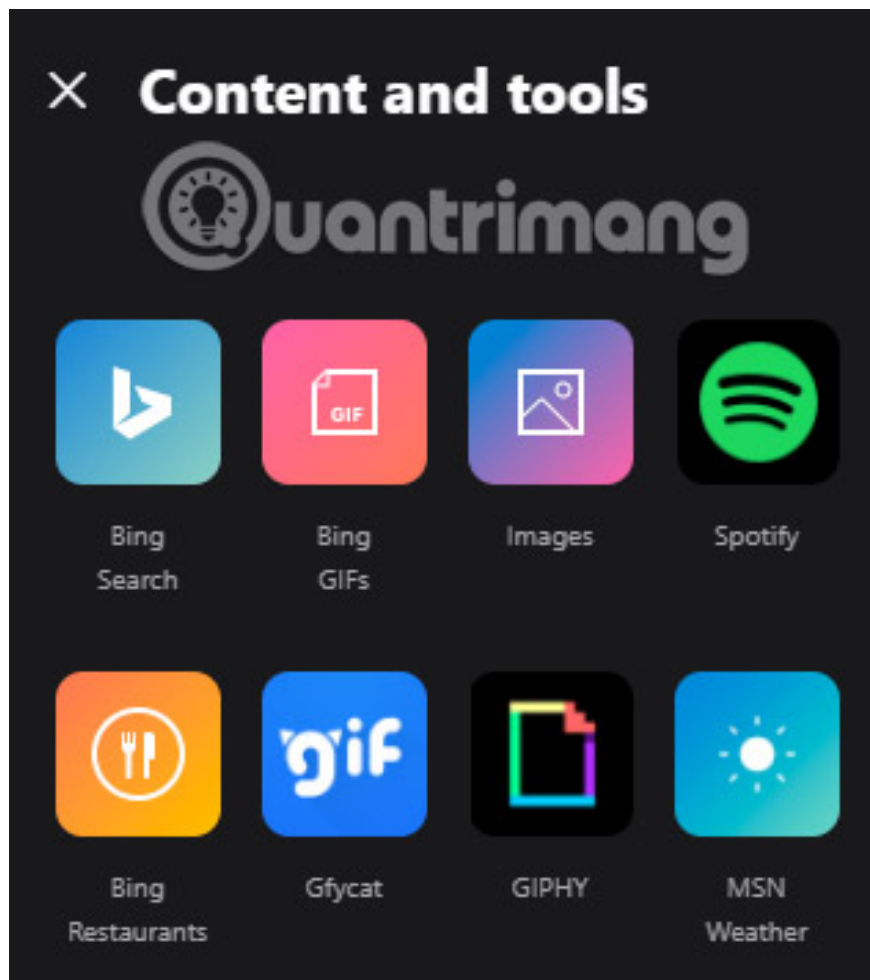


It is not the best interface because bots are put together and not clearly classified. The best way to find something is to click **More** next to each category title. This will display a list of all bots in that category (such as Business, Education, Health and more), along with a brief description of them.

If you want to entertain, check out the **Entertainment** and **Games** catalog . Here you will find great bots like Blackjack (card game), Doctor Who Bot (adventure with time travelers) and Meme Cat (you can guess what it is). Once you have found the bot you like, select and click **Get Started**.

## Share music, restaurants, polls and more

There are many things that Skype can do! Join chat with someone and click the plus icon next to the chat box. This will expand the **Content and tools** panel on the right side of the screen.



The different services are listed here, and you can use them to embed multimedia content into a conversation. For example, click **Spotify** to send a tune, **Poll** to ask a quick question, or **TripAdvisor** to suggest a restaurant.

You can also send money, choose funny GIFs, post videos on YouTube and more. You can expect that Microsoft will continue to add services here, as they create their own services and work with third-party vendors to embed them in the application.

Microsoft continues to add new features to Skype. Only recently has it added end-to-end encryption for better security, to keep up with competitors like WhatsApp and Messenger.

See more:

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