

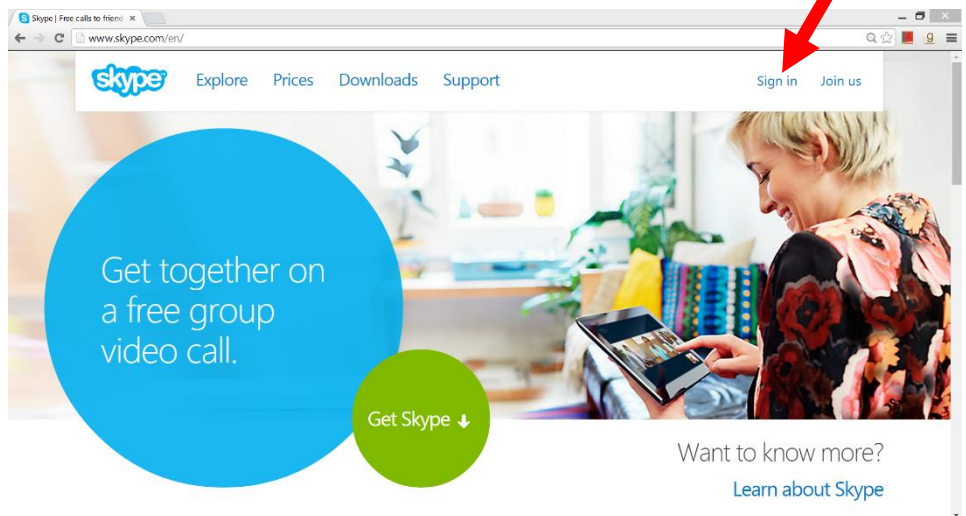
How to set up Skype (for computer and iPad/iPhone/iPod)

Skype is a messaging and video calling service that allows you to communicate with people around the world. Calling other Skype users is free of charge, with the only costs being internet charges.

How to set up a Skype account

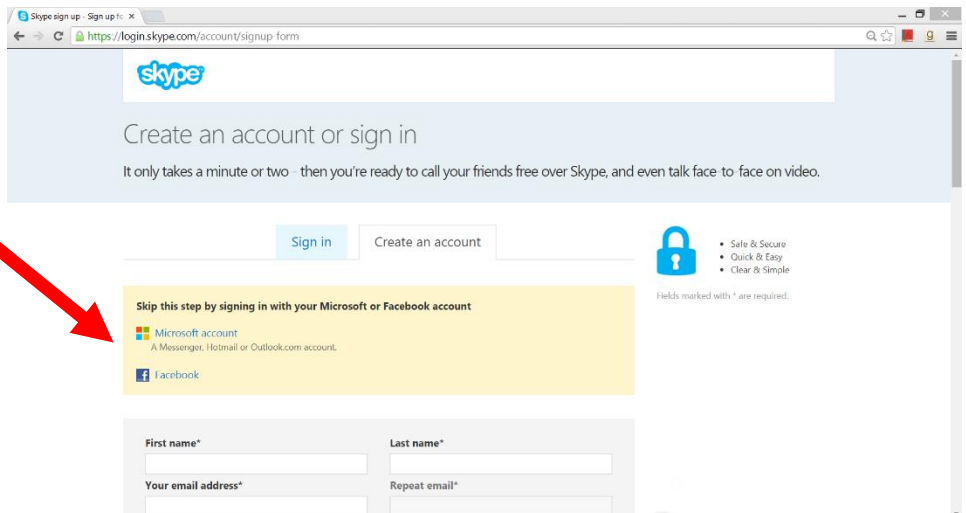
1. Type www.skype.com into the URL bar. Your page should now look like the one shown on the right.

Click here



Next, click on the “Join Us” link in the top-right corner of the page. This will take you to the ‘Create an account’ page. This is shown with the red arrow.

2. If you are logging in with a Microsoft or Facebook account, all you need is your login details for that account and you can start using Skype.



If you are thinking of creating an account *just* for Skype, read on.

3. To create your Skype account, fill in the required details. This includes your first and last names, email address, country, and language. Other options such as birthday, city and gender are not mandatory, but you may wish to fill them out.

Fill in these personal details

The screenshot shows the Skype sign-up form with the following fields:

- BirthDay:** Day, Month, Year (dropdowns)
- Gender:** Select (dropdown)
- Country/Region*:** Australia (dropdown)
- City:** Text input
- Language*:** English (dropdown)
- Mobile phone number:** Country code (Australia), +61, and number (text input)

 A red arrow points from the text 'Fill in these personal details' to the form fields.

4. Create a Skype name. This name will be visible to the public, and can be used by other people to look you up. You will not be able to change your Skype name later, so choose carefully.

The screenshot shows the Skype sign-up form with the following fields:

- Skype Name*:** forsampleuseonly (text input)
- Password*:** Password strength: Medium. (password input)
- Repeat password*:** (password input)

 A red arrow points from the text 'Set-up a password for your account. Make sure it is memorable, yet strong, as your Skype account will have contact details of all your friends and family.' to the Password field.

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5. If you would like to receive promotional emails or texts from Skype, check the 'by email' or 'by SMS' check boxes. Next, enter the characters from the picture into the text box below.

The screenshot shows the Skype sign-up form with the following fields:

- By SMS:**
- By email:**
- CAPTCHA:** Image showing the number 277. Below it is a text input field labeled 'Type the text above here*'. To the right are buttons for Refresh, Listen, and Help.

 A red arrow points from the text 'Next, enter the characters from the picture into the text box below.' to the CAPTCHA image.

*Hint: If you are unable to read it, click on the 'refresh' button beside the image.

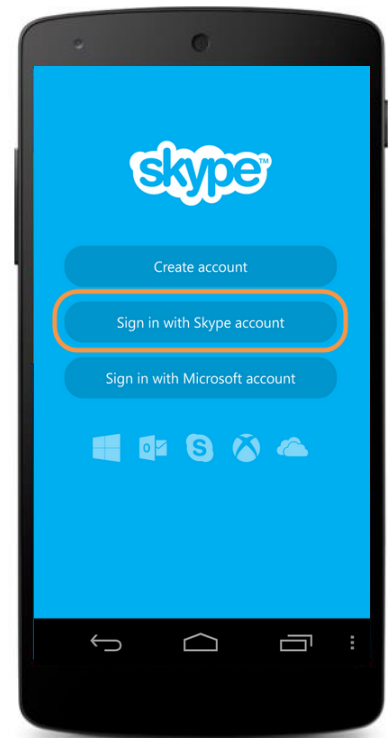
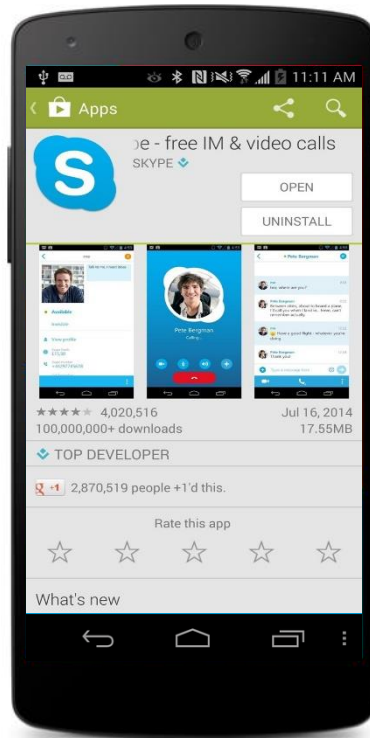
Yes, I have read and I accept the [Skype Terms of Use](#) and the [Skype Privacy Statement](#)

I agree - Continue

Read the Terms & Conditions of Skype. If you would like to proceed, click on the green button reading 'I agree – Continue' at the bottom of the page.

- Switch to your apple or android device and connect to the App Store (for Apple) or Play Store (for Android). Next, type the name of the app (in this case, Skype) into the search engine. For more information on how to download apps on your device, refer to the *Downloading Apps on Apple* and *Downloading Apps on Android* fact sheets.

Open the app and then sign in to Skype using your newly created username and password.





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