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**The amazing world of audio & video  
communications  
Using Voice over Internet Protocol  
(VOIP)**

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# Skype Video/Voice Communications

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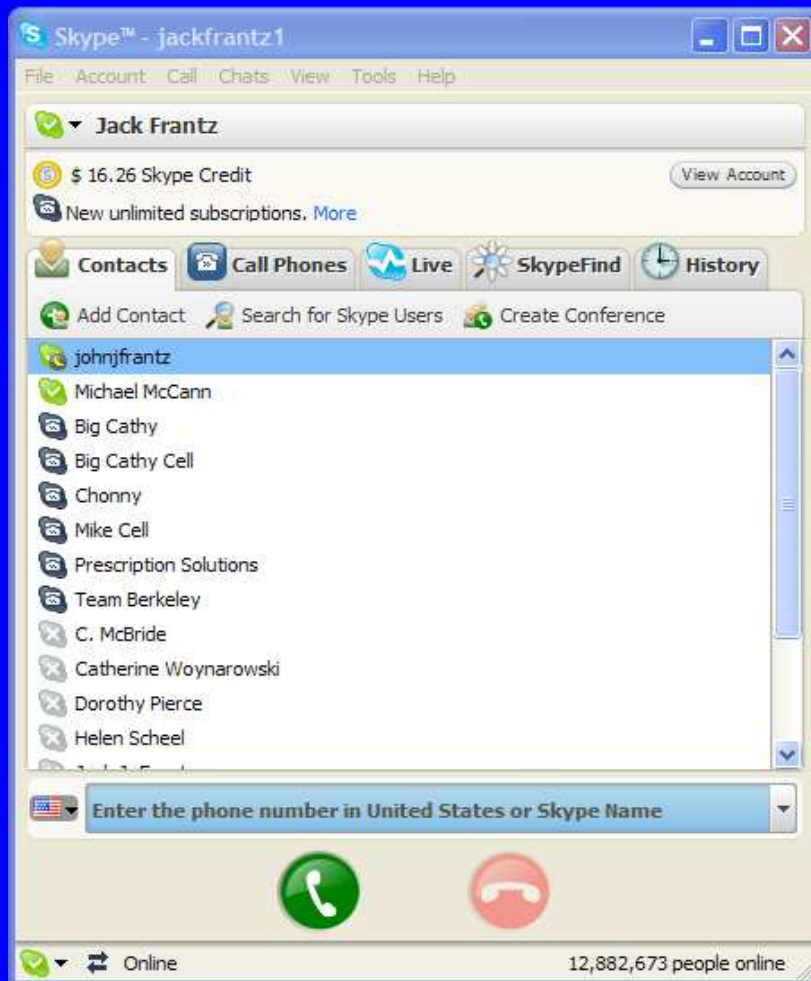
# What is Skype and what does it do?

- Skype is a telephone and video communications system using VOIP.
- Founded by a Swede, a Dane and a group of Estonian programmers and was sold to E-Bay.
- Computer to Computer, voice and video, Free
- Skype Out – Computer to regular telephone
  - US & Canada – Very nominal cost or subscription
  - International – Very nominal cost or subscription
- Skype In – Phone number anywhere in US or several other countries. Cost ~ \$ 60 / year.

# How do I get(download) and install Skype

- Go to <http://skype.com> and press "Download now." On next screen read and then press "Download"
- On next screen "**Skype 3.8 for Windows**" press "**Download now**" and save to desktop.
- Open the "Skype set up" icon and complete the download and click on "Install"
- After the installation has finished, you can open Skype at any time by clicking the icon on your desktop or in your system tray.
- For Video, purchase and install a Webcam.

# How do I use Skype



Add Contact/s using “Search”. Select “Contact” and press Phone Icon.

Skype Out to any phone, free in US/Canada (until 12/31/06) 2.1 ¢/min Europe Use “Dial” Tab. Or use “Call Phones”

Skype In - A new phone number in many countries (about \$55/year) use Tools/Skype In and register.

# How do I Test Skype

- Audio
  - In “Contacts” select “Skype Test Call” and press Phone icon. Follow voice instructions.
  - Click Tools/Options and select “Sound Devices” then click on “Make a free test call” and follow instructions.
- Video
  - Click Tools/Options and select “Video” and click “Test Webcam”
  - Use Webcam software