

# The History of Skype

Nine years of bringing people closer together whenever they're apart



2003

**August**

Skype founded by Niklas Zennström and Janus Friis and developed in Estonia.



1.5M



100K

**October**

1.5 million downloads and 100,000 concurrent users on Skype.



**February**

Skype launches for Linux.

**February**

Skype introduces audio conference calling.



1M



2B

**October**

1 million concurrent users, and 2 billion free Skype-to-Skype minutes.



**August**

First public release of Skype for Mac.

2005



**September**

eBay acquires Skype.

**June**

Skype reaches 10 million Skype-to-Skype calls.

2006

**February**

Skype announces 10-way conference calling on PCs.



**January**

Skype video calling launches on Windows.

**June**

Skype To Go debuts.



500M

**March**

Skype reaches half a billion downloads.



100B

**February**

Skype hits 100 billion minutes of Skype to Skype calls.

**October**

3 Skypephone introduced with 3, a mobile UK carrier. High-quality video introduced with Logitech.

**December**

Skype introduces first calling subscriptions.

**May**

SMS sending feature available on Windows.

2008

**May**

Skype makes a grand appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show "Where the Skype Are You?".