skype The History of Skype Nine years of bringing people closer together whenever they're apart **August** 2003 October Skype founded by Niklas 1.5 million downloads Zennström and Janus Friis and 100,000 concurrent and developed in Estonia. 2004 users on Skype. **February** Skype introduces audio conference calling. **February** October Skype launches for Linux. 1 million concurrent August users, and 2 billion free First public release Skype-to-Skype minutes. of Skype for Mac. September June eBay acquires Skype. Skype reaches 10 million 2006 Skype-to-Skype calls. **February** Skype announces 10-way conference calling on PCs. January Skype video calling May launches on Windows. June SMS sending feature Skype To Go debuts. available on Windows. 500M December Skype introduces first March calling subscriptions. Skype reaches half October a billion downloads. 3 Skypephone introduced with 3, February Skype hits 100 billion **February** a mobile UK carrier. minutes of Skype to Josh Silverman is High-quality video Skype calls. appointed CEO. 2008 introduced with Logitech. September Skype celebrates May 1 billion downloads. Skype makes a grand appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show "Where the Skype Are You?". March Skype launches 2009 for iPhone. October July AT&T opens up its 3G calling March Skype launches network to allow internet Skype Mobile on Verizon its WiFi and screen calling apps like Skype. **Febuary** Wireless devices now sharing features. Skype 4.0 launches available. with full screen video calling. September Group video calling for **January** up to 10 people arrives. Skype on your TV arrives in September deals struck with Samsung Skype acquired by Silver and Panasonic. Lake investor group. **April** 2010 Skype launches on the Apple iPad. October 2011 Skype launches on Android **January** devices. **December** Skype acquires Qik. Skype for iPhone now with video arrives. October **Microsoft** Tony Bates appointed as new CEO for Skype. # groupme May Microsoft announces **August** it will acquire Skype. 2012 Skype acquires GroupMe. facebook January TeleGeography **Microsoft** reports Skype July provides 25% of the Facebook video calling October world's international powered by Skype is It's a done deal! Skype **April** calling. introduced. is now part of Microsoft! Skype on PlayStation Vita. **Microsoft** May March 1st Year Anniversary **April February** of acquisition by Skype for String Another step forward for Skype for Windows Phone Microsoft. Skype on your TV with launches. begins rolling out. Key Vizio. May Comcast rolls out Skype on Xfinity. **August** Skype's 9th **June** Skype-to-Skype Birthday. Skype for Android calls in minutes surpasses 70 million downloads. Connected **August** Users **June** Logitech TV Cam HD Skype surpasses 250 for Skype calls in the million connected users living room launches. per month. Skype **Downloads**