

## What is Skype?

Skype is a program that allows you to make phone calls over the Internet!  
Here's the deal:

- From your Skype account, you can contact anyone else with a Skype account for free!
- For a fee, you can use Skype to call any landline or cellular number. This includes international calls!
- You can use SkypeIn to get a phone number for your Skype account – that means friends and family who do not use Skype can call a regular phone number that will “ring” you at your Skype account. SkypeIn comes with a free Skype voicemail account!
- You can also use Skype to do video calling!

For more information about SkypeOut and SkypeIn, including rates, visit <http://www.skype.com/products/>.

Skype has been downloaded and installed on these three computers. You can learn more about the program at <http://www.skype.com/download/> .

Registering for Skype is totally free, but if you want to use SkypeOut or SkypeIn, **you will be required to pay for any and all charges** that you accrue.

We've developed a handout that will walk you through the registration process. Visit <http://my.simmons.edu/gslis/techlab/howto-info.shtml> and select the “Registering for Skype” handout.

Once you're ready to start making calls, you can borrow a headset from the Lab Assistant.