

Below are the notes from the Skype presentation given by Patti Hamer at the January TMUG General meeting.

SKYPE FLIGHT PLAN: LET'S GET SKYPE'D!!! <http://www.skype.com> SKYPE TO SKYPE = FREE [mac2mac/PC2PC]

GETTING CONNECTED: Required: OS X 10.3 or higher to use current SKYPE version v.2.7.0.330

Click on **DOWNLOAD** (<http://www.skype.com/download/skype/macosx/>)

It takes less than a minute to download. Follow easy steps of **SETUP WIZARD** to download.

After download... place SKYPE in APPLICATIONS FOLDER. [I like to have it on my **DOCK** for easy access]

SETTING UP ACCOUNT AND PROFILE: Follow these pathways to **SUCCESS!!!**

Menu Bar: **SKYPE** - Preferences [Here too, you can edit/update/add/delete anything and any time you want!]

General - Privacy - Notifications - Audio - Calls - SMS - Video - Chat - File Transfers - Advanced

Menu Bar: **ACCOUNT**

Change Status - select options

My Profile

Edit Mood Message

Change Password

Go To Account Page

Sign In As Another User

Menu Bar: **CONTACTS**

Add a Contact

Search for SKYPE Users

Import Contacts

Send Contacts

Contact Groups - Show/Hide/Manage

Show Info

Rename

Call

Start Chat

Add to Conference

Leave Voicemail

Block

Manage Blocked Users

Remove From Contacts

View Chat History

Share SKYPE with a Friend

Menu Bar: **CALL**

Call Phones

View Call List

CONFERENCE CALLS: (up to 9 people)

Menu Bar: **CALL** - Start Conference Call - Conference Topic: Skype

Conference

Select Contacts from list (left column); add to Conference List (right column); once list is ready, click START button and call action begins.

Menu Bar: **WINDOW**

Minimize/Zoom

Quick Commands = History - Date, Time, Type of Call, Caller, Length of Call,

Symbols

Menu Bar: **VIEW**

Show Offline Contacts

Sort Contacts by Status

Show Contacts by Kind

Show/Hide Toolbar

Customize Toolbar

ACCESSORIES: Check these out at SKYPE SHOP: <http://us.accessories.skype.com/store/skype/DisplayHomePage>

Headsets/Mics: http://us.accessories.skype.com/DRHM/servlet/ControllerServlet?Action=DisplayCategoryProductListPage&SiteID=skype&Locale=en_US&Env=BASE&categoryID=4141900&parentCategoryID=4141900

Web Cams: http://us.accessories.skype.com/DRHM/servlet/ControllerServlet?Action=DisplayCategoryProductListPage&SiteID=skype&Locale=en_US&Env=BASE&categoryID=4142000&parentCategoryID=4142000

Phones: http://us.accessories.skype.com/DRHM/servlet/ControllerServlet?Action=DisplayCategoryProductListPage&SiteID=skype&Locale=en_US&Env=BASE&categoryID=4141800&parentCategoryID=4141800

PS: At "ShowStoppers" event at MacWorld in San Francisco, Skype announced new 2.8 Beta for Mac OS X.

The new version will apparently be available for download, January 6, 2009, from Skype's website.

Continuing Skype's rather fragmented product strategy, they have rolled out some new features in this 2.8 beta release that will at least stop us Mac users from whining about Windows users always getting the good stuff first.

Here's the quick list of what Skype notes is in this release:

- Skype Access - service that lets you go to any of the 100,000 Boingo WiFi hotspots and - using Skype - connect to Boingo hotspot.

- Screen Sharing

- Improved chat management: ability to sort chats in the drawer and set priorities to chats

- Quick Add: much easier to add people to chats

- Mood message chat: mood message updates from your friends as chat messages

- Large avatars: 256x256 pixels

- Hidden avatars in incoming contact requests

- Ability to add your own notes to contacts

Learn more at: <http://www.disruptivetelephony.com/2009/01/skype-28-beta-for-mac-os-x-provides-screen-sharing-wifi-access-chat-features-and-twitter-like-mood-messages.html>

BON VOYAGE!!! [Don't forget to SIGN OUT!!!]