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

**August 2003**
Skype founded by Niklas Zennström and Janus Friis and developed in Estonia.

**February 2004**
Skype introduces audio conference calling.

**October 2006**
1 million concurrent users, and 2 billion free Skype-to-Skype minutes.

**February 2007**
Skype launches for Mac.

**May 2008**
SMS sending feature available on Windows.

**February 2008**
Josh Silverman is appointed CEO.

**September 2008**
eBay acquires Skype.

**January 2009**
Skype video calling launches on Windows.

**February 2009**
Skype announces 10-way conference calling on PCs.

**March 2009**
Skype reaches half a billion downloads.

**April 2009**
Skype launches for iPhone.

**May 2009**
Microsoft announces it will acquire Skype.

**August 2009**
Skype's 9th Birthday.

**October 2009**
It's a done deal! Skype is now part of Microsoft!

**January 2010**
TeleGeography reports Skype provides 25% of the world's international calling.

**February 2010**
Skype for Windows Phone begins rolling out.

**March 2010**
Tony Bates appointed as new CEO for Skype.

**October 2010**
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**August 2010**
Logitech TV Cam HD for Skype calls in the living room launches.

**October 2010**
Skype launches on Android devices.

**July 2011**
Facebook video calling powered by Skype is introduced.

**April 2012**
Skype on PlayStation Vita.

**May 2012**
Comcast rolls out Skype on Xfinity.

**June 2012**
Skype surpasses 250 million connected users per month.

**December 2012**
Skype introduces first calling subscriptions.

**September 2013**
Skype celebrates 1 billion downloads.