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Ubuntu Linux download and install Skype Software

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Q. How do I install skype software under Ubuntu / Debian Linux?
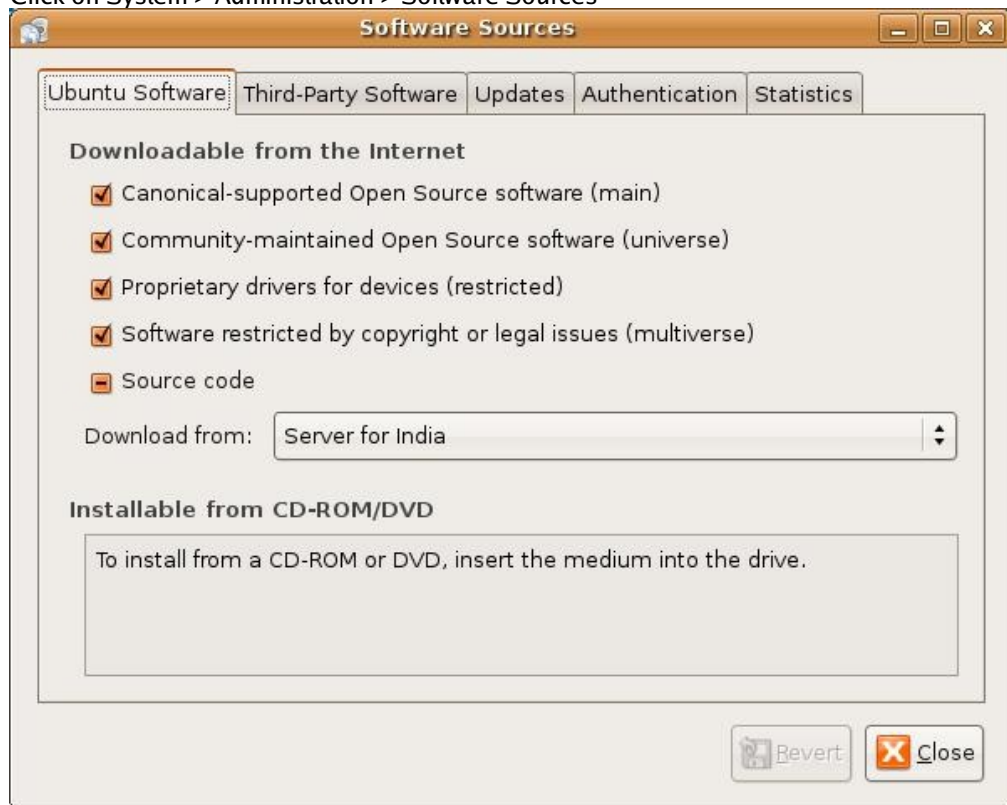
A. Skype is proprietary software that allows you to make calls over the Internet using your computer. Skype uses decentralized peer-to-peer technologies, so your calls do not go through a central server, but through distributed servers and other users. It uses its own proprietary communication protocol to achieve this. In addition, all communications are encrypted from end to end so that others cannot listen in. The Skype software is free to use, but it is not free software; the source code is proprietary and not available for modification.
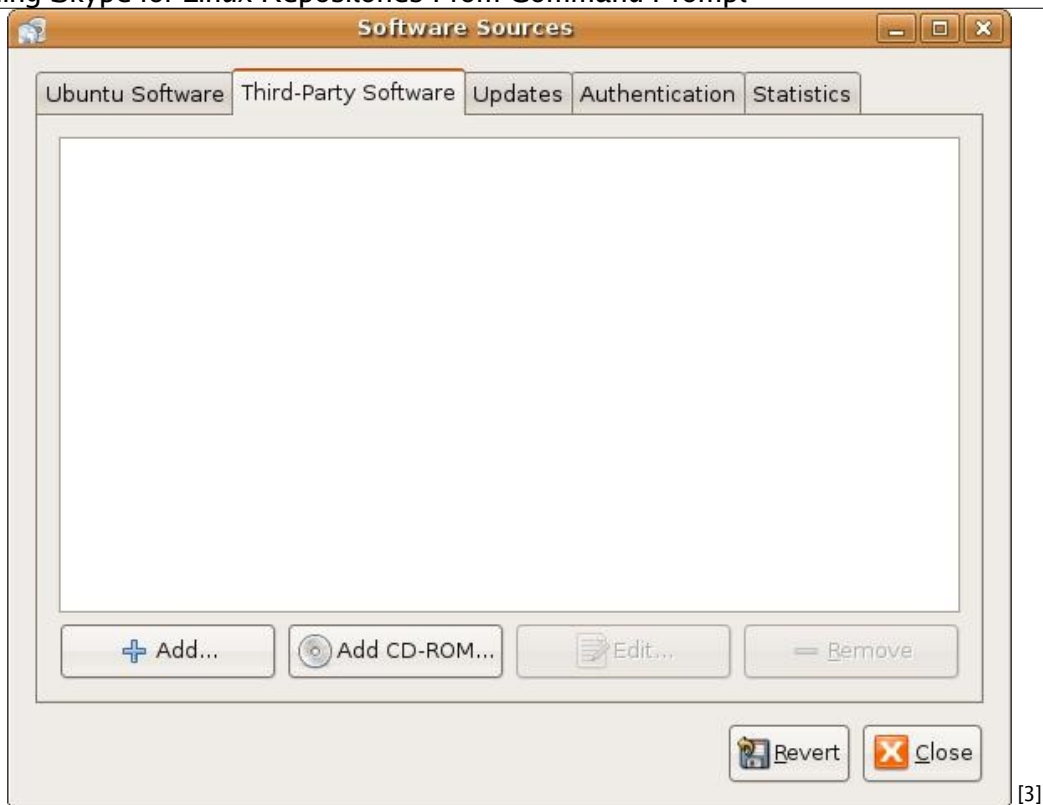
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How do I install skype software Repository?
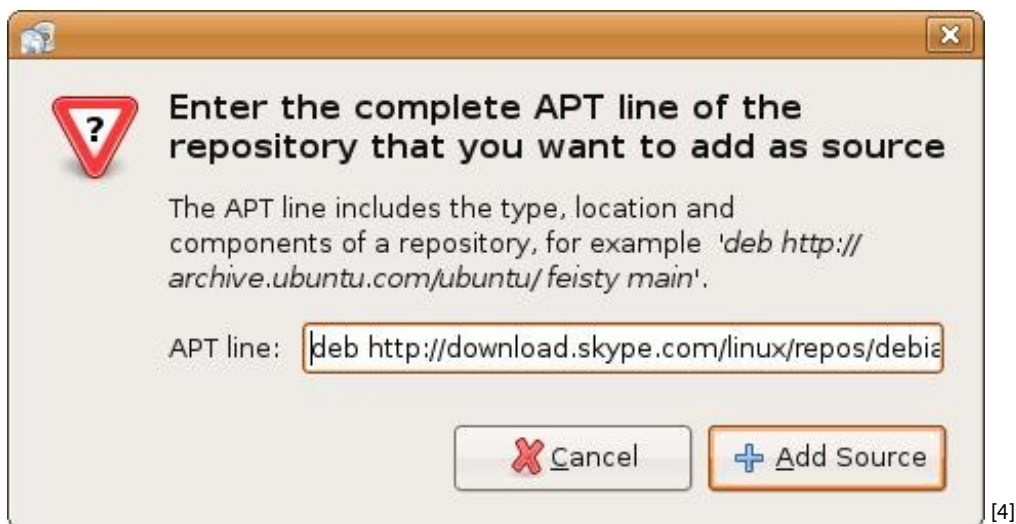
Click on System > Administration > Software Sources

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Click on Third Party Software Tab

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Click on Add button to add skype Repository:
Type the following APT line:

```
deb http://download.skype.com/linux/repos/debian/ stable non-free
```


[4]

Click on Add Source button > Click on Close > Reload button

How do I install skype software?

Open terminal and type the following command:

```
$ sudo apt-get install skype
```

Type y when you see following message:

```
Install these packages without verification [y/N]? y
```

You can now access skype from Application > Internet menu.

Adding Skype for Linux Repositories From Command Prompt

If you **don't want to use above GUI method** for Linux repositories, login as the root user. Add this line to the end of your /etc/apt/sources.list file:

```
deb http://download.skype.com/linux/repos/debian/ stable non-free
```

Then run apt-get update to sync to the latest repository and install the latest version of Skype on your computer:

```
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get install skype
```

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