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Opening a FaceTime connection via AppleScript/Automator

The new [FaceTime](#) video chat beta is now available from Apple. It allows you to video chat with anyone using that app on any Mac running the service as well as an iPhone 4 or the latest iPod running iOS 4 or better. It's extremely easy and I can see a lot of great uses for it.

One of the very cool things about it is that you can use a URL to initiate a FaceTime call. As described in this [Mac OS X Hints](#) article just use the following syntax:

- facetime://appleid
- facetime://email@address
- facetime://phone# as a URL in Safari's address bar.

Since you can use a URL that means you can use AppleScript to connect to a session or Automator to even schedule and initiate a call using iCal Alarms.

The only line you need is this:

[Code block](#)

```
open location "facetime://joe@emailaddress.com"
```

Obviously you can use any of the URL syntaxes listed above in place of the email address. Save it as a script/application/workflow and you're ready to chat!

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1. *on 25 Jun 2011 at 11:34 pm*1*jonathan gleich*

   It waits for you to hit the "FACETIME" button in facetime, how can I get the script to make the call automatically?

   Thanks

   Jonathan

2. *on 01 Aug 2011 at 11:48 am*2*webmaster*

   It worked automatically in the beta version but the released version seems to have this ability removed. I can't find anywhere how to re-enable it. You can enable auto-accept for incoming calls.

3. *on 15 May 2013 at 5:53 am*3*Opening a FaceTime connection via AppleScript/Automator | Easy Fix*

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