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Instant Messaging in Linux

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Facebook Web UI



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- no audio
- no video
- no groups
- facebook accounts only

Google Talk Web UI



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Skype



Skype

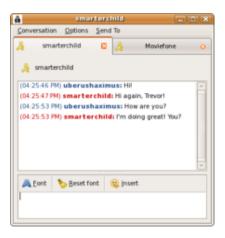


- awful L&F
- ▶ no PIM/DE integration
- x86-desktop only on Linux

Pidgin



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Cool Example:

- audio
- video
- ► PIM/DE integration
- multiple protocols
- touch interface

Cool Example: n900



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Do one thing and do it well

► Instant Messaging

Do two things and do it well

▶ User Interface

Protocol

Do six things and do it well

- Contact List
- ► Chat
- Logging

- ► AIM
- MSN
- ► XMPP

Do twelve things and do it well?

- Contact List
- Chat
- Logging
- ▶ File Transfer
- ▶ Voice Call
- Tubes

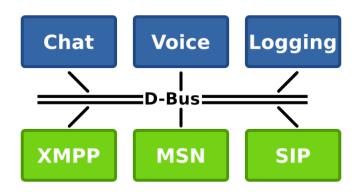
- AIM
- MSN
- ► XMPP
- SIP
- ICQ
- ► IRC

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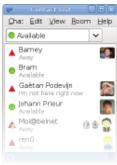


KDE Telepathy



Empathy





Skype

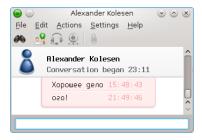
Skypekit

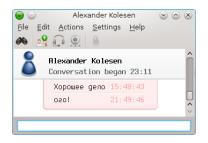


- headless version of Skype
- different OS
- different arches for Linux
- ▶ audio, video, ...
- not free (\$5 for developer license)



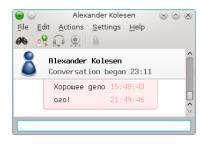
- protocol service
- connection manager
- telepathy based
- skypekit based
- python
- telepathy-python
- open source
- ▶ no license (now)





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- ▶ 1:1 chat
- avatar
- vcard



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Future plans

- MUC
- ▶ file transfer
- audio
- video
- **...**

More Info

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