- •
- Skip main navigation
- Menu
- Close menu
- Home
- Explore
 - What is Skype?
 - Features
 - o Business
- Prices
 - o Rates
 - o Premium
 - o Special offers
 - o Shop
- Downloads
- Support
- My Account
- Sign in
- Sign in
- Join us
- •
- Sign out

Support

Installing and upgrading

How can I run multiple Skype accounts on Windows desktop?

How can I run multiple Skype accounts on Windows desktop?

Windows

To use more than one Skype account on the same computer at the same time, you need to start a new instance of Skype.

- 1. From the Windows taskbar, click **Start** > **Run** (or press the Windows and **R** keys on your keyboard at the same time).
- 2. In the **Run** window, type the following command (including the quotes) and press **OK**:

For 32-bit operating systems:

"C:\Program Files\Skype\Phone\Skype.exe" /secondary

For 64-bit operating systems:

"C:\Program Files (x86)\Skype\Phone\Skype.exe" /secondary

If you get an error message, copy and paste the exact command from this page and try again.

Be aware that if you've changed the installation path for Skype, then you'll need to enter the correct path for the **Skype.exe** file.

If the above solution fails, you can try another option:

1. Find the **Skype.exe** file in **C:\Program Files\Skype\Phone** if you're running a 32-bit operating system.

If you're running 64-bit operating system, you can find the file in **C:\Program Files** (**x86**)**Skype** **Phone**\.

- 2. Right-click the file and select **Send to > Desktop (create shortcut)**.
- 3. Locate the shortcut on your desktop, then right-click it and select **Properties**.
- 4. In the **Target** field of the **Shortcut** tab, add /secondary to the end of the path. The Target field should now be ''C:\Program Files\Skype\Phone\Skype.exe'' /secondary.
- 5. Click **OK**. You can now start a new instance of Skype every time you double-click the new shortcut.

Did this answer your question?

Yes
No

Thank you for your feedback

Thank you for your feedback

Thank you for feedback! For further sources of help, you can always search or read answers to questions in our community.

Why has this not helped?

- It did not solve my problem
- The answer was confusing/too much to read
- The answer was not relevant
- Other

Please let us know why we couldn't help you today

Important: Do not enter any personal information (such as your Skype Name, email address, Microsoft account, password, or real name or phone number) in the field above.

Submit

Share this article

- •
- •
- •

Still looking?
Type a question or keyword
Enter search phrase

Related Articles

- What do I do if Skype for Windows Desktop crashes...
- Which languages is Skype for Mac available in?
- What are the system requirements for Skype?
- I have a problem downloading Skype...

From the Community

• Can't upgrade

By matthewechols, 7/13/14

• <u>Installing and upgrading</u>

By Brayd_bunch, 4/27/13

• Problem installing the upgraded version of skype

By AB_, 3/4/14

More community results

Learn the essentials

Our how-to videos will teach you everything you need to know to get started with Skype.

Learn more



Get more help

Still having problems?

Service status

See how Skype's products & features are performing via the Heartbeat blog.

Skype Community

Find an answer or ask a question in our community.

Other Microsoft sites

- Windows
- Office
- Surface
- Windows Phone
- XBOX
- Bing
- Microsoft Store

English English

About

- Skype
- <u>Jobs</u>
- <u>Legal</u>
- Advertise
- Sitemap

Get Skype

- Windows
- Mac
- <u>Linux</u>
- All devices

Support

- Support Home
- Community

Social

- Facebook
- Twitter
- YouTube
- Blogs

No emergency calls with Skype

Skype is not a replacement for your telephone and can't be used for emergency calling

The Skype name, associated trade marks and logos and the "S" logo are trade marks of Skype or related entities. Terms of Use | Privacy and Cookie policy | About our ads.

The Skype name, associated trade marks and logos and the "S" logo are trade marks of Skype or related entities. Terms of Use | Privacy and Cookie policy | About our ads.

No emergency calls with Skype

© 2014 Skype and/or Microsoft.