

INTERFACING SKYPE TO VOIP PHONES LIKE FWD, CELL PHONES AND LANDLINES

Note: This is draft #2. There will be an update soon. Watch for notices on the Skype Forum.

Special Thanks

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?, Ohio, user name noob, big brother, myyahoo, This guy nagged me into trying Free World Dialup. Thanks noob. You opened my eyes!

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<http://forum.skype.com/bb/viewtopic.php?t=2945&highlight=>

Lastly, **Stuart Henshall**, user name, Stuart Henshall, California,
<http://www.henshall.com/blog/> the greatest Skype blogger in the world. Who (correctly) doesn't believe you can monetize things that can be done for free!

Thank you all!!!

So what is this Skype interconnectivity all about?

It is simple. I am a fan of Skype. I want to connect a cell phone in a business situation into a Skype conference call. Other times I want to connect my landline disabled sister and I to our brother who is Skype enabled and who lives far away for a social chitchat conference call.

How can I do it?

Okay, now Skype Ltd will probably come up with a more elegant solution. But I want do it now! And, I found I could have it now.

Using the *Free World Dialup* as my interface to the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) along with *Virtual Audio Cables*, a neat product from Eugene in the Russian Federation
<http://spider.nrcde.ru/music/software/eng/vac.html>

If you take what ddrum (Skype Staff)
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and Eugene gave us and \$40 bucks \$US (for Eugene) you can do some marvelous things with Skype.

You can connect any VoIP application into a Skype Call or Conference Call!

Yes, the voice quality is limited on the “connected call”, but sometimes that is okay. Sometimes our friends, who are on PicoPhone, would rather “fight than switch”. They have there own reasons,

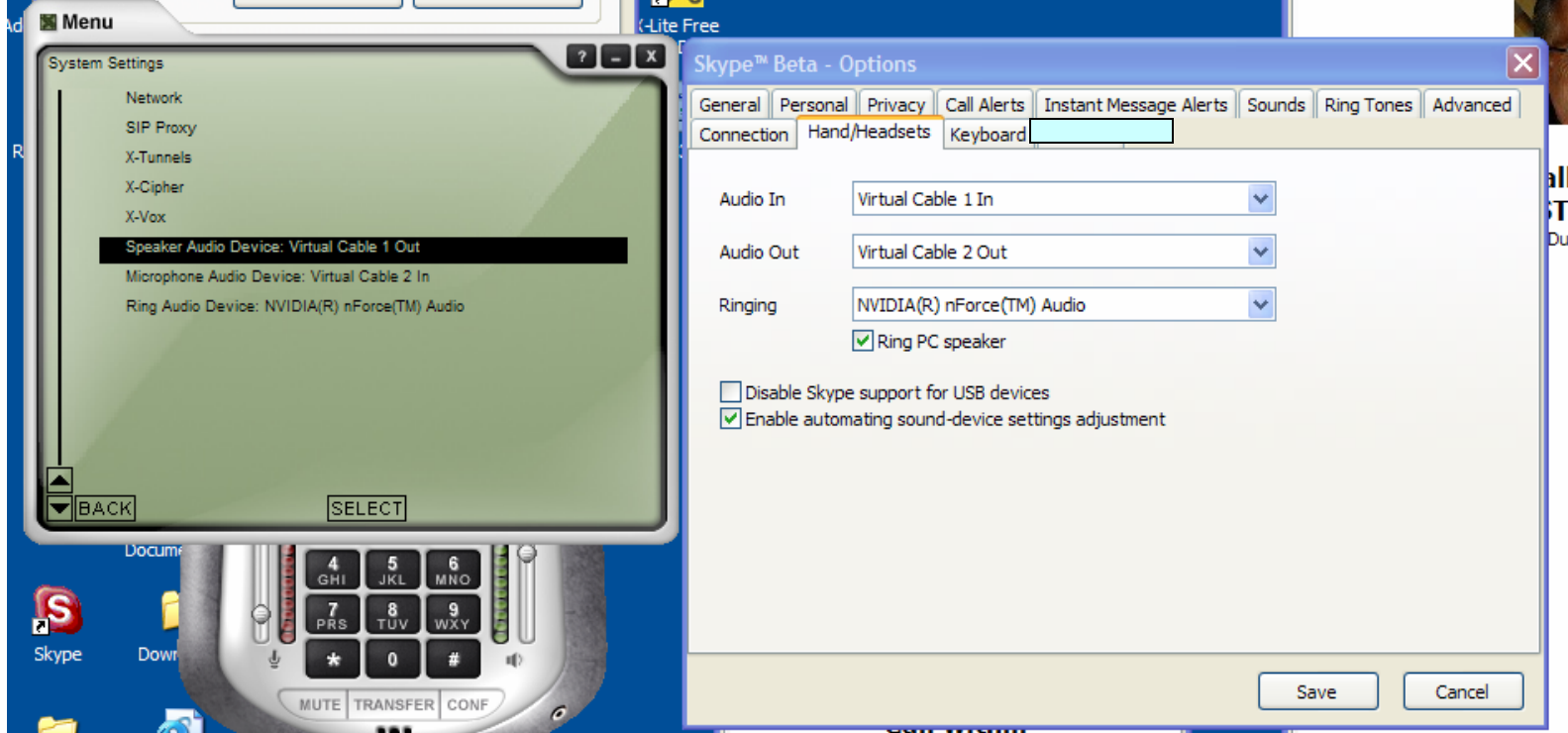
You can also—

- record calls
- Stream music to others
- Or stream Internet radio

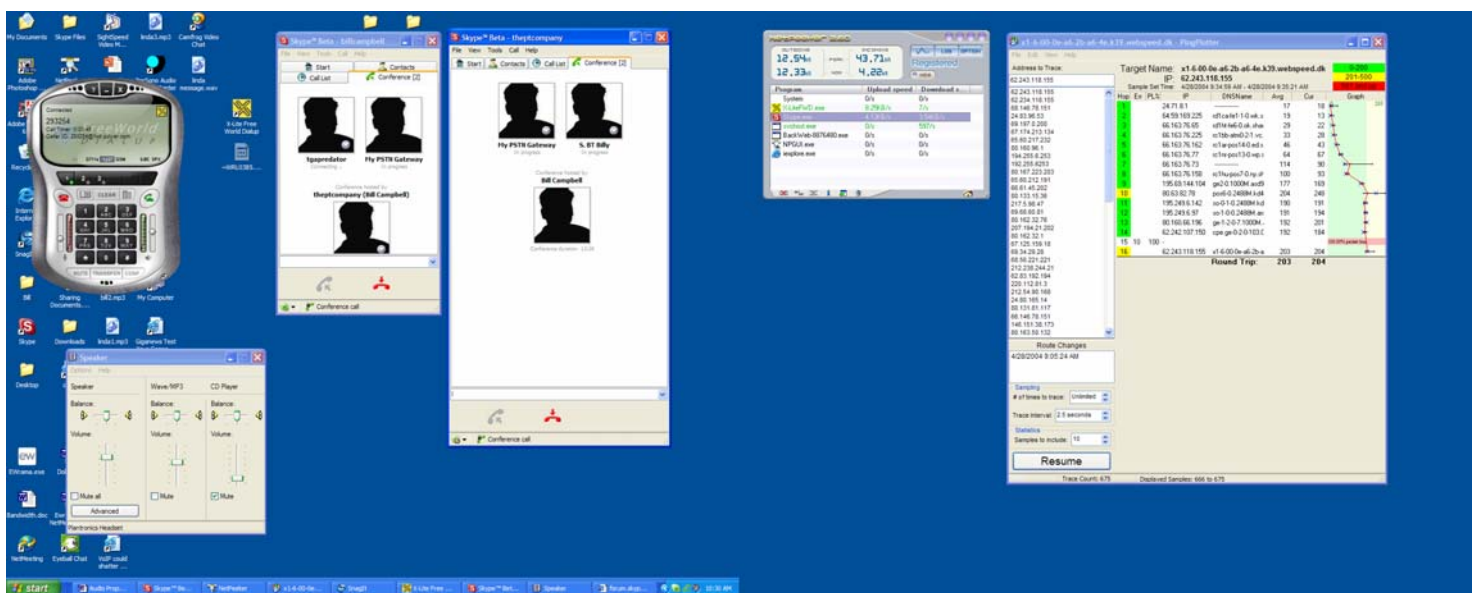
So how do we get Skype Connected to the Other world?

Easy.

Buy the *Virtual Audio Cables*, from Eugene. And connect them like this:



More tomorrow.



I hope to interface to a Cell phone directly, without FWD.

There are two instances of Skype shown. My regular “theptcompany” and a second one, “My PSTN Gateway”

I call the instance of Skype, “My PSTN Gateway” then I call Stuart or Linda on FWD. Immediately they are in our conference call!

Magic!

More tomorrow.

Bill