

SKYPE 7 VERSUS "SKYPE 8" VERSUS SKYPE 11

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SUMMARY

Three versions of Skype are currently available as of January 3, 2018:

Skype version 7.x (= Classic Skype) is the original "Desktop app" that many of us have been using since 2005.

Skype version 11.x is the new-fangled "Universal Windows Platform" app that is bundled with "Windows 10"

SUMMARY (continued)

"Skype version 8.x" is a beta version which has a real name of "Skype for desktop Preview"

TOPICS


- Skype 7.x and 8.x versus 11.x Distinction
- Skype 11.x is a "Universal Windows Platform" app
- Skype 7.x and 8.x cannot co-exist
- Skype 7.x and 11.x can co-exist
- Skype 7.x versus 11.x differences

SKYPE 7.x vs. 8.x vs 11.x DISTINCTION




- Three versions of Skype are currently available for "Windows 10" computers, according to <https://support.skype.com/en/faq/FA12041/what-platforms-is-skype-available-on>

SKYPE 7.x VERSUS 11.x DISTINCTION (continued)

- Skype 7.x is the "Desktop app" that many of us have been using since 2005:

 M Orban
Online

Search


   

CONTACTS RECENT


Favorites


 FCHAO2

All ▾

 Echo / Sound Test Service .


 FCHAO7

 George Harding

 ★ FCHAO2
Online | United States

Yesterday

-  Call to **FCHAO2** 1:46 PM
-  Call ended, duration 00:03 1:46 PM

Today

-  Missed call from **FCHAO2.** 8:20 AM
-  Missed call from **FCHAO2.** 8:24 AM
-  Missed call from **FCHAO2.** 8:25 AM
-  Missed call from **FCHAO2.** 8:55 AM

via Skype

Type a message here

SKYPE 7.x VERSUS 11.x DISTINCTION

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- Skype 11.x is a "Universal Windows Platform" app that is bundled with all copies of "Windows 10..":



Search Skype



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All ▾



Today



FCHAO2

Missed call



Yesterday



FCHAO2, fchao8 fchao8

Call 10 seconds

Older than a week



George Harding, David Redmo...

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fchao8 fchao8, ...



FCHAO2, George Harding



Hello M Orban



Start a conversation

Select a conversation to start chatting or go to
Contacts to see who is available.

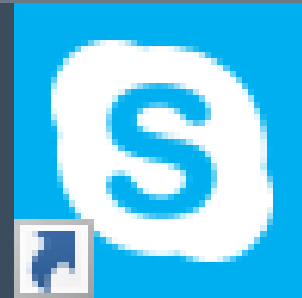
Tip: Sharing is easier on Skype! Send large files (up
to 300MB each) or share your entire desktop while
on a video call.

SKYPE 7.x VERSUS 11.x DISTINCTION (continued)

- Skype 7.x uses a white "S"
- "Skype 8.x" uses a white "S"
- Skype 11.x uses a blue "S"



Skype -
Shortcut



Skype -
Shortcut

SKYPE 7.x VERSUS 11.x DISTINCTION

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- If you go to <http://skype.com> and you install Skype 7.x into a "Windows 10" computer, it makes this cute icon in the "Start menu":



SKYPE 7.x VERSUS 11.x DISTINCTION

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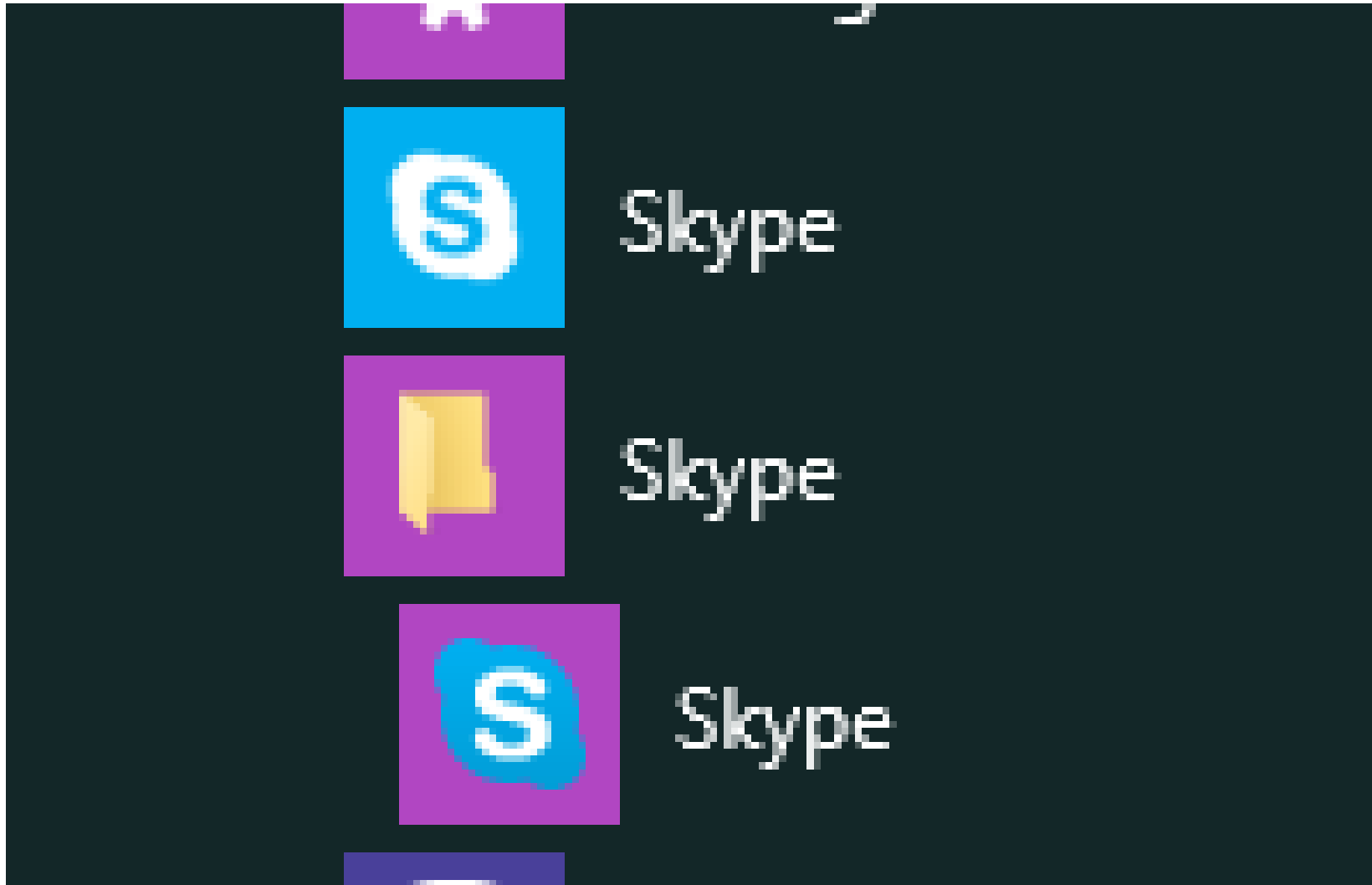
- If you go to the online "Windows Store" and you install Skype 11.x into a "Windows 10" computer, it makes this cute icon and tile in the "Start menu":



SKYPE 7.x VERSUS 11.x DISTINCTION

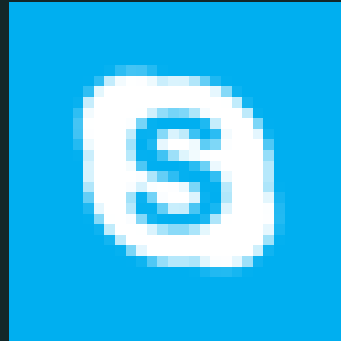
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- If you have both Skype 7.x and Skype 11.x installed into a "Windows 10 Anniversary Update" or a "Windows 10 Creators Update" computer, both of them show up in the "Start Menu":

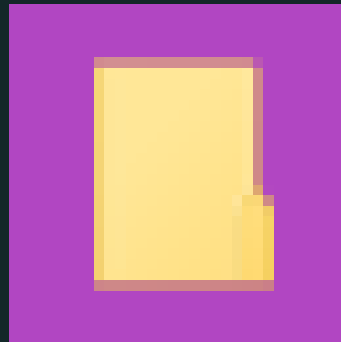


SKYPE 7.x VERSUS 11.x DISTINCTION (continued)

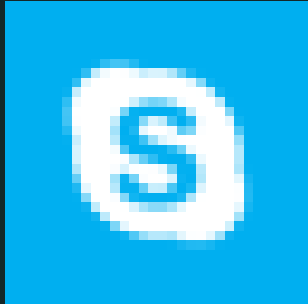
- "Skype 11.x" shows up in above and "Skype 7.x" shows up inside a folder below the icon for "Skype 11.x"



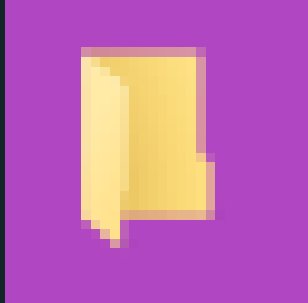
Skype



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SKYPE 11.x IS A "UNIVERSAL WINDOWS PLATFORM" APP

- Skype 11.x is a "Universal Windows Platform" app
- "UWP" is the acronym that is used
- More information about "Universal Windows Platform apps" can be found at
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Windows_Platform_apps

SKYPE 11.x IS A "UNIVERSAL WINDOWS PLATFORM" APP (continued)

- Most "UWP apps" tend to have simpler, less-cluttered user interfaces with hidden vertical and/or horizontal scroll bars, if any vertical and/or horizontal scroll bars exist at all
- Most "UWP apps" do not have a menu bar at the top of the application window

SKYPE 11.x IS A "UNIVERSAL WINDOWS PLATFORM" APP (continued)

- "UWP apps" are designed to look the same in "Windows 10", "Windows phones" and "Windows" tablets
- "Programs and Features" in the "Control Panel" and "Revo Uninstaller Portable" and other "uninstaller" programs cannot remove "UWP apps"

SKYPE 11.x IS A "UNIVERSAL WINDOWS PLATFORM" APP (continued)

- "UWP apps" do not show up in "Programs and Features" in the "Control Panel"
- "UWP apps" are uninstalled from either a Start Menu sub-menu option or, in some cases, they are uninstalled from the pop-up menu that is displayed when you right-click on the tile of the "UWP app"

SKYPE 11.x IS A "UNIVERSAL WINDOWS PLATFORM" APP (continued)

- To remove "Skype 11.x" from a "Windows 10" computer, you have to do it from the "Start Menu" or by right-clicking on the tile if you have done a "Pin to start" for "Skype 11.x":

SKYPE 11.x IS A "UNIVERSAL WINDOWS PLATFORM" APP (continued)

- Like all "Universal Windows Platform" apps, "Skype 11.x" is only available for download and installation from the white "Windows Store" icon.

SKYPE 11.x IS A "UNIVERSAL WINDOWS PLATFORM" APP (continued)

- To determine if an app is a "UWA app" or a legacy "Desktop app", locate it in the Start Menu, right click on it, left click on "More", if "Open file location" exists then the app is a "Desktop app". If "Open file location" does not exist then the app is a "UWA" app.

SKYPE 11.x IS A "UNIVERSAL WINDOWS PLATFORM" APP (continued)

- When you perform this test on "Skype 7.x", you get a "Open file location" option:



Photos

Life at a glance

R

Reading List app

Recycle Bin

Sports	Recycle Bin	Movies & TV	People
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Scan

Settings

Skype

Skype

Sports

Sticky Notes

Store

Sway

Money	Store
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Tips	Groove Music	News
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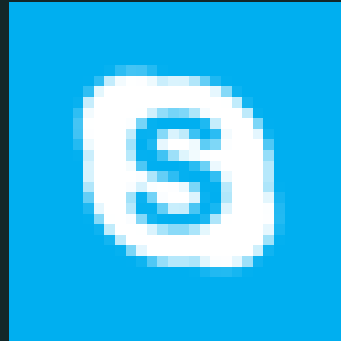
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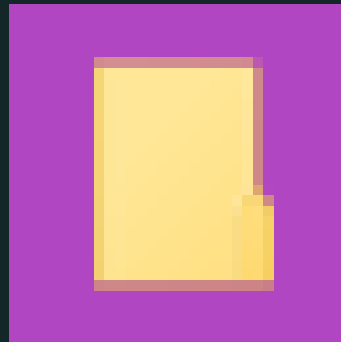
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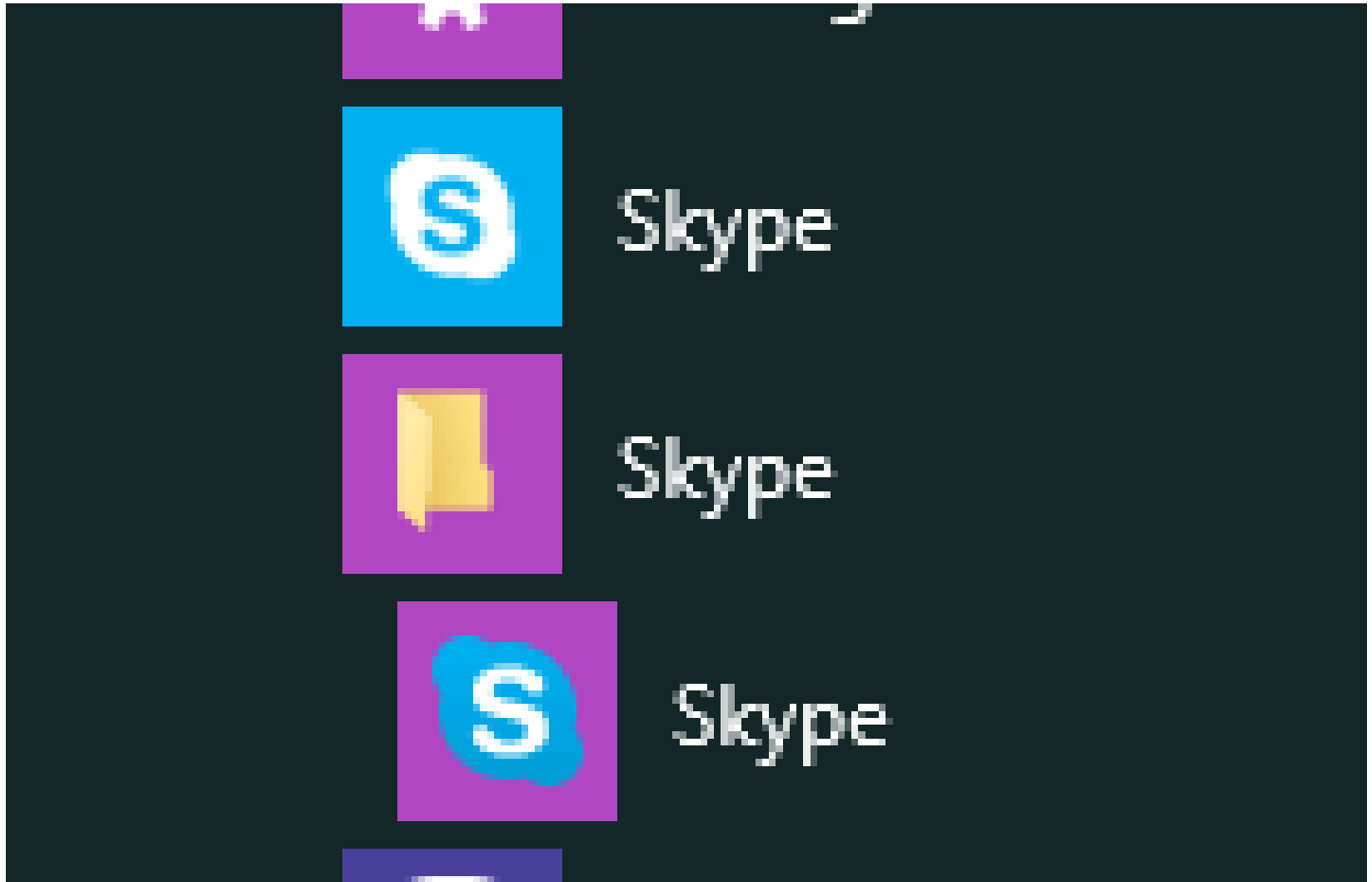
Windows taskbar showing icons for Start, File Explorer, Edge, Mail, and Skype™ - lizorban

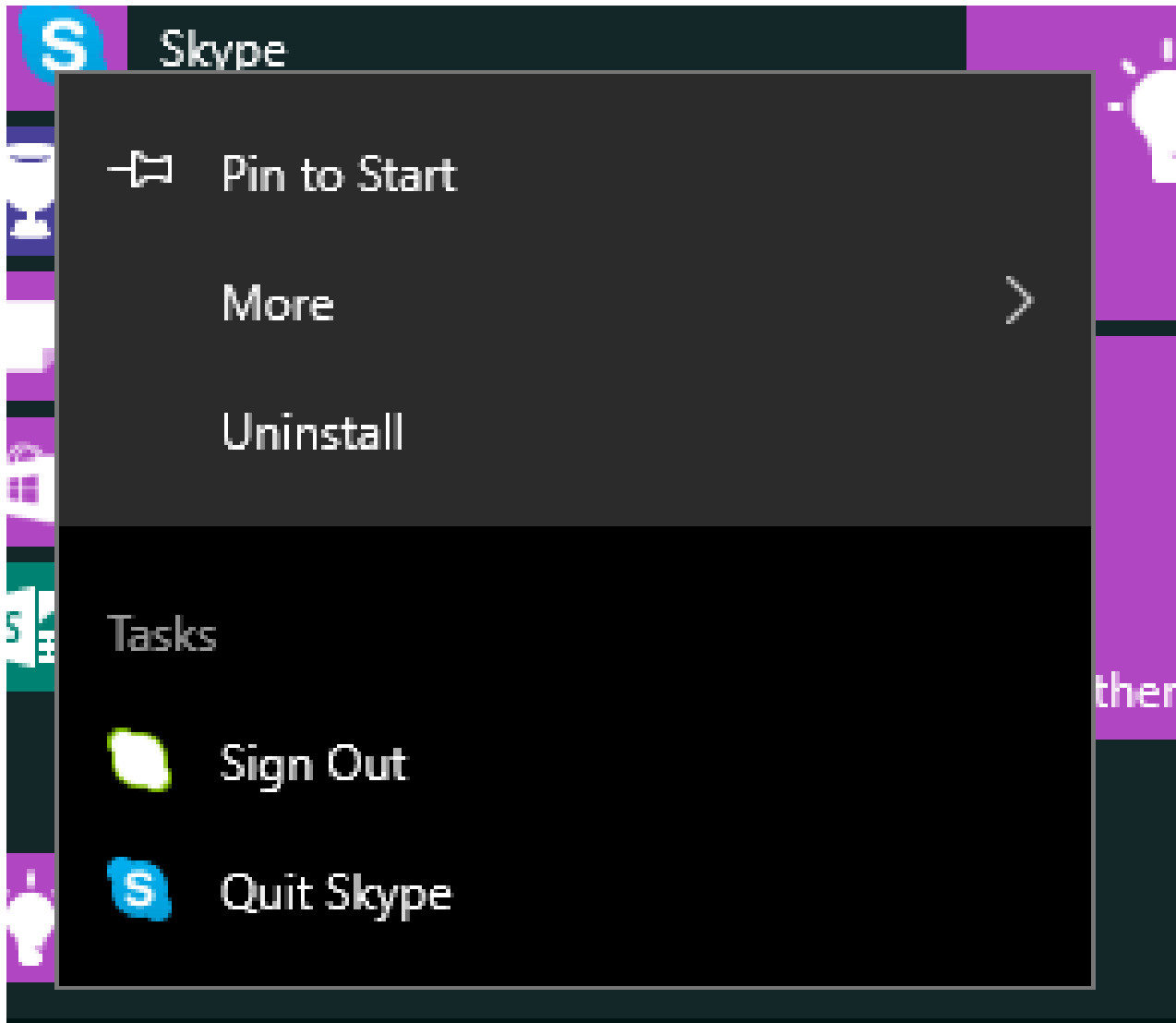


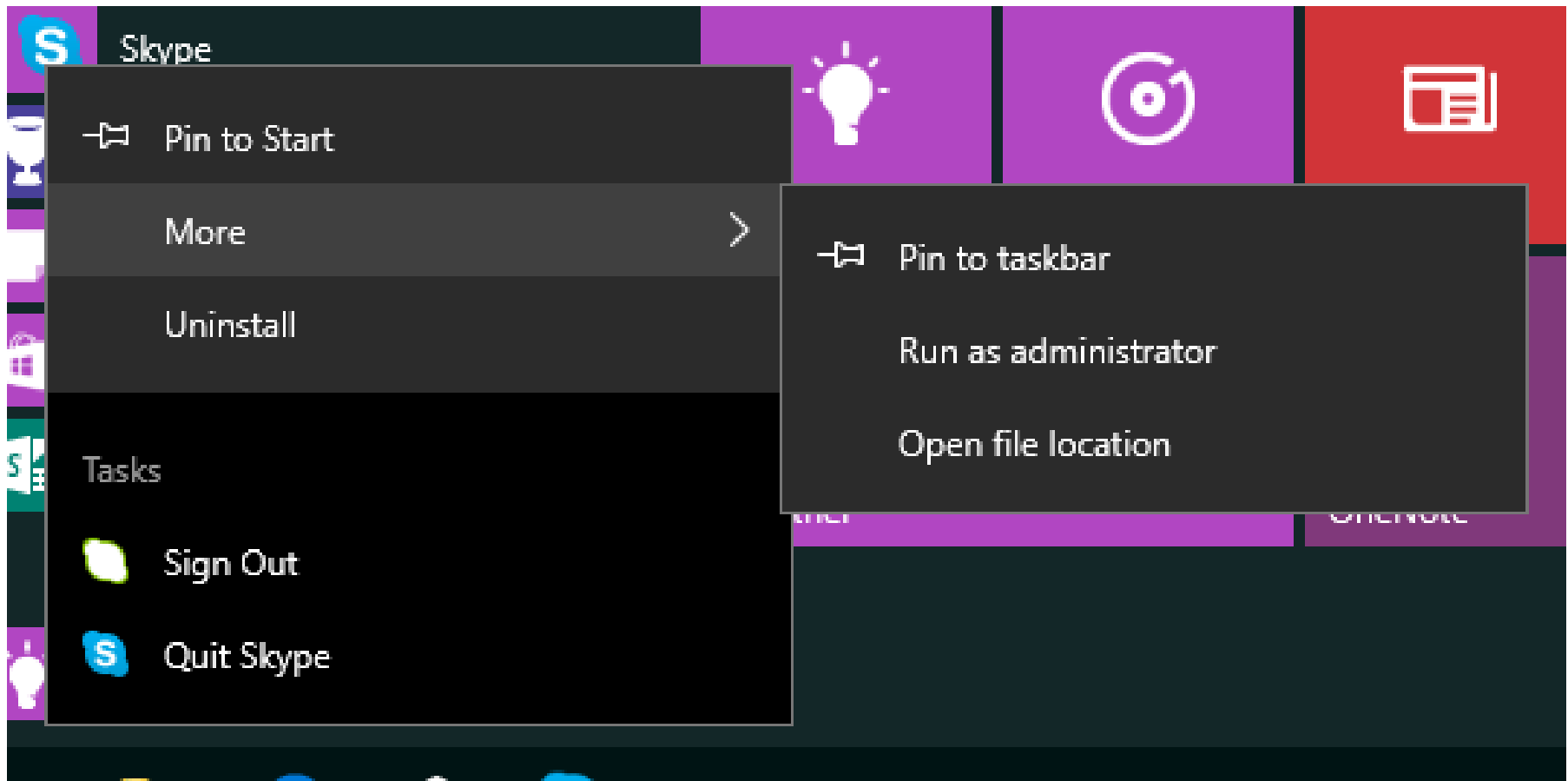
Skype



Skype









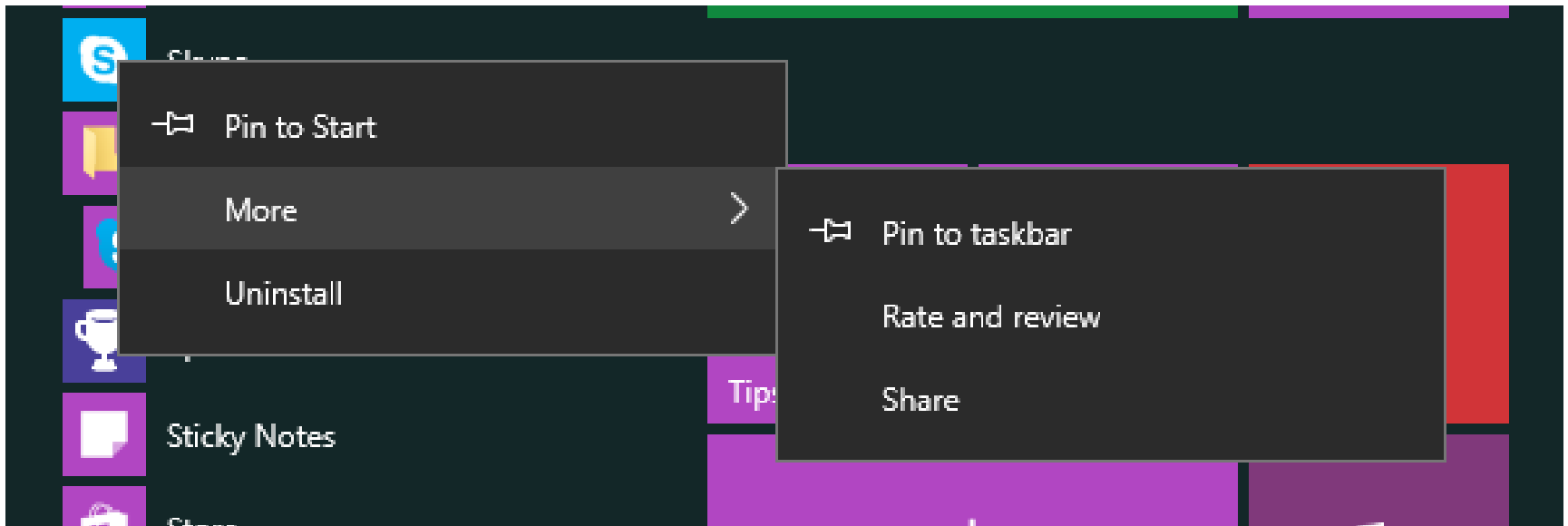
→ Pin to taskbar

Run as administrator

Open file location

SKYPE 11.x IS A "UNIVERSAL WINDOWS PLATFORM" APP (continued)

- When you perform this test on "Skype 11.x", you do not get a "Open file location" option:

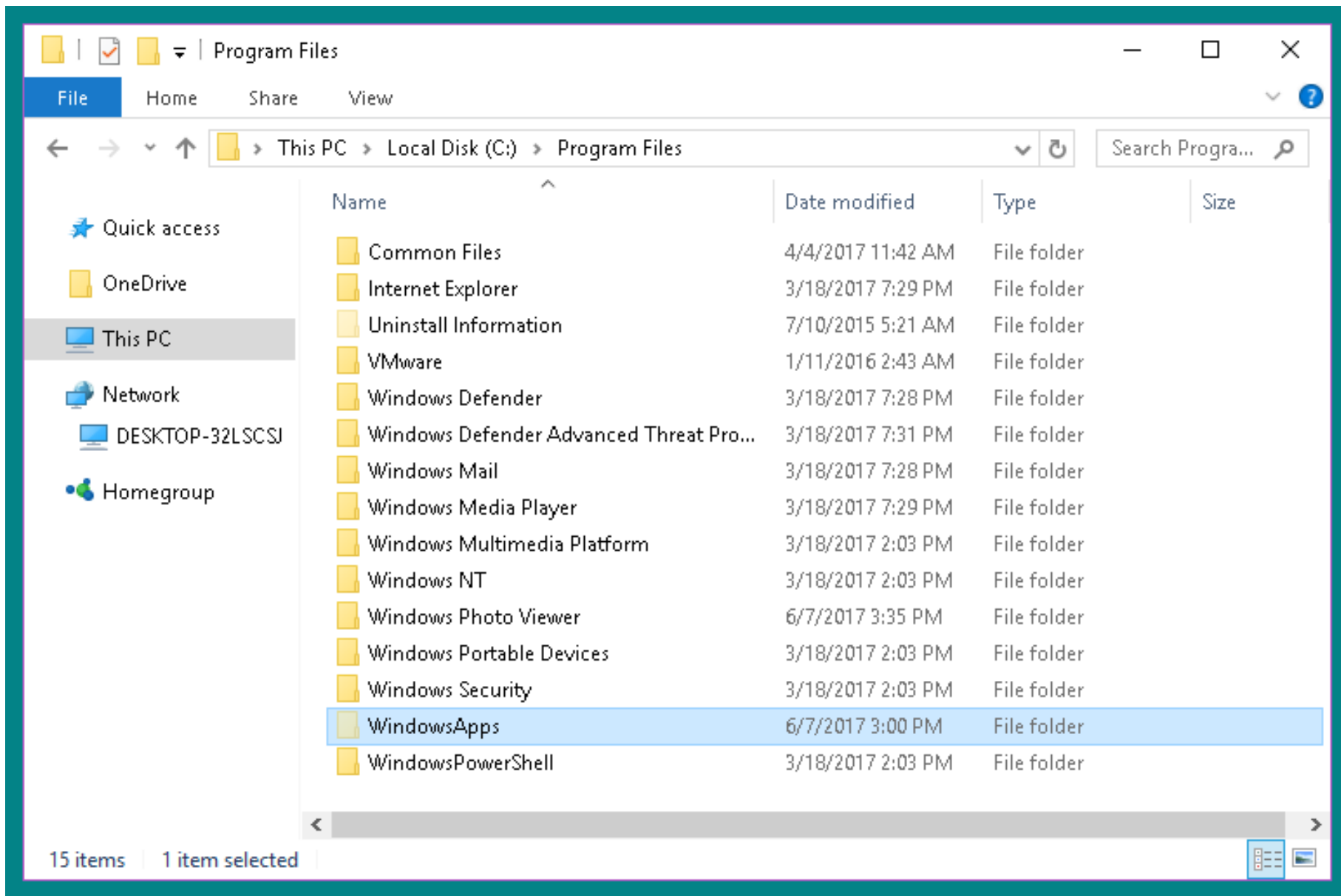


SKYPE 11.x IS A "UNIVERSAL WINDOWS PLATFORM" APP (continued)

- Like all "Universal Windows Platform" apps, "Skype 11.x" is resides at
C:\Program Files\WindowsApps\
• The name of the folder where they reside is "WindowsApps" but you cannot get into it looking at it with a Linux computer or a WPE utility disk.

SKYPE 11.x IS A "UNIVERSAL WINDOWS PLATFORM" APP (continued)

- WPE =
Windows Pre-installation
Environment



SKYPE 7.x AND SKYPE 11.x CAN CO-EXIST IN THE SAME COMPUTER

- Skype 11.x cannot be installed in a computer that has an earlier version of "Windows.." prior to "Windows 10"
- Skype 7.x and Skype 11.x can co-exist in the same computer:

SKYPE 7.x AND SKYPE 11.x CAN CO-EXIST IN THE SAME COMPUTER

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- "Skype 11.x" is automatically installed into a "Windows 10" computer when you make a major upgrade such as going from the "Anniversary Edition" to the "Creators Update"

SKYPE 7.x AND SKYPE 11.x CAN CO-EXIST IN THE SAME COMPUTER

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- You can install "Skype 7.x" into any "Windows 10" computer that already has a copy of "Skype 11.x" in it
- If you go to the "Windows Store" and install "Skype 11.X" into a "Windows 10" computer, the installation process will not remove an existing copy of "Skype 7.x"

SKYPE 7.x AND SKYPE 11.x CAN CO-EXIST IN THE SAME COMPUTER

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- If you have both "Skype 7.x" and "Skype 11.x" in the same "Windows 10" computer, you can only run one of them at any given point in time:

SKYPE 7.x AND SKYPE 11.x CAN CO-EXIST IN THE SAME COMPUTER

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- If you have "Skype 7.x" running and you start up "Skype 11.x", you "Skype 11.x" windows will close, even if you are in the middle of a Skype session
- The same occurs if you have the vice versa situation.

SKYPE 7.x AND SKYPE 11.x DIFFERENCES

- Skype 11.x only runs in "Windows 10"
- Skype 7.x can run in "Windows 7" and "Windows 8.1"

SKYPE 7.x AND SKYPE 11.x DIFFERENCES (continued)

- Skype 7.x can be set to start up automatically when you power up or re-boot a "Windows.." computer
- Skype 11.x cannot be set up to start up automatically when you power up or re-boot a "Windows.." computer

SKYPE 7.x AND SKYPE 11.x DIFFERENCES (continued)

- Skype 7.x can be set to start up automatically when you power up or re-boot a "Windows.." computer
- Skype 11.x cannot be set up to start up automatically when you power up or re-boot a "Windows.." computer

SKYPE 7.x AND SKYPE 11.x DIFFERENCES (continued)

- Skype 7.x can be set up to automatically answer incoming calls
- Skype 11.x cannot be set up to automatically answer incoming calls

SKYPE 7.x AND SKYPE 11.x DIFFERENCES (continued)

- Skype 7.x can be set up to work with the "ManyCam" virtual Webcam
- Skype 11.x does not work with the "ManyCam" virtual Webcam

"SKYPE 8.x" IS A STRANGE VERSION OF "SKYPE.."

- "Skype 8.x" is only a beta for "Windows 10.."
- It is no longer a beta but a production version of Skype for MacOS, Android, and iOS
- "Skype 8.x" has been prematurely installed in some "Windows 10.." computers b

"SKYPE 8.x" IS A STRANGE VERSION OF "SKYPE.." (continued)

- For "Windows 10..", "Skype 8.x" is actually called "Skype for desktop preview"
- For "Windows 10", "Skype 8.x" is available at <https://www.skype.com/en/insider/>

"SKYPE 8.x" IS A STRANGE VERSION OF "SKYPE.." (continued)

- "Skype 8.x" has been prematurely installed in some "Windows 10.." computers by "Windows Update" even for computers that are not part of the "Insider Program"

"SKYPE 8.x" IS A STRANGE VERSION OF "SKYPE.." (continued)

- If your copy of "Skype.." upgrades from "Skype 7" to "Skype 8.x" in a "Windows 10" computer, you can remove it with "Revo Uninstaller Free" as described at http://aztcs.org/meeting_notes/winhardsig/uninstaller/RevoUninstallerPortable.pdf

"SKYPE 8.x" IS A STRANGE VERSION OF "SKYPE.." (continued)

- Then you can download and re-install "Skype 7" by going to <https://www.skype.com/en/get-skype/>

Then use the dropdown list arrow of the big button to select "Get classic Skype"

APPENDIX 1

MAKING A SHORTCUT FOR "SKYPE 11.X"

- For any "Universal Windows Platform" app like "Skype 11", you can make a shortcut by following the step-by-step instructions at <https://www.thurrott.com/windows/windows-10/5328/windows-10-tip-create-shortcuts-for-universal-apps>

