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"
"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
Three versions of Skype are currently available for "Windows 10" computers, according to https://support.skype.com/en/faq/FAQ12041/what-platforms-is-skype-available-on
Skype 7.x is the "Desktop app" that many of us have been using since 2005:
Call to FCHAO2

Yesterday

Call ended, duration 00:03

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 11.x is a "Universal Windows Platform" app that is bundled with all copies of "Windows 10..":
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
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- Skype 7.x uses a white "S"
- "Skype 8.x" uses a white "S"
- Skype 11.x uses a blue "S"
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":
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":
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 11.x" shows up in above and "Skype 7.x" shows up inside a folder below the icon for "Skype 11.x"
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

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"
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":
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 determined 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 exists 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:
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\n
• 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 (continued)

• "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 COEXIST 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 (continued)

• 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 of 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 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/whardsig/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