

Press release

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mcePhone for Skype 1.0: brings free Skype telephony to Windows XP Media Center 2005

Skype enables everyone to make free calls to other Skype users anywhere in this world. Now this is even available from your living-room. Whoever runs a Microsoft Windows XP Media Centre 2005 may use the new tool mcePhone for Skype 1.0 to turn his TV into a real communication central.

This is tomorrow's trend: More and more users connect their computers to the TV in the living-room. Using a Microsoft Windows XP Media Center 2005 this unit is turned into a multimedia center that can be easily controlled by remote control just from the couch. From then on, the computer takes care of the music you like, plays DVDs, records TV shows, even enables the user to browse in Ebay hunting for a prime deal. Christoph Buenger Software is one of the leading companies of Windows XP Media Center development.

Skype is a free software that will increasingly change the style and manner how we will communicate with each other. Millions of users already use this VOIP-Software in order to telephone via the internet – at a convincing and unbeatable price. Formerly exceedingly expensive long-distance-calls are no longer a topic from now on. From Skype to Skype all connections are totally free. But calling a normal telephone or mobile phone anywhere in the world is possible with Skype – for very low rates.

Make use of Skype in your living room

The new software mcePhone for Skype 1.0 now makes it possible to use Skype in your living-room together with Windows XP Media Center 2005. In order to benefit from these possibilities, Skype (www.skype.com) must previously be installed and properly configured. mcePhone is compatible with every hardware-telephone that works with normal Skype windows client and is connected to the Media Center 2005. Christoph Buenger: "I use a wireless hardware-telephone that is connected to my Media Center computer. Since then my telephone-bill has been reduced to a minimum - and I keep on using the telephone as I am used to and get some additional features beyond old-fashioned telephony."

mcePhone for Skype shows a welcome-page on start with some useful facts. You can see your own Skype-Status (online, offline, ...) and you can even change this directly just by remote control. The SkypeOut credit for "outside calls" directly bought from Skype, is also shown here. Furthermore, the user can see

how many of his Skype contacts are presently online, how many calls have been missed in his absence and whether or not there are any new voicemails.

Whenever a new Skype-call comes in, mcePhone for Skype instantly shows this even if live TV or any other video is showing. The current TV programme can be paused automatically so that you can pay all attention to the telephone-call without having to let slip by one moment of your favourite TV-show or the most gripping part of any film. An incoming call can be accepted, ignored or rejected directly by remote control. Christoph Buenger: "If you do not want to be disturbed while watching a good movie, mcePhone for Skype can be configured to block off all incoming calls during that time."

During a conversation, all vital information such as the duration of the call is shown on the screen. During a call, the own microphone can be muted, the current call can be held and the user can even return to the last shown video while talking.

All contacts and call lists are directly read from Skype, so there is no need to manually import anything to mcePhone for Skype. Contact can be directly called from the contact list.

The great advantages of mcePhone for Skype

- Telephoning from your living room like with a „real“ telephone
- Totally free for „Skype to Skype“
- Very low rates to all other telephone numbers around the world
- Lists recorded voicemails and missed calls on your TV screen.
- Be informed who is calling while watching TV, DVD, ...
- The Skype answering machine works even if all your PCs are turned off

Bundle with Pamela Pro available

mcePhone for Skype is just the second software worldwide that has been officially certified by Skype and is now registered as „Skype certified“. The other Skype certified software is „Pamela“ (www.pamela-systems.com). This program is a Skype-Plug-in available in 34 languages and which can act as an answering-machine, administer PamCastings and Blogs or can record Skype conversations. If Pamela Pro is installed, mcePhone recognizes this and can directly play the recorded conversations – also in Media Center 2005.

Christoph Buenger software offers a very attractive bundle of mcePhone and Pamela Pro – for just US\$ 35.95 (€ 29,95). mcePhone for Skype can also be purchased separately for only US\$ 19.90 (€ 14.90) (via e-mail) or for only US\$ 24.90 (€ 19.90) (on CD). A totally free 30 days trial (2.18 MB) can be downloaded from the website.

Homepage (incl. additional information, screenshots, trial download, ...):
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