


# Using Lync 2013 with Skype contacts


The college uses Microsoft Lync 2013 as a social communication platform and all staff and students are part of this service

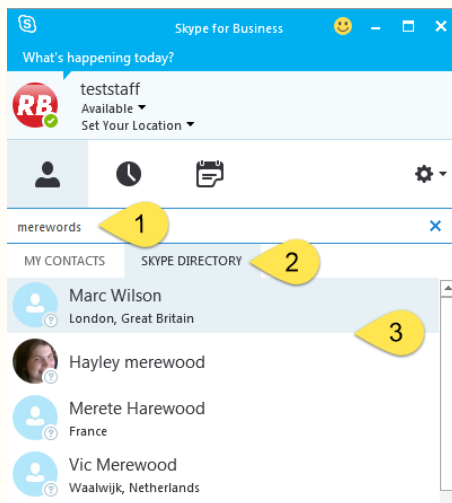
Your login details are your college email address and if accessing from a non-college computer your college SSO password

 To locate other staff and students just type their name in the 'Find someone' box


If Skype users sign in to Skype with a Microsoft account ([MSA \(external link\)](#)) (previously called **Windows Live ID**), they may use Skype to communicate with their non-Skype contacts who are using Lync (and vice versa).

**NOTE:** Be sure to [link your Skype account to an MSA. \(external link\)](#) A Skype account that is **not** linked to an MSA will not be able to communicate with Lync users.

 **Since May 2015 Lync has been rebranded by Microsoft to 'Skype for Business' and now includes access to the full Skype address book, just type the external persons Skype email address or Skype name into the 'find someone' box and then click on the 'Skype Directory' tab, you can then double click on the person to open a chat session**



**(if nothing is found then the email address is not the correct one the contact has registered with Skype)**

 **Please note that current limitations of Lync to Skype connectivity limit video calls to the Skype desktop application (Windows and MAC) only. The Skype APP's (Apple IOS and Google Android) currently are limited to chat and voice only**

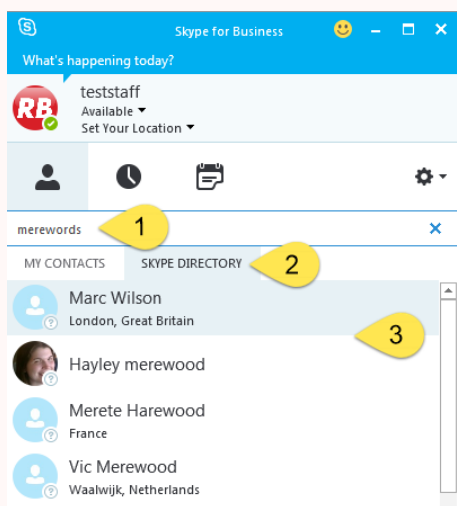
You can find out if your Skype and Microsoft accounts are already linked by checking <https://secure.skype.com/portal/account/settings> ([external link](#)):

[Learn more about using Microsoft accounts with Skype. \(external link\)](#)

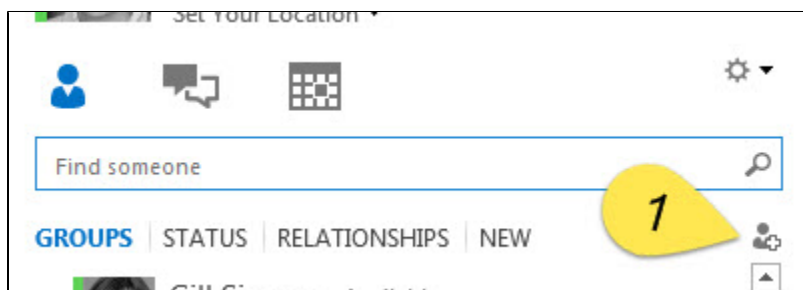
To set up a Skype account, visit <https://login.skype.com/account/signup-form>. ([external link](#))

As a Lync user, how do I add a Skype contact?

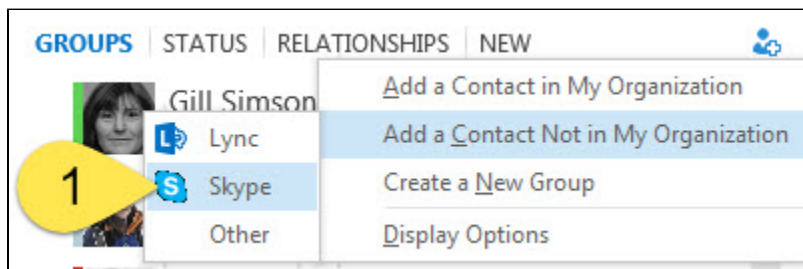
⚠ This section has been superseded by the rebranding of Lync to 'Skype for Business' which has building in access to the Skype directory



You can also use this platform to communicate with external contacts, **if the external contact has a Microsoft email (@outlook.com, @Hotmail.com, @live.com etc.)** then click on the + sign indicated below (1)



Then select 'Add a contact Not in My Organisation' then 'Skype' as shown below



Then enter the Microsoft email address of the Skype contact and click on OK

In the **IM Address** field, enter the Microsoft account (MSA) of the Skype user you wish to add.

**NOTE:** Be sure to use their Microsoft account (MSA) address, **not** their Skype ID.

- If their MSA is in the domain @live.com or @hotmail.com or @outlook.com, enter their MSA as is. Example [joesmith@outlook.com](mailto:joesmith@outlook.com).
- If their MSA is **NOT** in one of the 3 domains listed above, use format **user(domain\_name)@msn.com**. For example, if the MSA of your Skype user is [janedoe@gmail.com](mailto:janedoe@gmail.com), enter [janedoe@gmail.com](mailto:janedoe@gmail.com)@msn.com.

Close (X)

## Add Skype contact

Enter Skype contact information or send invitation

IM Address:

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Example: someone@domain.com

Add to contact group:

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Set privacy relationship:

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Share only my name, title, email address, company, and picture

OK Cancel

If the Skype account is not associated with a Microsoft email yet, they will need to merge their Skype username with a Microsoft account – details [here](#)

## ~~As a Skype user, how do I add a Lync contact?~~

~~[Sign in to Skype](#). (external link)~~

~~NOTE: You must sign in using Skype's Microsoft account sign in page with your MSA account.~~

~~Select the **Add Contacts** icon.~~

~~Enter the Lync sign-in address of the Lync user you wish to add (usually their UPN). For example, **abc123@bruford.ac.uk**~~

~~When Skype finds the match in the search results, look for the word "Lync" below the Lync user's name. If "Lync" is present, this indicates that Skype has located the Lync user's address. Click their name.~~

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~~In the top right corner of the window, click **Add to Contacts**.~~

~~The new contact is now added to your contact list; however, you will see a question mark instead of their status icon until they accept your request. When your new contact accepts your request, you will be able to see when they are online, when they initiate IM conversations, and when they make audio calls.~~