

COMMUNICATION APPS



Google Hangout

What it is: A messaging and video call application developed by Google
Is it free? Yes
How do I get it? Downloads are available for web browsers, Android, and iOS.

Features:

- Video calls can include up to 10 people.
- Besides video calls, you can use it for sending text messages, pictures, and video
- Tutorial: [How to make video calls - Google Hangouts & Google Duo](#)

Facebook Messenger

What it is: A text, voice, and video call application developed by Facebook
Is it free? Yes, but you must have a Facebook account
How do I get it? Downloads are available for Android and iOS; browser app does not require a download

Features:

- Voice chat up to 50 people at a time; video will only show up to six people at a time, otherwise the dominant speaker's camera feed will be shown
- Free with a Facebook account
- Features GIFs, stickers and filters for video calls on some platforms
- Tutorial: [How to use Facebook Messenger](#)

WhatsApp

What it is: A text, voice, and video call application
Is it free? Yes
How do I get it? Downloads are available for Android and iOS; a browser app is available for Windows and Mac users.

Features:

- Video chat up to four people at a time; voice messages, pictures, and texts can be shared with up to 256 people.
- Works on WiFi, so you can call people across the country with it (some data charges may apply-check with your provider)
- Tutorial: [How to make group calls on WhatsApp](#)



What it is: A text, voice, and video call application
Is it free? Yes, but there are some limits to the free version
How do I get it? Downloads are available for browsers after signing up with the service. App for Android and iOS are available.

Features:

- Video chat up to 100 people at a time; there is a limit of 40 minutes for the free version, while the lowest tier paid version will let you host a meeting for up to 24 hours for \$20/month
- Has screen-sharing capabilities, unlimited one on one video calling, and integration of applications like Google Calendar, Slack workspace messaging, Evernote, Twitter, and YouTube
- Tutorial: [Sign up & download walkthrough video](#)

Note: Some security issues were raised regarding Zoom. Here is their [response](#).



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Features:

- Video chat up to 100 people at a time; meet as long as you want.
- Has video conferencing, team collaboration and mobile features.
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What it is: A text, voice, and video call application developed by Microsoft
Is it free? Yes
How do I get it? Downloads are available for Mac, Windows, iOS, Android, and Linux.

Features:

- Video and voice chat with up to 50 people at a time
- Can be downloaded to tablets, Xbox, and Alexa devices
- Tutorial: [How to use Skype - Beginners Guide](#)