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**How to Make a Video Call:**

Instead of just instant chatting with friends around the world why not have a live video chat for free. This works as a PRIVATE CONVERSATION between two contacts much like any instant messaging you may already use. I find Windows Live Messenger the easiest and cleanest. MAC users probably already have a lens built into the monitor. For us PC users, I suggest purchasing an inexpensive webcam (Logitech). They range from \$15-115. The low end is sufficient for most communication. Download "Live Messenger" from [www.messenger.msn.com](http://www.messenger.msn.com). You must sign up for an account which is quick and easy. The people you want to chat with must have an account and camera as well. Connect your camera and microphone by plugging your USB cable into the port on your computer. Insert the software that comes with the camera and microphone into your computer. The software program should automatically run on its own. Follow the prompts to install the software. Be sure to follow ALL instructions exactly as prompted. Open Messenger and choose "add a contact" and then "create a new contact". Enter the person's email address. Click on the tools drop down menu in the Messenger window. Choose Audio/Video Tuning Wizard. Follow the prompts to locate your camera and microphone device. Have your friend do the same. Double click on your friend's name in the MSN Messenger window to make the video call. This will send them an invitation and when they accept you should both see and hear each other on the screen.

**Free Internet Access:**

Do you want to access the web? You don't want to use a dial-up service that may be too slow? You don't want to pay for a high speed modem? Here is the answer you have been waiting for. Buy yourself a laptop. Better yet; obtain a hand-me-down from some one. Make sure there is a WiFi card inserted in it (under \$100). Now...settle in at a nice coffee shop or even the library. I saw free web access at a car repair shop last week. Burger King? You bet. Try the mall and the airport too. No fees and no on-going bills. Nice?

**Browser Alternative:**

Are you looking for a new Web browser? This program claims to be the fastest Web browser on earth. This is a top-rated browser has a user-friendly interface. It supports tabbed browsing similar to Firefox. The program has options to block ads, including unwanted flash animation. It also has a feature that saves sites that were closed improperly. Avant Web browser adds many features to the Internet Explorer format. It provides security and recovery features, and is available in 41 languages. Give it a try. [WWW.AVANTBROWSER.COM](http://WWW.AVANTBROWSER.COM)

**Next Issue:** Templates for almost anything

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