

Skype pushes for small-business accounts

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Skype said Tuesday it will offer a package to allow businesses to use its services more cheaply.

The Internet phone group that was recently acquired by online auction house eBay said that its Skype Groups will allow one person to buy and distribute the company's services to multiple Skype accounts.

In a news release, the company said that the offer will allow small businesses in particular to lower operating costs and boost productivity by making it cheaper to make conference calls, hold group chats and transfer files across borders.

"We know that approximately 30 percent of our 61 million registered users rely on Skype for business purposes," stated Skype Chief Executive Niklas Zennstrom. "Businesses that outsource or have distributed teams will find Skype's services incredibly valuable," he added.

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