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More than a million Voice calls were racked up at Gmail by the time the feature was a day old, according to [Google](#) spokesman Randall Sarafa.

On Wednesday, [Gmail was infused with Voice](#), a Google telecommunications service that lets people use a single telephone number for all of their phones.

A "call phones" option in Gmail chat enables people to make, screen or field Voice calls at their computers using Gmail.

Google made the service available to anyone in the [United States](#) in late June, but it wasn't until this week that it combined the Internet telephony feature with [Gmail](#).

Along with letting users have one phone number that rings at all of their telephones, the service converts voice mail or text messages into email and allows for toll-free calls to the United States and Canada.

Voice boasts competitively low rates for international calls and is a challenge to global Internet telephony star [Skype](#).

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