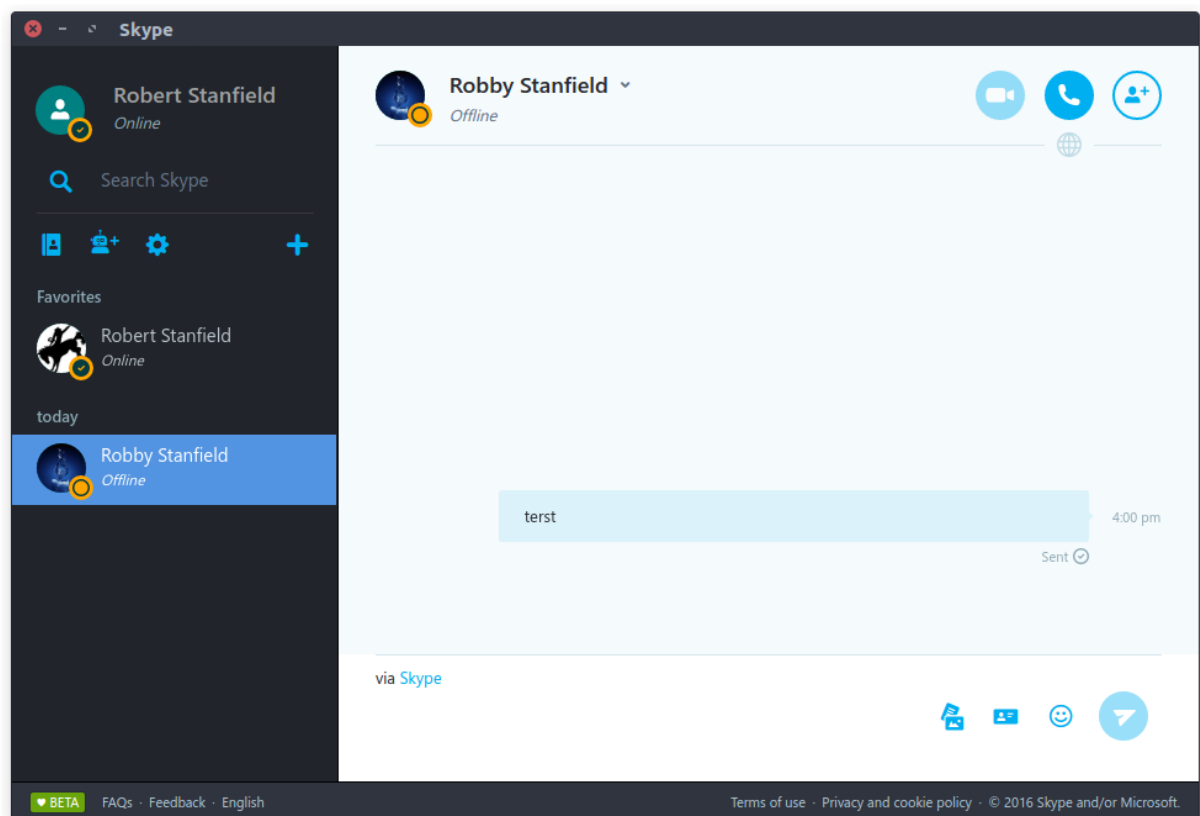

Word of Caution

This project is no longer actively maintained. Pull requests are welcome and if anyone would like to take over this project, please email robert@stanfield.it

Ghetto Skype

Ghetto Skype is an electron client that uses Web Skype to better integrate with desktop environments found on Linux.

Credit to [skype-unofficial-client](#) for coming up with this idea. His version uses node webkit whereas mine uses Electron. This means you get a few extra goodies like notifications from Electron.



Why it's better than Web Skype

- Spell Check
- Tray Icon shows how many messages are unread (if your desktop environment supports)
- Electron will send notifications to libnotify

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- Use your default image viewer (writes to /tmp)
 - Start minimized when you start your computer
 - Run Skype through a proxy
 - Alternative themes

Cons

- Doesn't support video calls

Installing

You can download the RPM or DEB package on the releases page or you can build from source with the instructions below.

If you run Arch Linux, you can use the AUR package nlowe created. Please send any issues with the AUR package to his repository.

Dependencies If building from source: - Node 6.3.1 or higher (Debian/Ubuntu/Mint users need nodejs-legacy package) - Debian based distros need the following packages: `sudo apt-get install build-essential icnsutils graphicsmagick xz-utils libxkbfile-dev libx11-dev libcairo2-dev libjpeg-dev libgif-dev libpango1.0-dev librsvg2-dev` - If you're creating deb package: `sudo apt-get install fakeroot dpkg` - Fedora users need the following packages: `sudo dnf install gcc{,-c++} libicns-utils GraphicsMagick libX11-devel libxkbfile-devel libjpeg-turbo-devel cairo-devel giflib-devel pango-devel` - If you're creating rpm package: `sudo dnf install rpm-build`

Try it out Skip packaging and run this:

```
1 [u@h ghetto-skype]$ npm install && npm start
```

Install from source via package manager We use electron-builder to package Ghetto Skype. Change the target to the format you prefer. By default, it uses "deb". For a full list of supported formats, refer to the wiki for electron-builder. The target should be set in `ghetto-skype/package.json`

```
1 [u@h ghetto-skype]$ npm install
2 [u@h ghetto-skype]$ npm run dist
```

```
3 [u@h ghetto-skype]$ cd dist && ls # package placed here
```

Tips

There's a separate settings window located in the context menu of the tray icon.

Using a Proxy

There currently isn't a way to edit this with the settings window right now. You can open `~/.config/Ghetto\ Skype/settings.json` with your favorite text editor and add your proxy to the ProxyRule setting, save, and restart Ghetto Skype. For a better understanding of the format please refer to Electron's wiki (specifically `ses.setProxy`)

Example:

```
1 {
2   "StartMinimized": false,
3   "MicrosoftAccount": false,
4   "NativeImageViewer": false,
5   "ProxyRules": "socks5://46.105.6.191:5050"
6 }
```

Setting Zoom Level

If the font/photos are not big enough for you, you can use the zoom factor in the `~/.config/Ghetto\ Skype/settings.json`. This will be added to the settings screen soon.

Example 150%:

```
1 {
2   "StartMinimized": false,
3   "MicrosoftAccount": false,
4   "NativeImageViewer": false,
5   "ProxyRules": "socks5://46.105.6.191:5050",
6   "ZoomFactor": 1.5
7 }
```

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