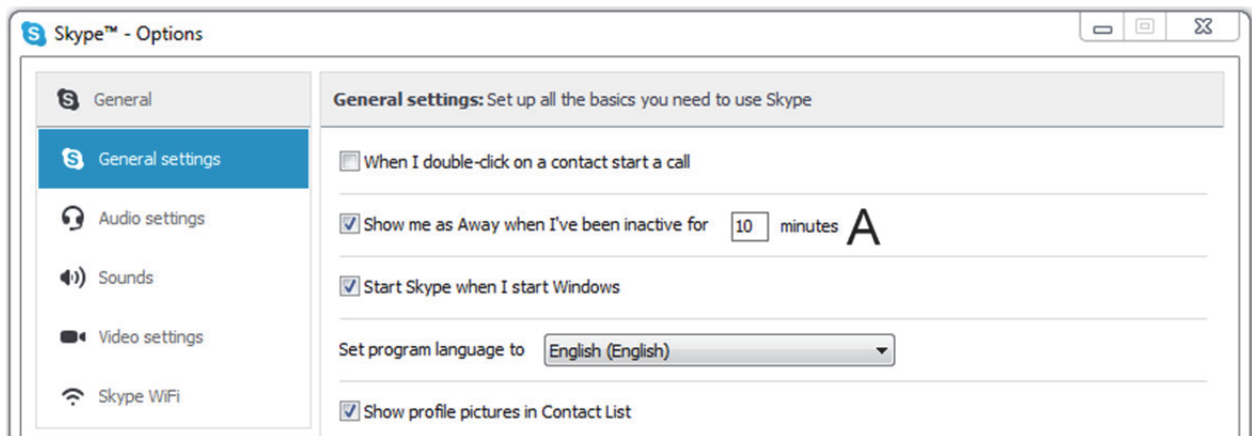


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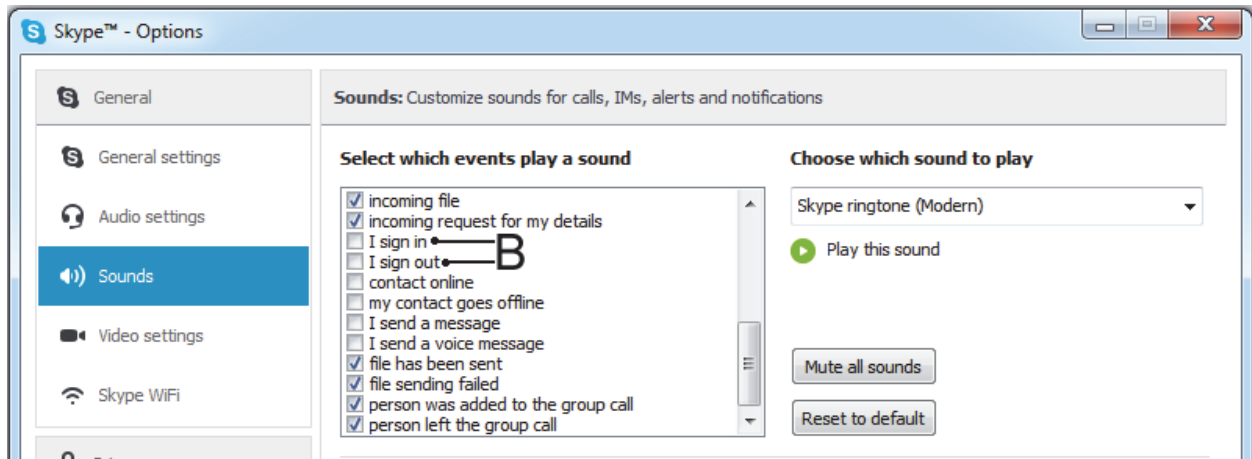
This document describes a few tips on how to protect you when using Skype as well as a few nuisances to remove. It is based on Skype version 6.11 for Windows but should apply to most future versions of Skype.

To make any of the changes below, in Skype, go to the **Tools** menu and then **Options**.

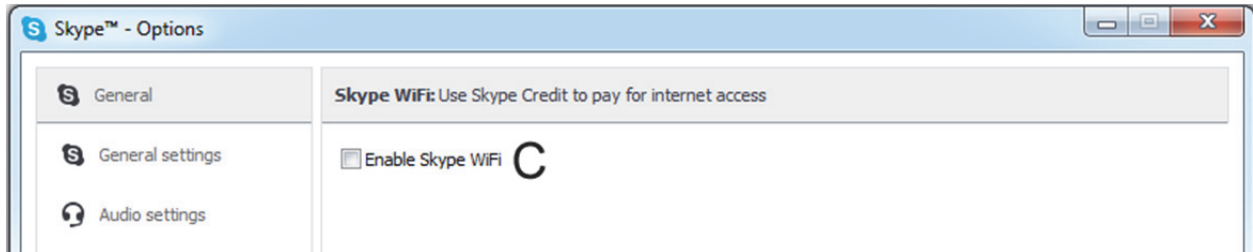
Note: These are only suggestions. You don't have to follow them. Read the document first before applying.



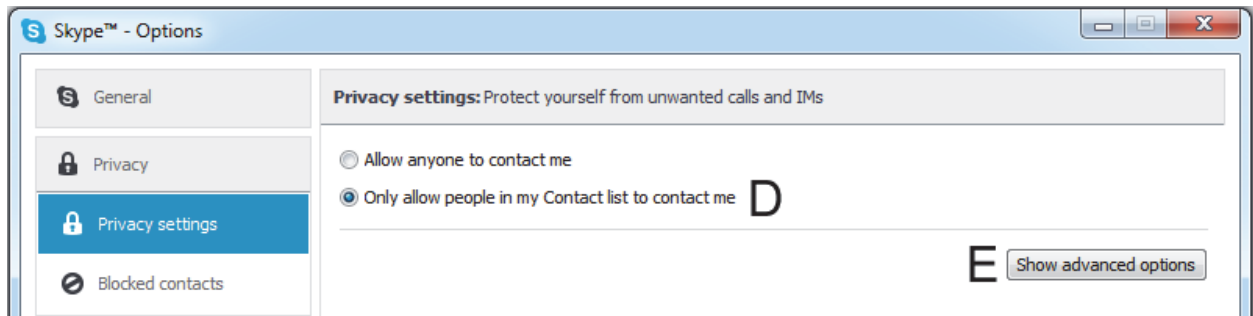
In the image above (A), as a courtesy to others, check the box next to “Show me away...” and as a suggested time, set it to 10 minutes. When this is set, and you haven't touched your computer, after 10 minutes of inactivity, your status will switch to “Away”. By using your computer, it will be switch to “Online”.



In the image above (B), I like to disable when someone in my contacts sign in our out by sound. I find it a nuisance.

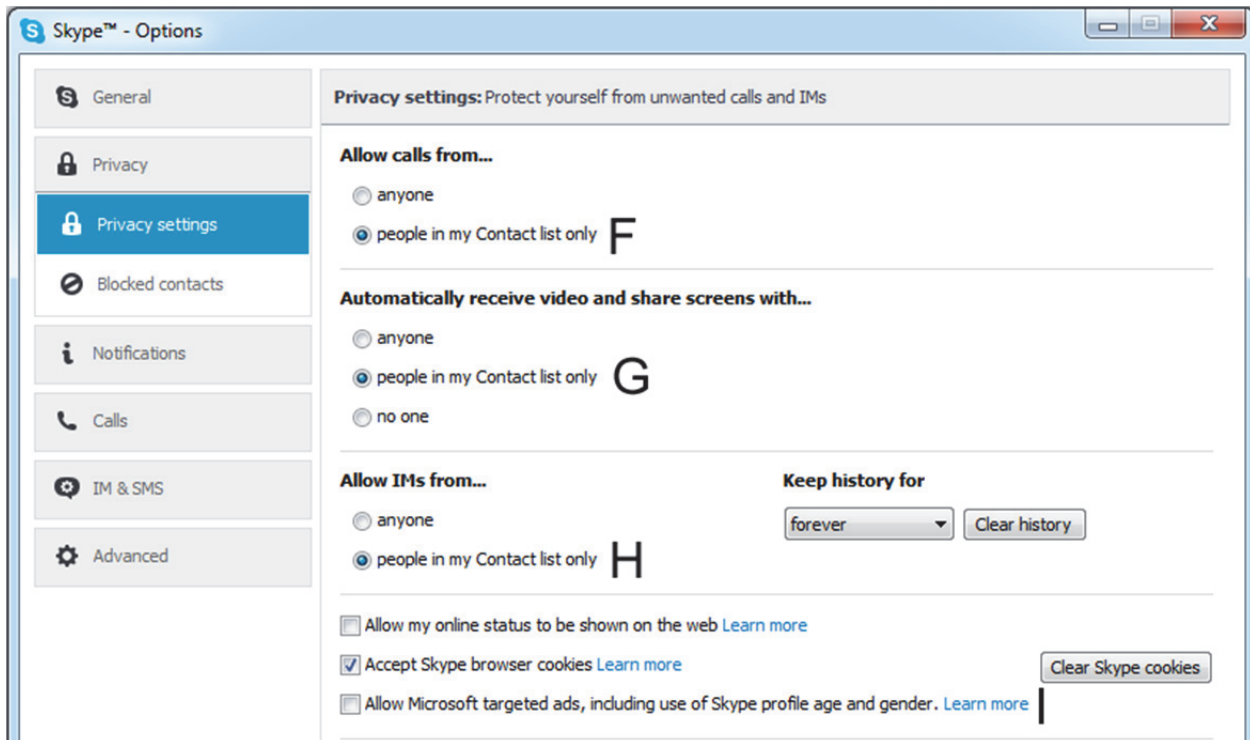


In the image above (C), if you don't have a paid account, uncheck the box "Enable Skype WiFi". Saves a bit of memory as well.



In the image above (D), change the settings to "Only allow people...". You obviously don't want some stranger contacting you, right?

Then click on the "Show advanced options" (in E).

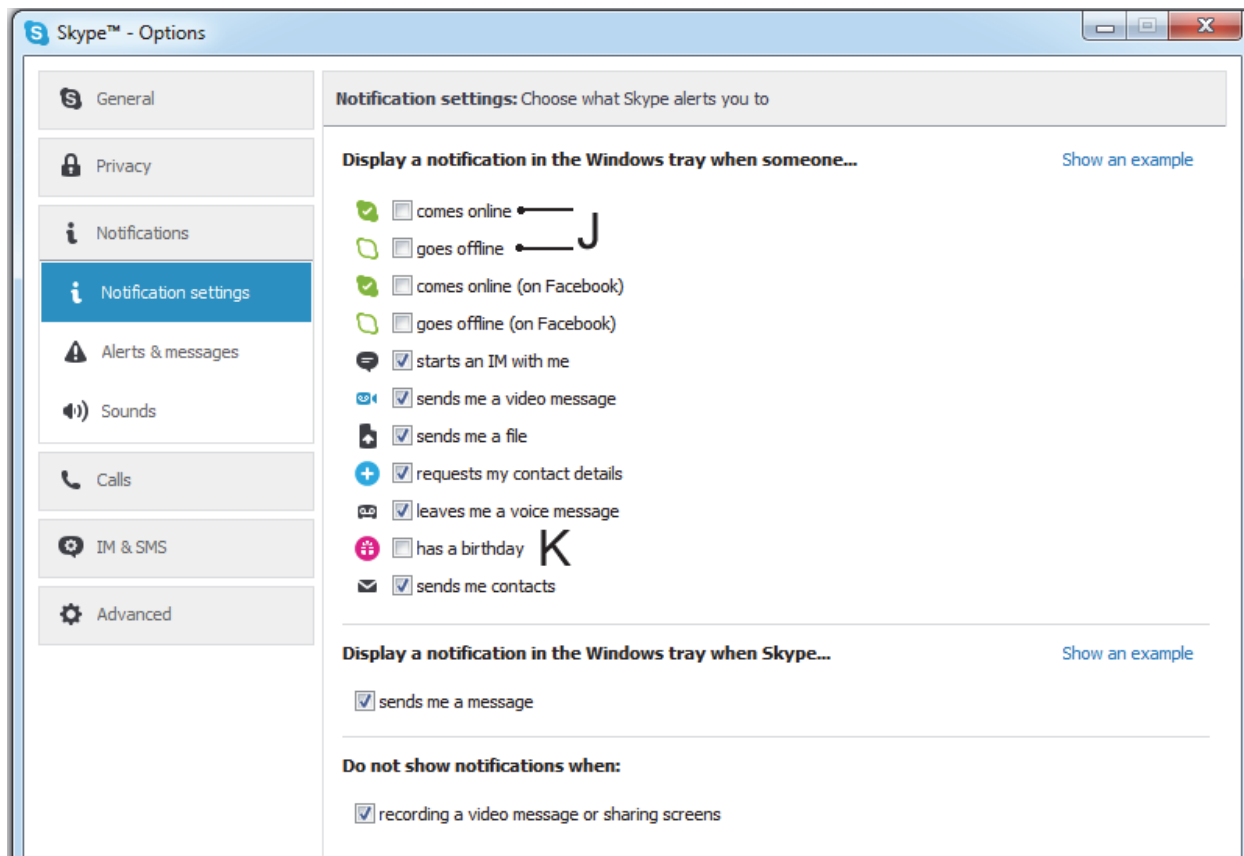


In the image above (F), change the settings to “Only allow people...”. You obviously don’t want some stranger contacting you, right?

Likewise, (in G) you don’t want non-contacts to share videos or screens. Right?

View that only contacts can send you an instant message (H).

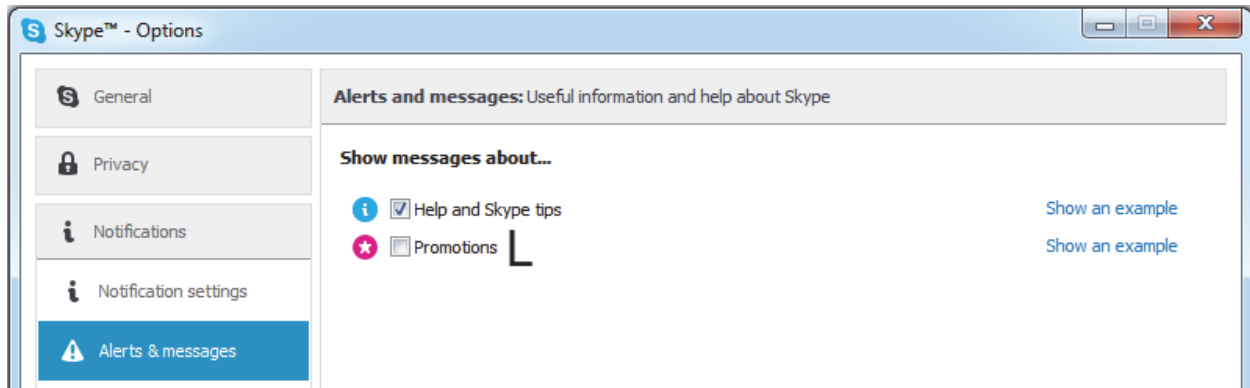
Finally as a nuisance, uncheck the box next to “Allow Microsoft targeted ads...” (I).



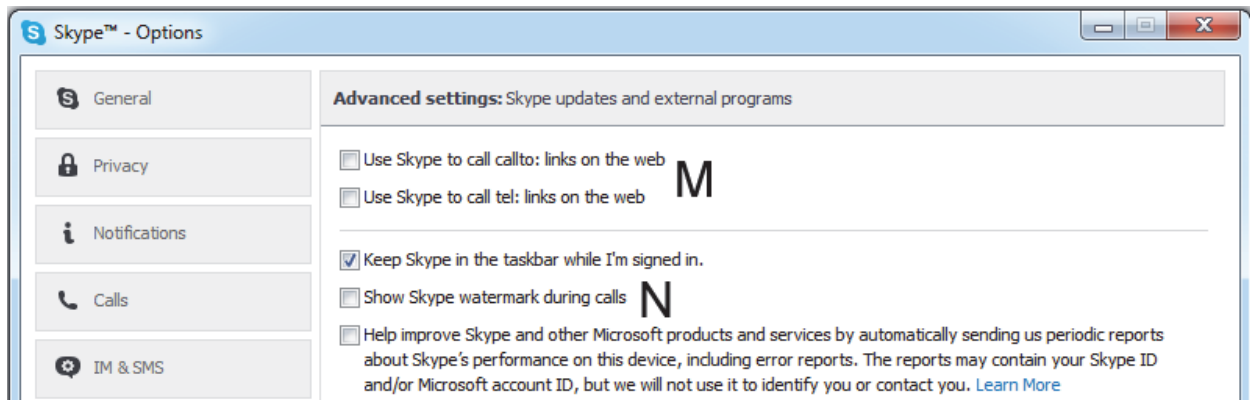
In the image above (J), I also don't like to be notified by popup box when a contact comes online or offline.

As well (in K), I really don't care if they have a birthday. I get notified elsewhere.

Note: As a security suggestion against possible identity theft (even if you are just showing it to your contact, I'd suggest you remove your birthday from your account. Some people have many contacts who may know you but by the internet only as well.



In the image above (L), turn off the nuisance related to promotions. I think few want them. Optionally, you can disable the help and Skype tips above. You can click on the example links to see an example.



In the image above (M), unless you have a paid Skype account, turn off the two “Use Skype to call...” options.

Finally (in N), you don't want the watermark show in your video. A nuisance.

Some sections above may repeat elsewhere.