

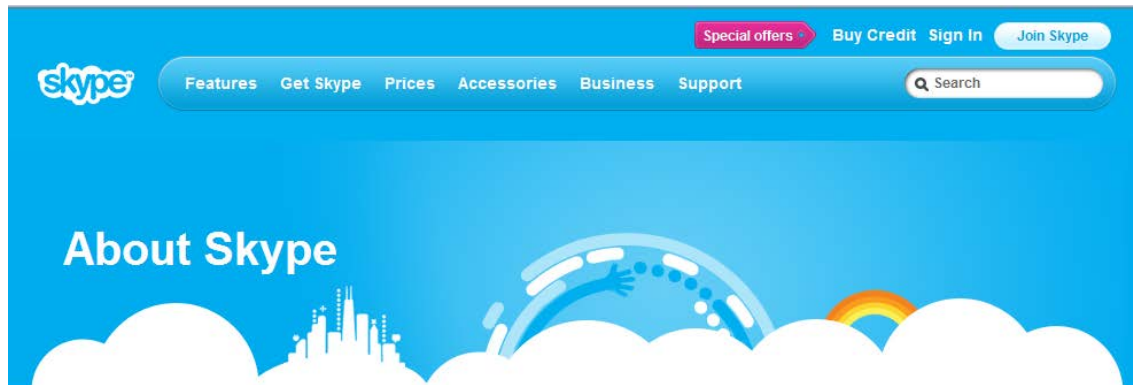
# ■ Using SKYPE as a Learning Tool

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# What is Skype?

- Voice-over Internet Protocol (VOIP) and software application
- Owned by Microsoft as of March 2011
- Over 35 Million simultaneous online users



# How to use Skype for Training

The most effective training combines audio, visual, and kinetic elements

- Skype can be used as an alternative to video conferencing for group training
- Speakers, lecturers, and instructors can be shared among several users
- Camera can be directed towards a white board or other visuals
- Files can be sent through Skype
- Calls can be recorded for MP3
- Equipment required – Webcam; headset, projector



# Pros and Cons of Skype

## Strengths

Convenience

Low Cost for software (free to \$10/month)

Reduces travel costs

Better than phone call alone

## Weaknesses

Quality can be mediocre compared to Videoconferencing

Network restrictions





# Skype

QUESTIONS?

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