

Re: FLOSS VOIP Client software

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On Sun, Jan 27, 2008 at 01:10:19PM +1100, Typhoon wrote:

Sorry for breaking the thread, but I have just joined the list.

You don't need the same client on Windows and Linux. I would use SIP phones since I have found them the most reliable and the most widespread. That will change as IAX becomes the norm (I think).

There are two ways that I communicate with my Windows/Mac friends. Either is OK.

1) Both of you establish and account on Free World Dialup:
<http://www.freeworlddialup.com/>

On Linux, use Ekiga. Ekiga will connect to multiple accounts, so you can have your Ekiga account and your FWD account active at the same time.

There are plenty of SIP service providers out there. If you want to safely experiment, use only those that don't require your credit card to register for starters. You won't be able to send calls out to normal phones, but you'll get the feeling.

On Windows/Mac, use the Siphone: <http://www.sjlabs.com/>
It is a very good sip-phone. The one for Linux is good too, but it is not free software and it does not connect simultaneously to multiple accounts.

2) Both of you establish an account on
Gizmo:<http://www.gizmoproject.com/>

They are also a nice SIP provider as-is: <http://sipphone.com/> . e.g: to get free 1-800 calls to the US.

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