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Raketu new P2P VoIP app takes on Skype

September 12, 2006

Is **Raketu** the next **Skype** killer? Raketu today launched a new VoIP client that also offers information and entertainment services. Raketu's communications features include dialout calling (**rakOut**) to landline/mobile phones, Instant Messaging (supporting Raketu, Yahoo, MSN, AOL, ICQ, **Google** and Skype), SMS-text messaging, and file transfers/sharing.

Raketu's information features include news, sports, weather, stock feeds, and an advanced internet and travel searching facility. Raketu's entertainment features include a podcast reader/player, games, and a full featured multi-media player with karaoke. Raketu supports **click-to-call**, **click-to-im**, **click-to-sms**, **global online presence**, and **enhanced social networking features**. I even noticed the software supports plugins, **including games** such as the classic Battleships game. I guess this would be Web 2.0 meets VoIP 2.0. Still missing some of my "cool" features for the **perfect unified communications client**.

In any event, Raketu's peer-to-peer (p2p) technology allows high quality VoIP calling and they claim the highest call-completion, without the security issues associated with supernodes (i.e. Skype) and other traditional p2p technologies. And unlike other p2p communications providers, Raketu does not use your computer for other users' communications.

According to Raketu, "More exciting services are planned for the coming months when Raketu will launch in-bound calling, advanced voice mail, large conferencing, and more. Today, Raketu provides the most comprehensive integrated communications, information and entertainment tool available, providing more options, more control, and more personal activity features than any other service."

Raketu runs over any internet connection including <gasp> dialup.

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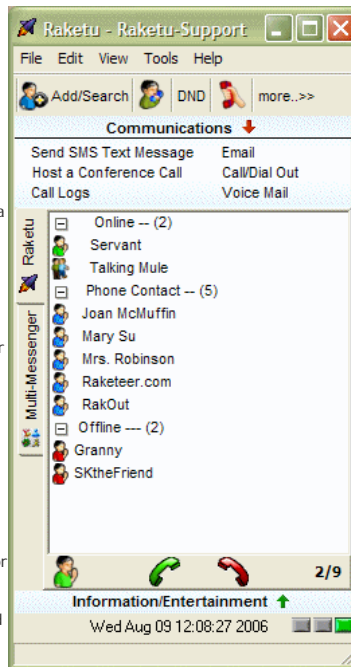
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Aswath :

September 22, 2006 3:58 PM

May be you can clarify a doubt: if it does not use supernodes, but is a true P2P system, how do they do authentication, directory service and NAT traversal?

Alos do you have any information on the codec that they use?

Thanks

Tech :

December 19, 2006 3:34 PM

Hi! I have benn using Raketu for quiet some time and I find it intresting !The instant messaging allows to chat with google,msn ,yahoo using only one application.It seems quiet promising !

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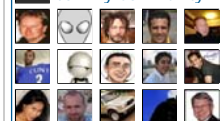


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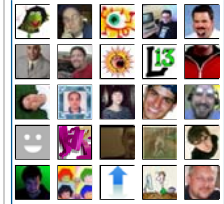
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