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[Windows Live Messenger 9.0 \(2009\) Beta Video Improvements](#)

Available in the Beta Refresh version

[Windows Live Messenger 9.0 \(2009\)](#) continues to find itself on the verge of being released to web (RTW), but for the time being it is nothing more than a Beta. Still, Microsoft is applauding the superior video capabilities delivered by the next iteration of its instant messaging client. Additionally, fact is that end-users are able to get a feel of what the next version of the IM client brings to the table even with the current Build of Windows Live Messenger 9.0 (2009), which is available for download as a Beta Refresh release.

"Windows Live Messenger video call quality is better than ever. With the most recent Messenger release and a quality webcam, you can now experience a clearer, sharper picture with full-screen VGA video. True VGA video (640x480) is up to four times better resolution than prior solutions when switched to full screen. To experience a true VGA video call, you will need the latest version of Windows Live Messenger, a webcam, a PC with a dual core processor and broadband Internet connection," a member of the Windows Live Messenger team [explained](#).

However, the evolution of Windows Live Messenger between 8.5 and 9.0 in terms of video call capabilities does not stop here. The instant messaging client now brings to the table superior connection time when users initiate a video call, as well as a video-centric interface available outside of full screen mode. Starting with version 9.0, Windows Live Messenger is now a part of Windows Live Essentials, a package designed to centralize all the components that have been separated from the Windows operating system.

The Windows Live Messenger team representative added that, with just a web camera and version 9.0 of the IM client, users would be able to "Create a dynamic profile picture; place [themselves] in a holiday visual effect; try Windows Live Video Messages Beta when your friends are not available for a Messenger video call; customize emoticons with images of yourself (Tools > Emoticons > Create > Then select a picture that you'd like to make into an emoticon by clicking 'Find Image.'"

Windows Live Messenger 9.0 (2009) Wave 3 Beta Refresh is available for download [here](#).