**Comparing Lync 2013 and Lync 2010**

This page provides a side by side comparison of the Lync 2013 and Lync 2010 interfaces.

This page provides a side by side view of the most commonly used Lync features for people who are updating from Lync 2010 to Lync 2013.

**The Lync main window**

While the general layout of Lync 2013’s main window resembles Lync 2010, some of the icons have changed and Lync 2013 offers more options.

![Lync main window comparison](image)

**Make a voice call**

You can either dial a number or use a contact's call icon in both versions of Lync. (The icons are circled in gold in the images below.)
Send an instant message

Messaging one person

In Lync 2010, you needed to click a contact's name in order to produce the flyout window that contained the Instant Messaging tool.

In Lync 2013, hovering over a contact produces the view with the Instant Messaging icon.

Lync 2013 (left) and Lync 2010 (right)

Messaging a group

In both versions of Lync, you can use control-click to select multiple people to instant message.
In Lync 2013, hovering over one of the selected users’ contact area will bring up the icon row that you can use to instant message them all. (In Lync 2010, you’d need to right click after using the left click selection method in order to access the instant message icon.)

**Lync 2013 (left) and Lync 2010 (right)**

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**Sharing your screen**

In Lync 2010’s instant message screen, a Share menu offers screen sharing options for sharing individual programs or the full desktop.

Lync 2013 also offers these options, but instead of using a menu, hovering over the projection screen icon will show you the sharing list.
Making a video call

Lync 2010 uses a Video button at the top of a call window to add video to a voice call. Lync 2013 uses a video camera icon that appears when you hover over the person's contact area.