

Kevin Delaney, young Co-Founder of KhaosLabs !

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Profile: 15 years, student from Ontario, Canada,
Co-Founder of [KhaosLabs](#), Skype partner's

Kevin, some words about you ... Who are you ?

I'm a high school student from Ontario, Canada. I'm also the Co-Founder of KhaosLabs, a software development company.

How did you know Skype ?

I originally heard about Skype on TechTV and decided to give it a try. I was amazed at the fact that I could make free calls to anywhere in the world. Skype was what originally inspired me to start programming, as I saw the potential that it had.

Is KhaosLabs a start-up enterprise ?

Yes. KhaosLabs was started up by my friend and now business partner Kevin Langlois in the Fall of 2004. In early 2005, we added Jason Terando, creator of ActiveS (a Skype API COM Wrapper for Windows Developers) to the roster.

How long you devote to KhaosLabs ?

When I'm not busy with schoolwork, I devote the majority of my time to KhaosLabs and its users.

What is the activity of KhaosLabs ?

KhaosLabs is a software development team. We mainly focus on the Skype API, but anything's possible. We also do consulting and contract work for companies looking to Skype-enable their products.

Which are software of KhaosLabs ?

Currently we have 3 public products available:

- [KhaosDial](#) - **Generates DTMF tones that can be used to dial Skype or any POTS phone.**
- [ActiveS](#) - **An API COM Wrapper for Skype. It allows easier access to the Skype API for Windows programmers.**
- [FlickrBar](#) - **A FireFox extension that allows easy access to your Flickr.com account. (On hold at time of interview)**

We have many more on the way in the coming months.

Actually, which is your more important product ?

We get the most traffic, usage, and comments for ActiveS. It's definitely our #1 priority right now.

Could you say more about this one?

A large percentage of Windows Skype API developers use ActiveS for their projects, mainly because it is 100% open source and royalty-free. We support it as much as possible and try to reply to all users' support inquiries in a prompt manner.

Do you consider new projects ?

Yes, All the time! I can tell you that internally, we have a few of them on the go right now; some in planning, some in progress.

Do you envisage some french translations of your software ?

That's always been a big issue for us. In the near future, we're looking to make some (if not all) of our software multilingual. The only issue is finding people that could do translations. If you speak multiple languages and would be interested in volunteering to do this, please send an email to info@khaoslabs.com.

Which is your relation with Skype ?

Currently, I'm a Beta Tester, Forum Moderator and a member of the Skype Developer Advisory Council. I test new versions of Skype before they become publicly available to ensure quality and compatibility.

What do you think about Skype business-plan and strategy ?

I think Skype is doing well right now. However, they will definitely have to bring out something revolutionary if they want to stay in the market against Google, Yahoo and now Microsoft. They also need to form better relationships with their third-party developers. Recently, they formed the Developer Advisory Council, which is a good start for them. It's still early in Skype's lifetime, so we'll have to see how this all plays out.

Merci Kevin et bonne continuation ...