Thing 4: Hidden Gems of Skype & Hangouts

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The Basics
Device issues

Know your vendors:

- iOS = Apple and Apple does not like Google
- Hangouts = Google and Google does not like Apple
- Skype = Microsoft and Microsoft does not like Google or Apple
- Android = Google and Google does not like Apple
Looking good on camera

- Do your hair :)
- Have a good background (a window is probably a bad idea)
- Don’t have a bright light behind you
- Do have enough light in the room
- Make sure your family knows you’re on screen so they don’t walk behind you in their PJs - or less
Audio issues

- Get a headset!
  - Wired are cheaper and last longer
  - Wireless can be more costly but more convenient
- If you don’t have a headset make sure the speakers on your computer are far from the mic or else you will have a terrible echo
- Learn how to mute your microphone on your device
Google Hangouts
Google Hangouts

- Text Chats
- Voice Over IP & Video chats (10 people)
  - 15 people if you use Google Apps at work (https://www.google.com/work/apps/business/products/hangouts/)
- Works in Chrome, Android and iOS

Where did you install / use it?
How did you use it?
Hangouts Privacy

- Hangouts doesn’t support off-the-record (OTR) encryption, which makes it so no one can read your messages.
- No Google service supports OTR encryption
- Video chat does occur (on the computer) over https - so that offers you much more security
- Google knows all! http://www.zdnet.com/article/google-hangouts-too-smart-for-privacy/
Public Hangouts

- [https://plus.google.com/hangouts](https://plus.google.com/hangouts)
- Host a hangout on air to promote the library
- Browse hangouts on air: [https://plus.google.com/hangouts/onair](https://plus.google.com/hangouts/onair)
- Read the terms of service: [https://www.google.com/+/policy/hangoutsonair.html](https://www.google.com/+/policy/hangoutsonair.html)
Having fun with Hangouts
Integrate YouTube into Hangouts

Welcome to YouTube in Hangouts!

Some things to remember:

- Everyone sees the same video and playlist so adding and skipping videos will affect everyone.
- Only you see your search queries and results.

Have fun and remember that you can share the playlist you’ve created with your friends when you’re done hanging out.

Search results for "koha ils"

1. Introduction to the Koha Open Source ILS
   - This is a quick (very quick) introduction to the features available in the ... by bywatersolutions | 14,937 views

2. MarcEdit Direct ILS Integration -- Update/Creation ...
   - This video provides a simple demonstration of MarcEdit's new direct ILS integration method ... by preelee | 590 views

3. MarcEdit Direct ILS Integration -- Searching [Koha...
   - MarcEdit provides two searching methods (single search and batch search) ... by preelee | 500 views

4. KOHA the first open-source Integrated Library Sy...
   - The webinar presented KOHA open-source Integrated Library System ... by FAO AIMS | 423 views

5. KOHA the first open-source Integrated Library Sy...
   - The webinar presented KOHA open-source Integrated Library System ... by FAO AIMS | 482 views
Do you have any questions / observations from your use of Google Hangouts?
Different Versions of Skype

- Works on:
  - Windows (best performance)
  - Mac
  - Linux
  - Mobile operating systems

- All have different options and menus!!

- Where did you install/use it? How did you use it?
Video calling with up to 25 people (on Windows)

Share your screen

Call phones (toll number require payment)

Learn the limits of the different versions: https://support.skype.com/en/
Some Skype users make money from spamming users, which they do by sending IMs.

Choose Settings > Privacy section and ensure that ‘Allow IMs from’ is set to Contacts only. You might also want to limit who you Receive calls from.

You might like to keep your age and gender private from Microsoft’s targeted ads system, clear the checkbox on ‘Allow Microsoft targeted ads’.

Skype Contact Organization

- Add contacts to lists to keep the organized
- Edit names for your contacts
- Send videos, photos and files to contacts
  - Screenshot from Mac version
Fun Skype Stuff

- Search within your chat transcripts
Do you have any questions / observations from your use of Skype?
Ideas
How to use Skype / Hangouts

- Author talks
- Host programs
- Reference services
- Meet with colleagues
- What are you ideas??
Learn More


- Messner, Kate. “An Author in Every Classroom: Kids Connecting with Authors via Skype. It’s the next Best Thing to Being There.” School Library Journal 56, no. 9 (September 1, 2010): 42–44.

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