



Boston-area hotel makes room for Skype

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Guests at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge, Mass., can use Skype at its free computer stations.

How are hotels helping those who miss seeing their loved ones when traveling solo?

The Charles Hotel in Cambridge, Mass., has a solution.

The Boston-area lodging, which liquidated its ice-machine rooms to turn them into free computer stations with printers, just added [Skype](#) and video cameras.

That means that guests don't have to lug computers and cameras and can dial up spouses, kids and other significant others with a Skype account and have free, face-to-face conversations. They also can open a Skype account, which is gratis.