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How do I use my iPhone as a wireless webcam to conduct videoconferencing?

PocketCam, an iPhone application, turns your iPhone into a **wireless webcam** for your Windows-based computer or Mac (OS X 10.5 or above). Just download the software onto your computer from PocketCam's web site and then your iPhone from iTunes, point the phone at what you want to transmit via video, and the iPhone camera turns into a virtual webcam.

PocketCam works with any Windows-based webcam applications, including instant message applications such as MSN Live Messenger, Skype, and AIM. For Mac users, PocketCam works with any Mac applications that use QuickTime for video capturing, including GTalk, Skype, and aMSN.

Some of the limitations include a one-second delay before images show on the computer, so there can be an awkward delay. In addition, PocketCam does not work with iChat on the Mac.

Instructions

1. If you have not already done so, download and install the PocketCam for Windows or Mac software from the website, www.senstic.com.
2. On Windows, run PocketControl for Windows and make sure the SensticPocketService is running on your computer. On Mac, run PocketControl from the Mac applications folder and select PocketCam as your preferred webcam.
3. Connect your iPhone to your home network using Wi-Fi.
4. Start PocketCam on iPhone, and the app will automatically connect to your computer. The bottom of your iPhone screen should display "Connected to your_computer_name:port."
5. Start any program on your computer that uses webcam, and select "PocketCam" as your virtual webcam.
6. Enjoy live images from your iPhone camera as your webcam source!

For more information, check out PocketCam's web site: <http://www.senstic.com/>