

# Skype on Kubuntu using a Tiptel USB telephone

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## Abstract

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Better even, I bought a USB telephone yesterday: a reasonably cheap [Tiptel 115](#), with [Skype support](#). Kubuntu breezy recognized the USB device, added a `/dev/dsp1` and after running `alsamixer` to raise the sound levels, it seems to work fine, though did not have an actual phone call yet :) I enabled KDE sound again, which is in the first device, and Skype runs on the second. No more segfaults it seems.