

## Re: Webcam

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I have been wrestling with this too, and there's no easy answer. I have researched in depth the problem of getting iChat to work with AIM, but very few people have been able to do so, and I have not. I have tried several video chatting apps, but the only thing that has worked so far is having both people using Yahoo Instant Messenger, but this is far from perfect -- the Mac user gets a very herky jerky video feed from the PC user, but the PC user gets a half-decent feed from the iChat user if s/he uses an iSight camera (by far the best one out there). Supposedly, there are some video conferencing clients available that have good quality video but which require the use of a paid service as a go-between, but I refuse to pay for this.

One day video chat between PC and Mac will work well, and I believe it will happen soon. But just to show your wife that Macs are indeed great, try establishing an iChat-to-iChat video chat with another Mac user -- she will be amazed at the vastly superior experience over PC chatting. You can find other Mac video chatters using a freeware application called Masq (which can be found at [Versiontracker.com](http://Versiontracker.com)). I believe Masq's main purpose is introducing iChatters who wish to "enjoy" themselves privately, but I had no problem finding nice people in faraway lands who merely wished to meet new people. I used it only once, but for the same purpose mentioned above -- to show my PC wife that Mac is a superior platform for video chatting. Good luck.

On 11/16/05 10:22 AM, in article BFA17DBA.1581%[m\\_vasnani@xxxxxxxx](mailto:m_vasnani@xxxxxxxx), "Mahesh Vasnani" <[m\\_vasnani@xxxxxxxx](mailto:m_vasnani@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

- > Hi guys
- > I am a new to the Mac Platform. Like most people hv been on a windows
- > platform for nearly 10 yr or windows 3.0 whichever is first. I been working
- > on windows inside out and decide to try this
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- > However one of the main thing disappointing me was the lack of mac to pc web
- > cam support on msn or any program.
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- > I believe the new AOL is the solution. I tried one two other option which
- > turned out very complicated. Does anyone has any simple one which I can pass

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> on to my wife who isnt a techie and reminds me each day of the money wasted  
> on my ibook.  
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> Mahesh  
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• **References:**

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