

How to install Skype on 64 bit Ubuntu (amd64) architecture

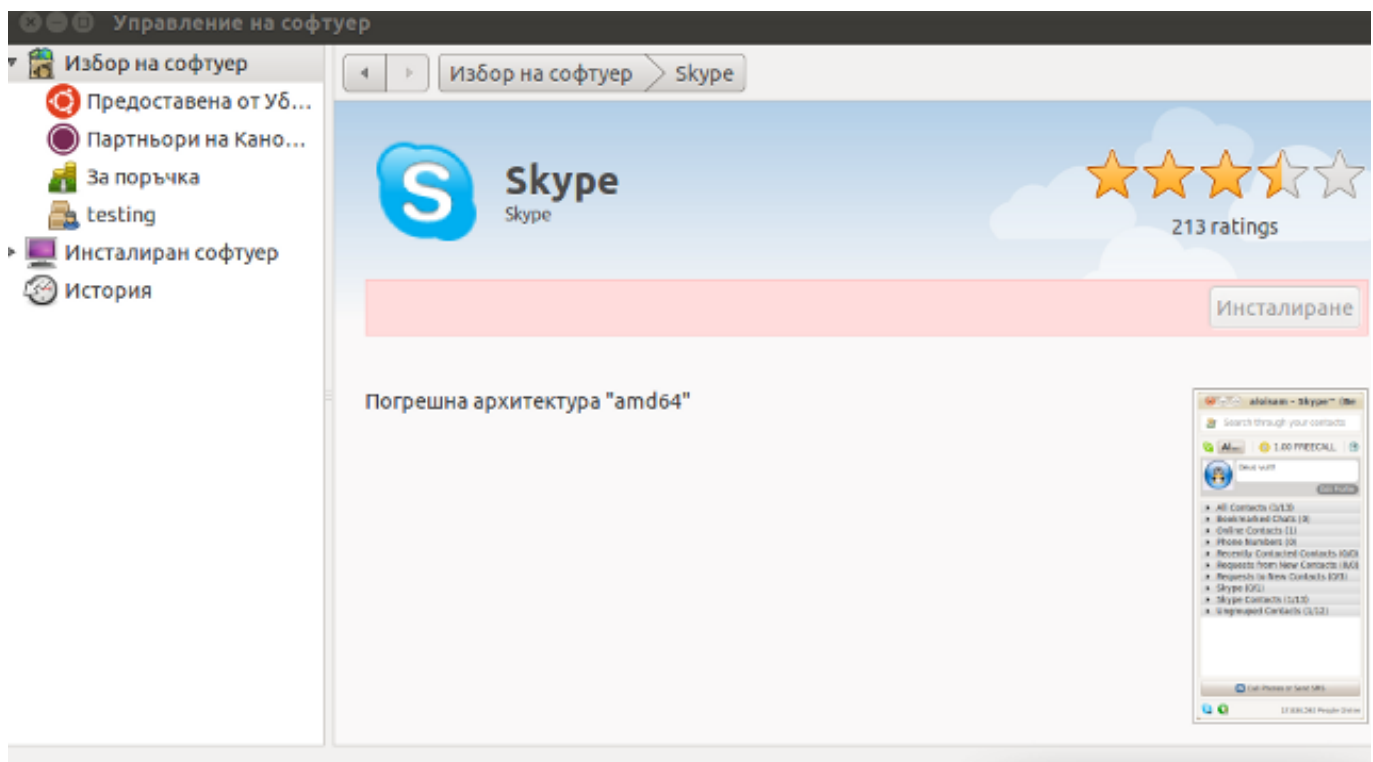
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It seems **Skype** has troubles installing on 64 bit Ubuntu via Ubuntu's Graphical Package Install manager which in Ubuntu 11.04 is called (**Ubuntu Software Center**)

During my attempt to take advantage of the nice GUI apt frontend, I encountered the error:

Wrong Architecture amd64

And Skype install failed, as you see in below's picture (which you might be unable to read since it's stating the error in Bulgarian ;)



The error is quite understandable, since the Skype deb package which tried to install was built for the i386 architecture.

Since the Software Center was not intelligent enough to work around the issue, I finally fixed it myself using the good old **apt-get** in terminal, like so:

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root@ubuntu:~# apt-get install skype
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apt did not even complain that the package had a different architecture for i386 and installed skype without any errors as well Skype worked immediately even though the architectural difference.

This is probably because even though it's a amd64 Ubuntu it has a kernel module loaded to support i386 binaries ;)

Now my sister can enjoy her skype on the shiny Ubuntu ;)