

Janus Friis

Janus co-founded Joost, Skype, Kazaa and Joltid, among other high-profile technology companies, with his long-time business partner Niklas Zennström.

At Skype, Janus pioneered the development of the company's VOIP products and helped the company become the global leader in internet voice communications, with more than 309m registered users within five years of launch and revenues of \$130m in Q1 2008. In 2005, Skype was sold to eBay Inc for \$3.1 bn.

Janus also worked at Tele2, where he first met Niklas, and together they launched get2net and everyday.com.

Janus started his career in technology at CyberCity, one of Denmark's first Internet Service Providers. He serves on the board of Joost, where he is also co-chairman of the advisory board.

Janus is the recipient of a series of industry awards, including the 2006 Wharton Infosys Business Transformation Award, given to businesses and individuals who have used information technology in a way that changed an industry or society as a whole, and was also recognized by Time Magazine as one of its 100 Most Influential People in 2006.

