

# "SKYPE" AUTO-ANSWER

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# SUMMARY

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No other video conferencing service has this feature for free.

# TOPICS

- Free "Auto-answer" Feature Is Unique to Skype
- Setting Up the Remote End for Auto-answer
- YouTube Video of a Dog Getting a Skype Call From Her Human
- Additional Information

# SKYPE'S "AUTO-ANSWER"

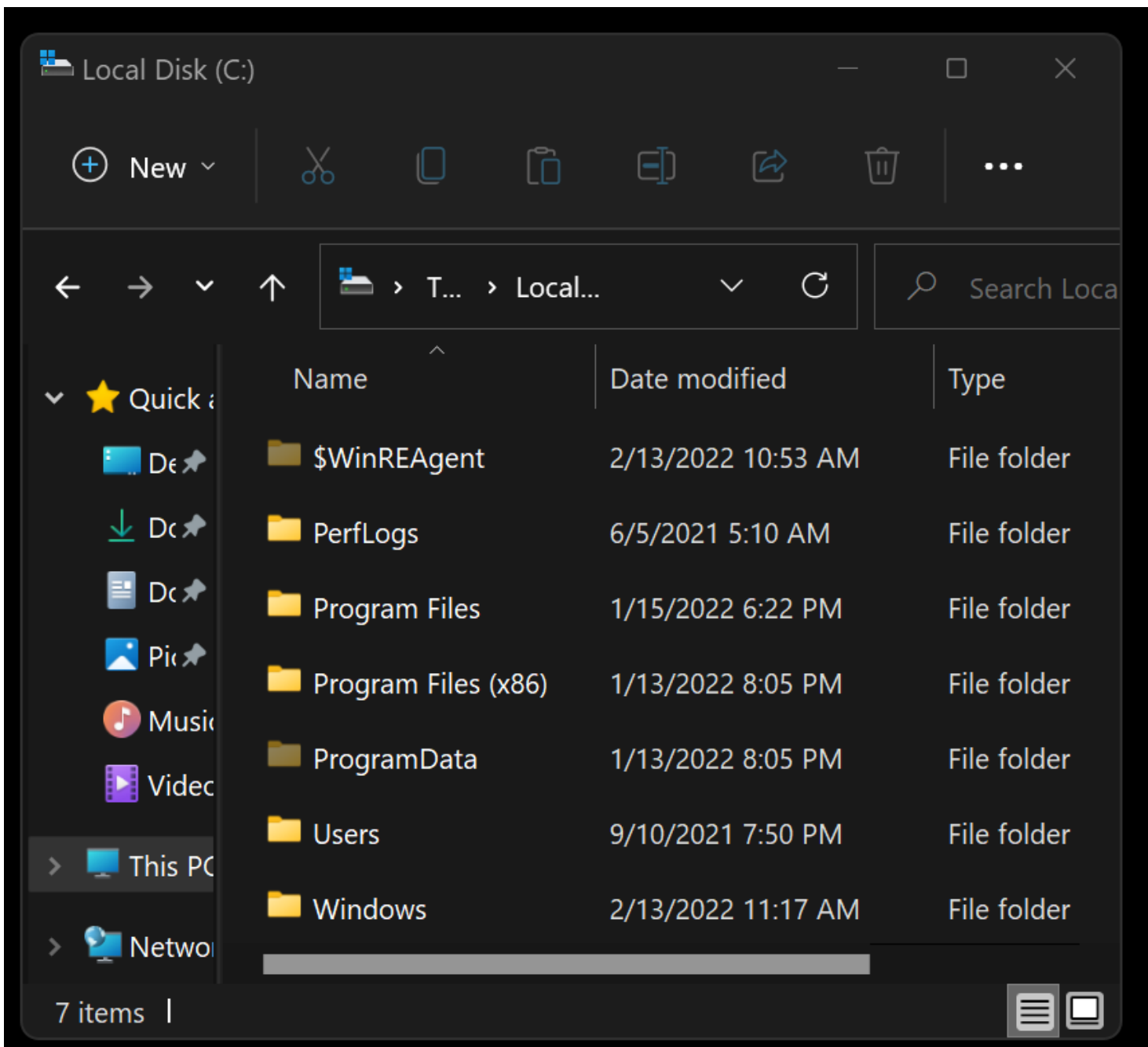
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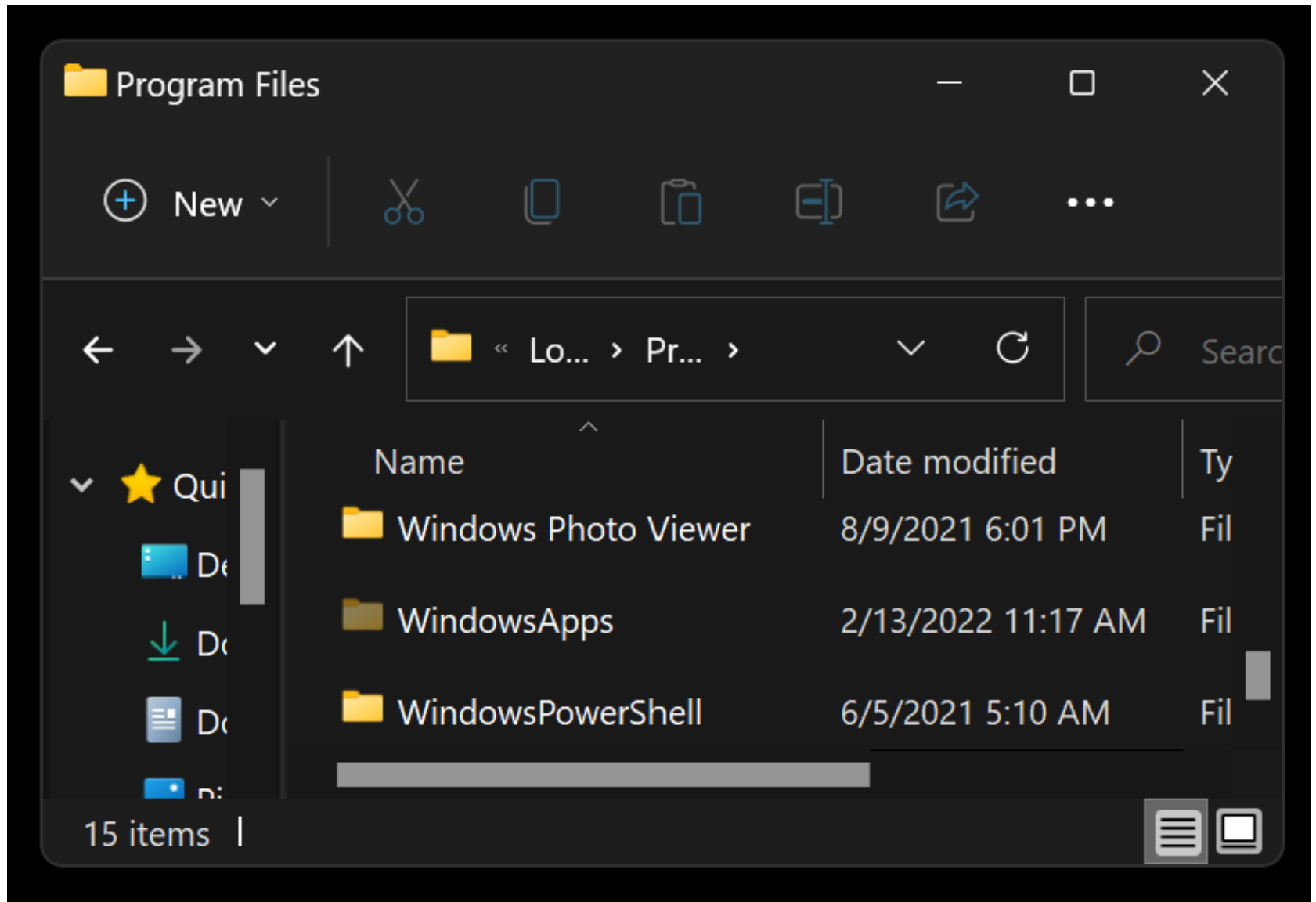
- F.y.i. if you want to set up a computer to do auto-answer for Zoom:  
You have to get a separate not-free Zoom Pro account or Zoom Corporate account or Zoom Rooms account for the remote computer that you want to do the auto-answering  
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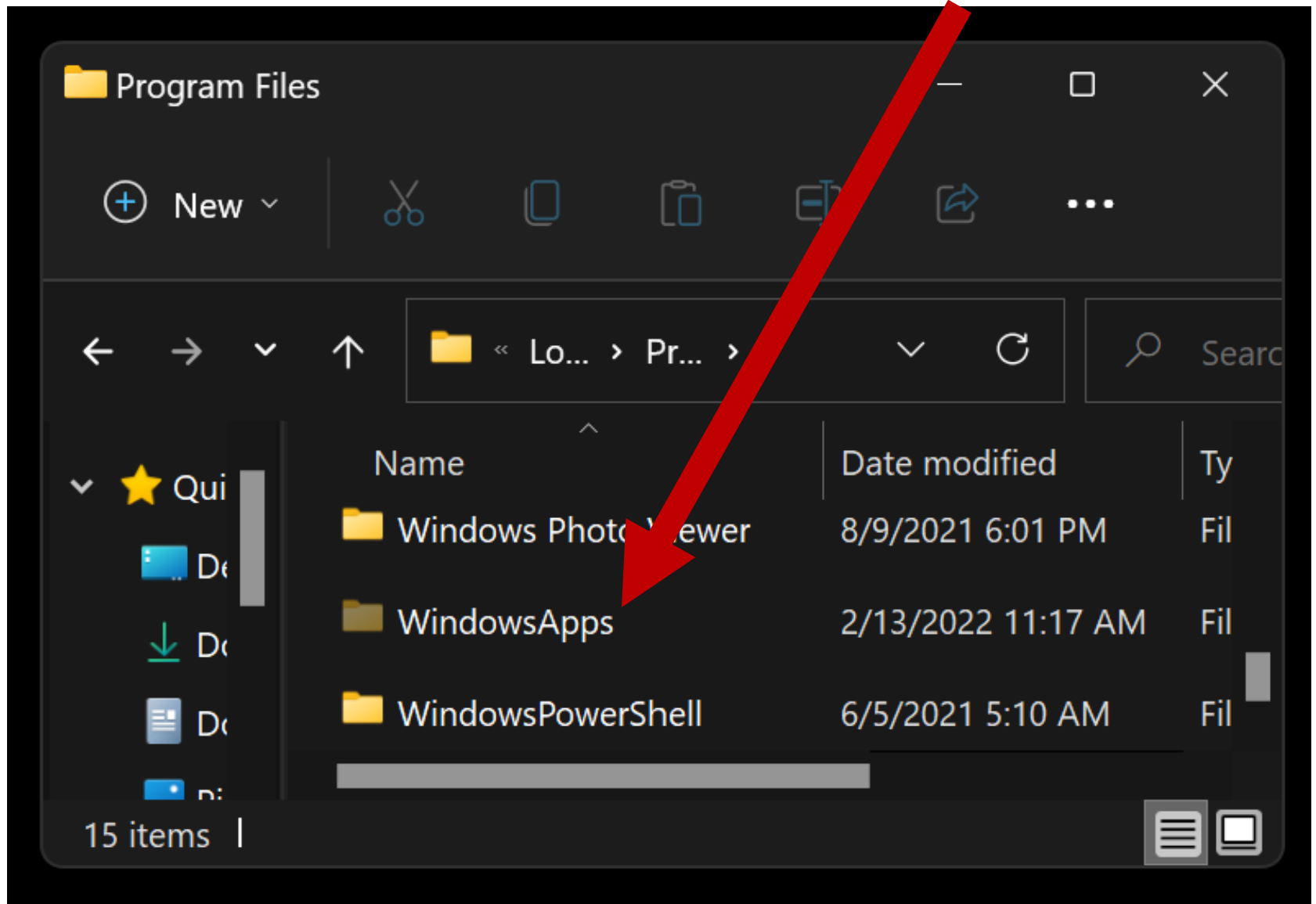
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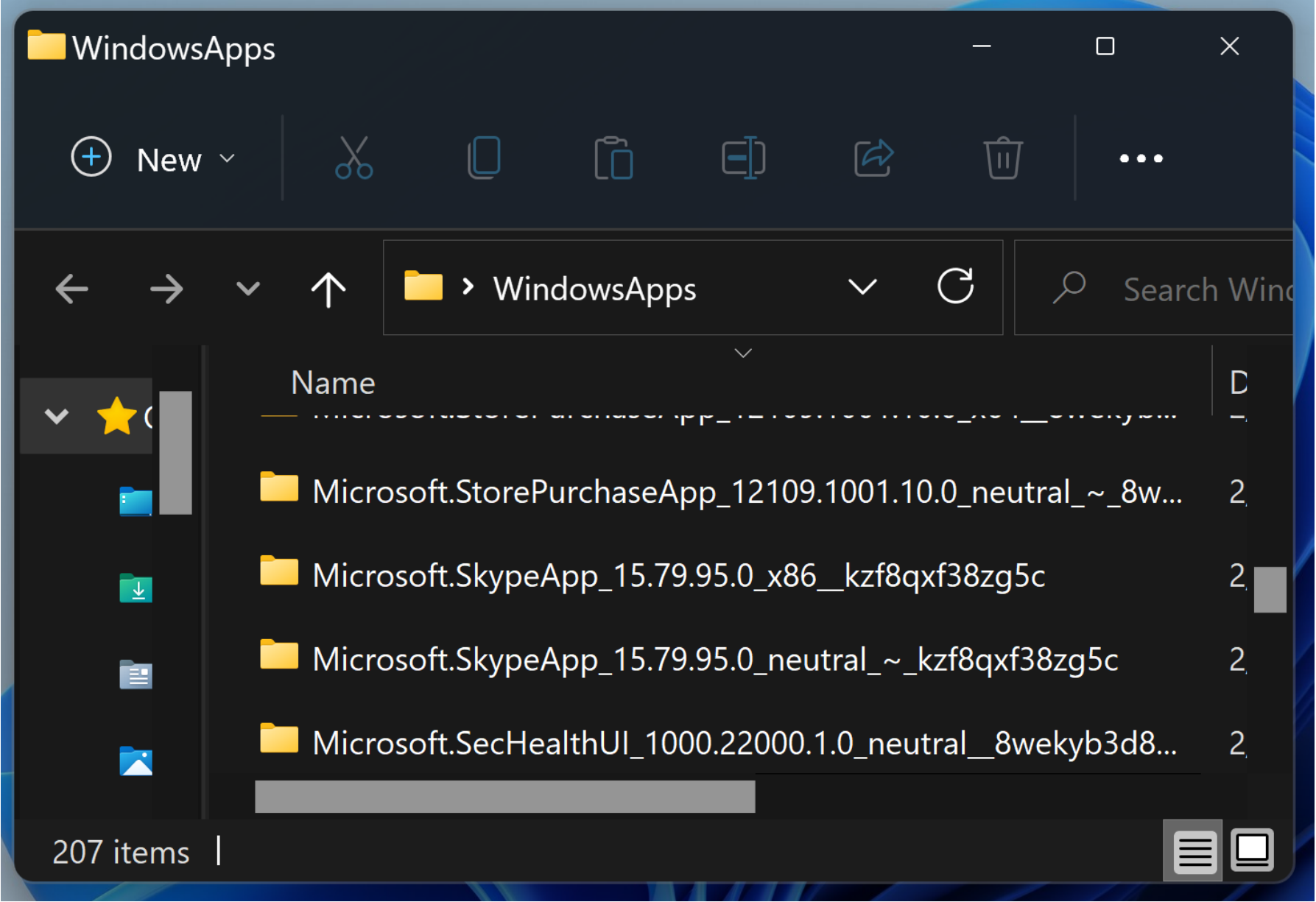
- Like all other UWP apps, "Skype" is located in the "WindowsApps" folder which is inside the "Program Files" folder in the C: drive:

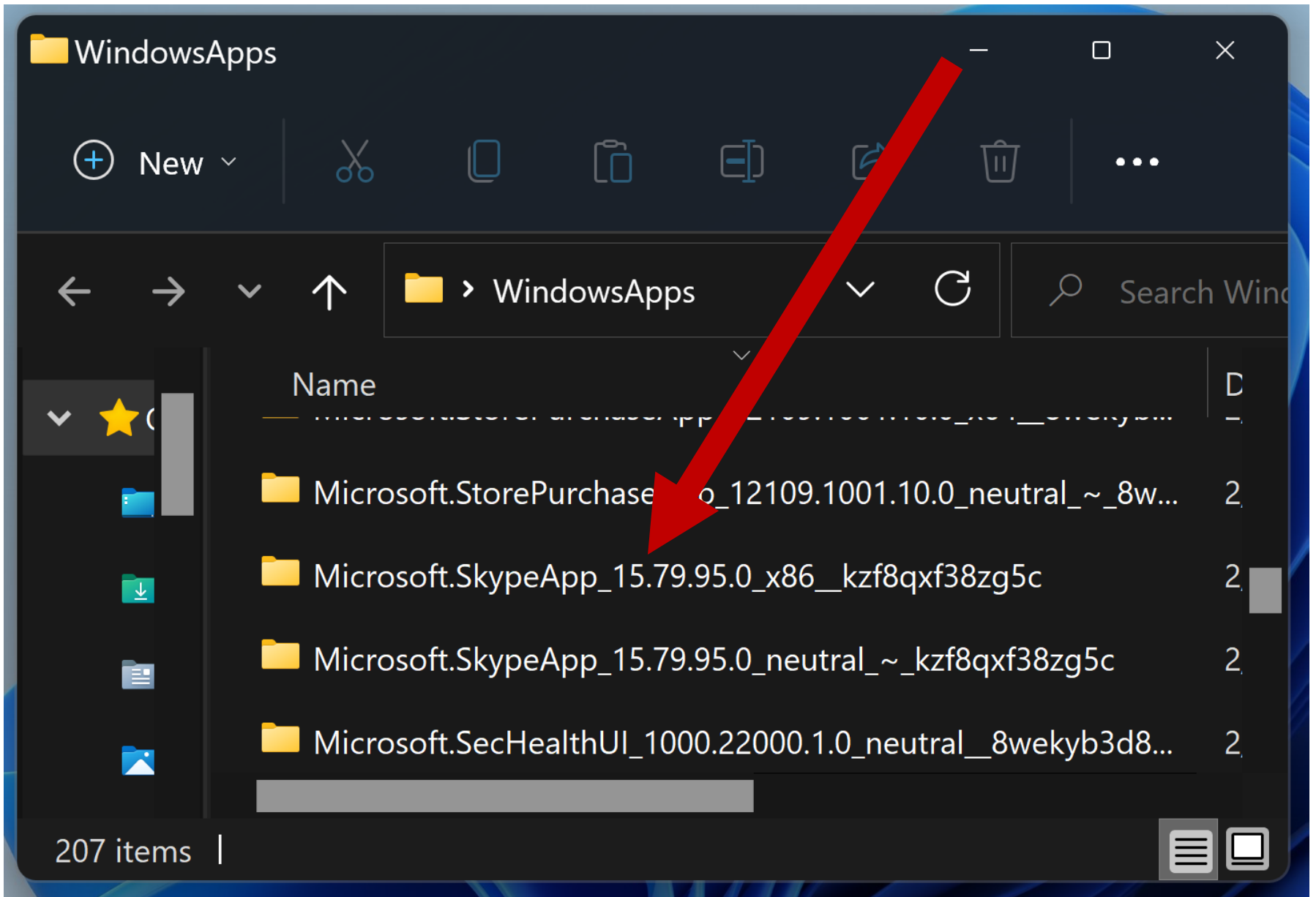


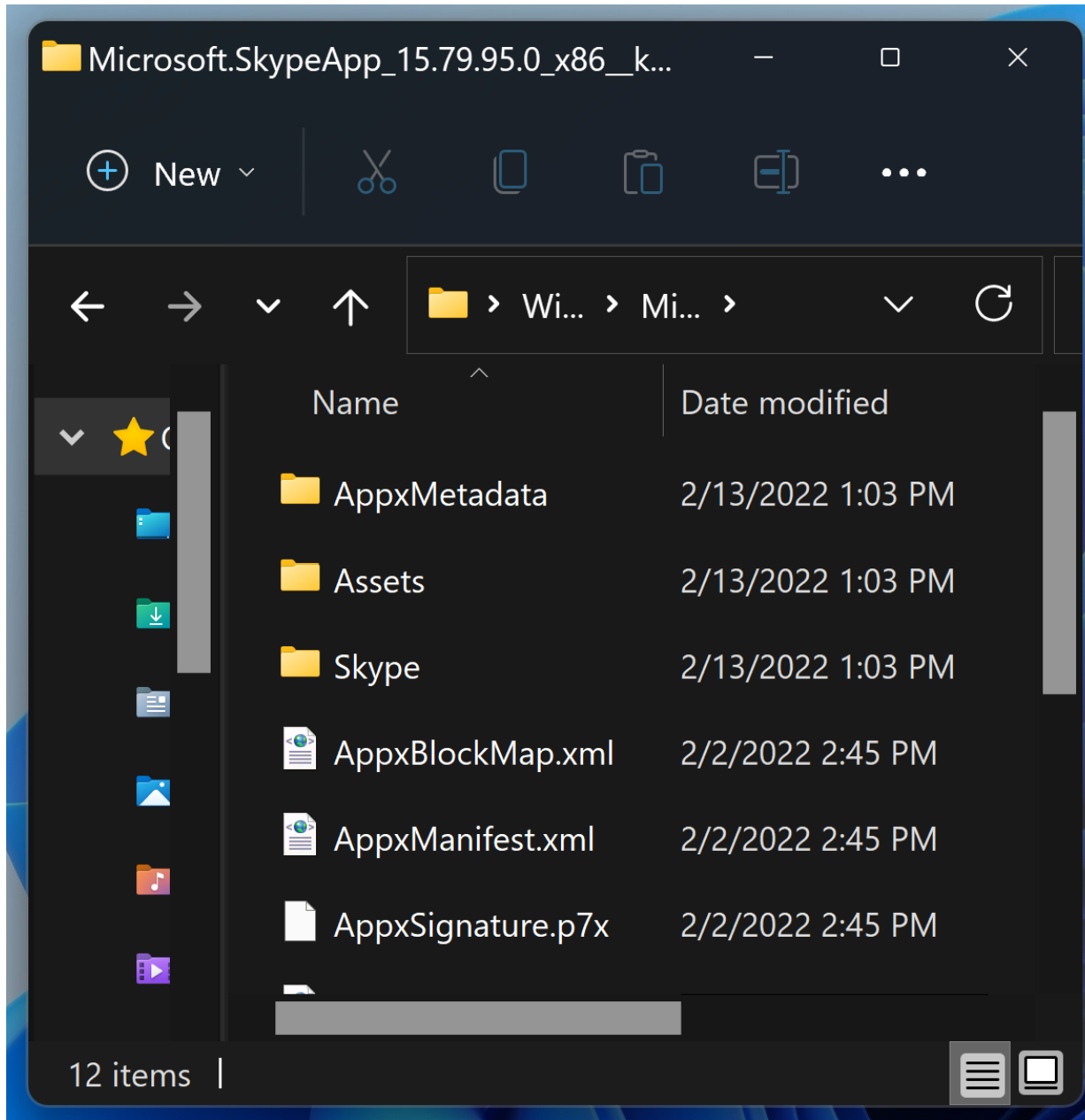


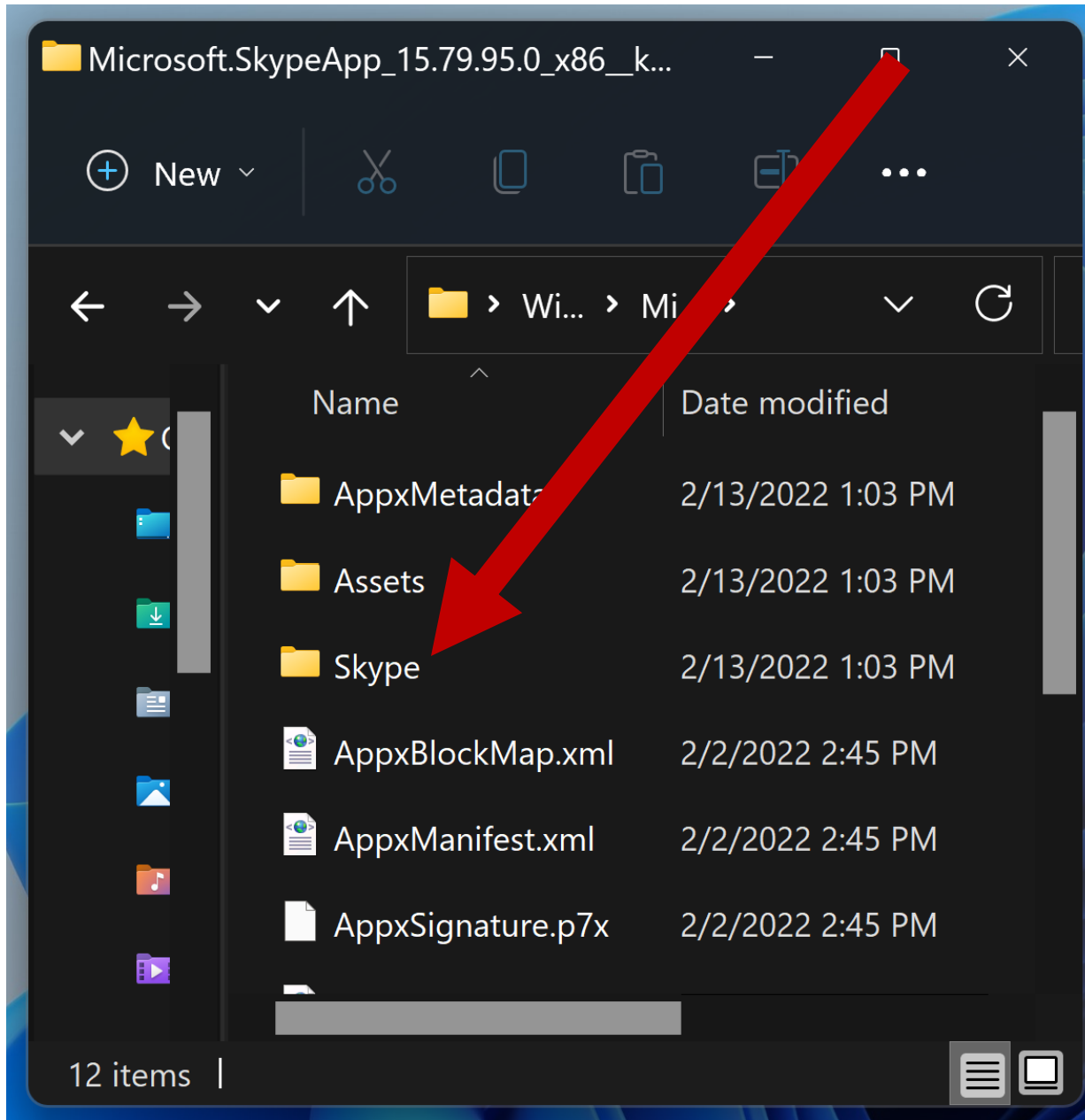


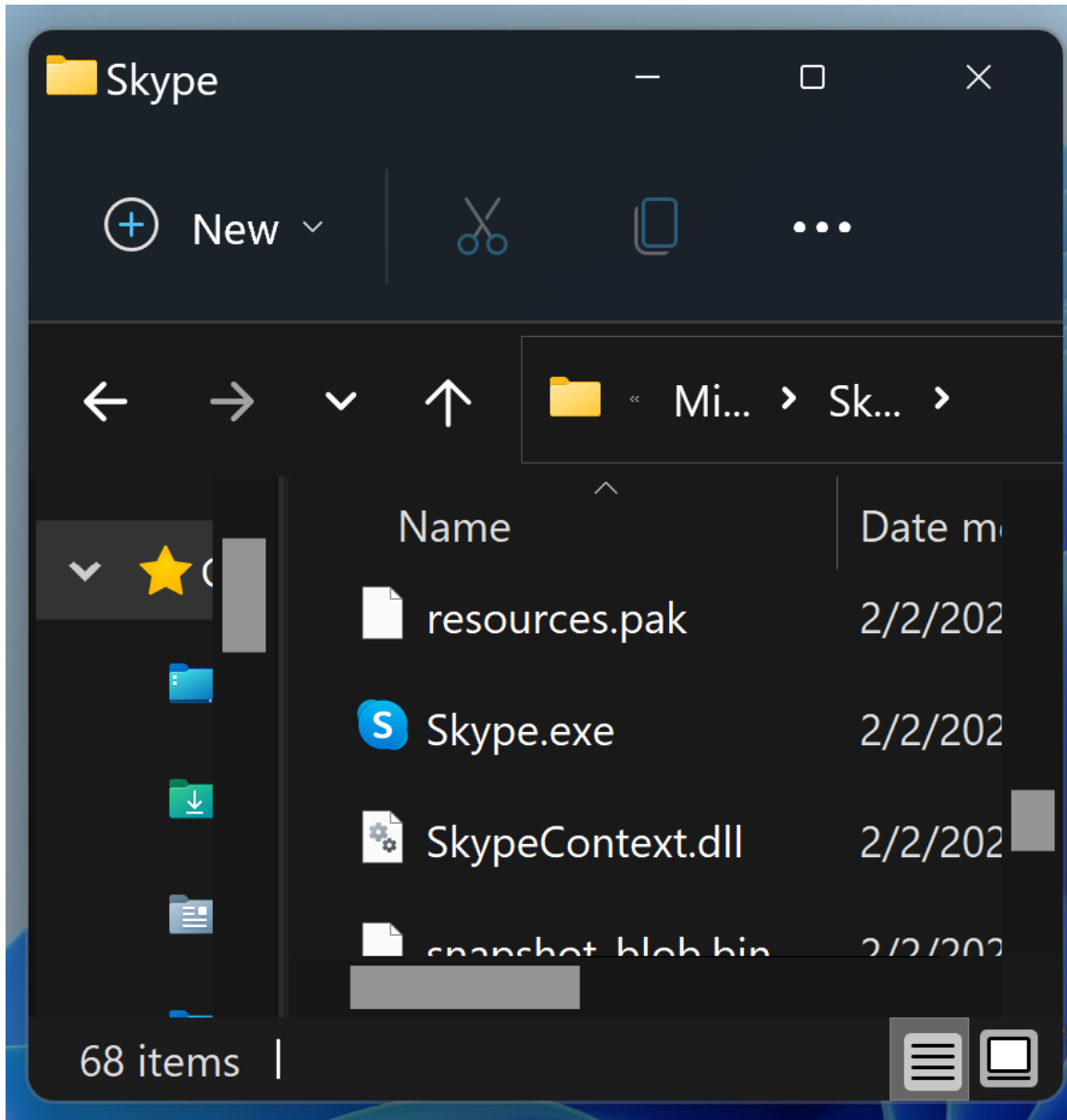


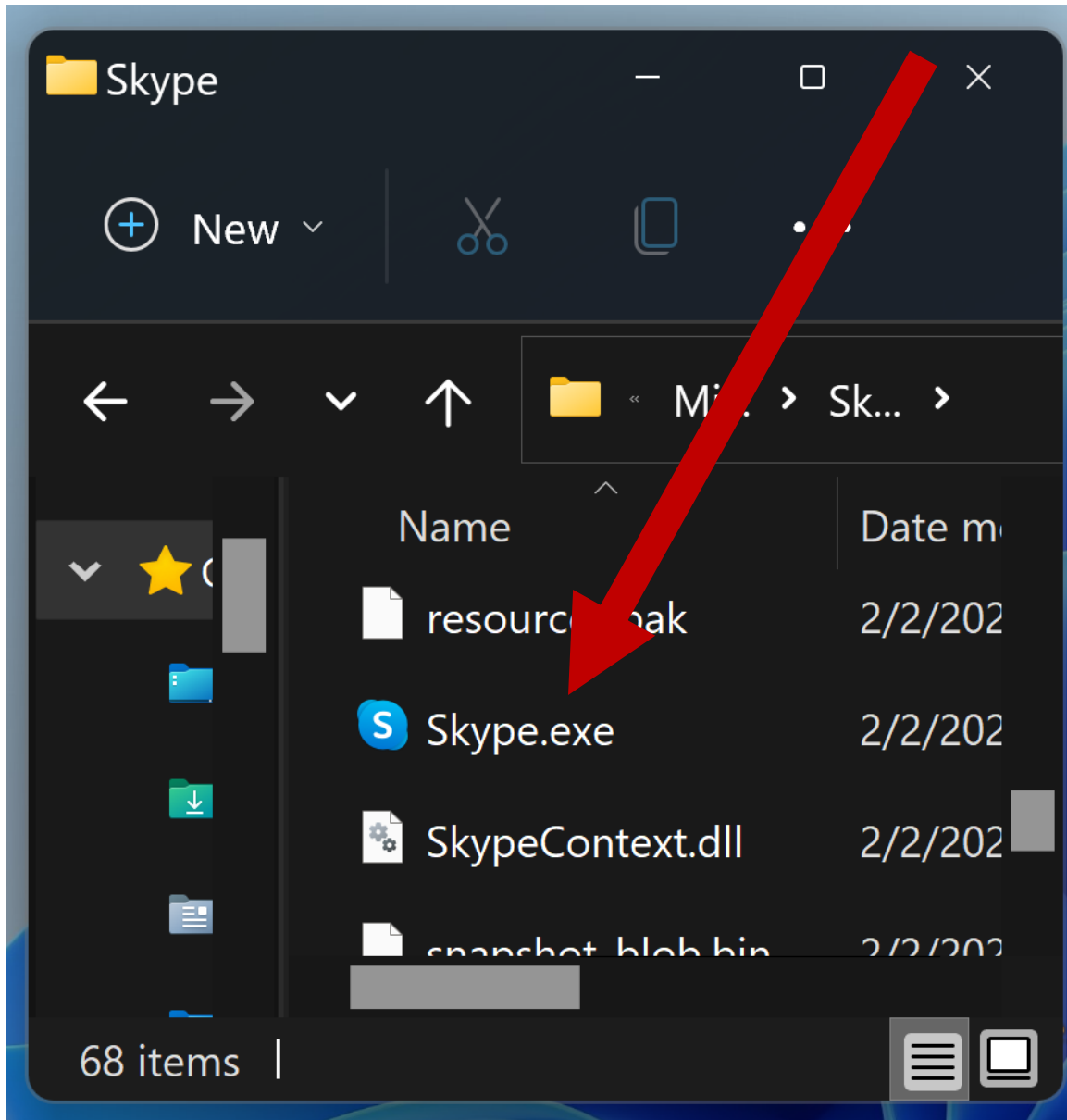














# SETTING UP THE REMOTE END

- The remote auto-answering side has to have Skype installed into a computer or a tablet that runs "Windows 10" or "Windows 11". Cell phones, Android tablets, and iPad tablets have Skype apps that cannot do auto-answering

# SETTING UP THE REMOTE END

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- Create a new, unique Microsoft account for your dog or cat. (Do not use any existing Microsoft account.)
- Log into the "Skype" app in the remote computer with the new, unique Microsoft account.

# SETTING UP THE REMOTE END (continued)

- Make sure that the video, speaker, and microphone functions for the remote computer are working from inside Skype

# SETTING UP THE REMOTE END

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- Click on the three dots
- Click on "Settings" in the pop-up menu

# SETTING UP THE REMOTE END (continued)

- Click on "General"
- Click on "Settings" next to "automatically start Skype" and make sure that "Skype" is set to start up when "Windows.." is started up

# SETTING UP THE REMOTE END (continued)

- Do NOT activate "Launch Skype in the background" (some YouTube videos and online instructions will tell you to activate this feature but you can no longer activate this feature without inactivating auto-answer!)

# SETTING UP THE REMOTE END

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- **ACTIVATE "On close, keep Skype running"**
- **Click on "Calling"**  
Then, click on "Only allow Skype calls from contacts to ring on this device"

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- Click on "Advanced"
- Click on "Answer incoming calls automatically"
- Click on "Start my video automatically"
- Click on the "x" in the upper-right corner to close the Skype "Settings" dialog box



# SETTING UP THE REMOTE END

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- Go to "Contacts" in the Skype main window:  
Set your own Skype account as a contact (otherwise the remote auto-answering computer will not answer your call to it)

# SETTING UP THE REMOTE END

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- Go to the Windows "Control Center"

# SETTING UP THE REMOTE END

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- Go to "Power Options":  
Create a custom power plan that never turns off the display and never puts the computer to sleep
  - = Sleep after: "Never"
  - = Allow Hybrid Sleep: "Off"
  - = Hibernate after: "Never"

# VIDEO OF A DOG GETTING A SKYPE CALL FROM HER HUMAN

- <https://www.rightthisminute.com/video/talking-to-my-dog-via-Skype-teen-at-the-Bluesky-pets>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4XPBC0qo68>

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- <https://www.instructables.com/Remote-Security-w-Skype/>
- <https://www.supertintin.com/blog/skype-recorder/skype-cctv-using-skype-for-your-home-surveillance>
- <https://www.dummies.com/education/internet-basics/how-to-set-up-nannycam-surveillance-with-skype/>

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- <https://www.cnet.com/home/smart-home/how-to-use-skype-to-spy-on-your-cats-or-dogs/>
- <https://www.laptopmag.com/articles/use-skype-as-security-camera>

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- <https://triphackr.com/how-to-skype-with-your-pets-on-vacation/>
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