

Using my webcam to communicate via AOL Instant Messenger (AIM)

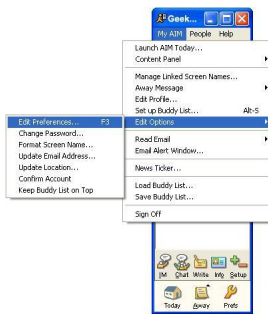
This information applies to the following webcams:

- Blog Webcam
- Dualpix HD Webcam
- Webcam Deluxe
- Webcam Classic

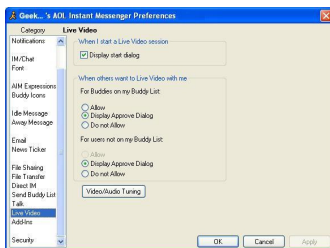
Notes: Configuration of the instant messaging application, explained below, only has to be carried out the first time you use it with your webcam. After that, you can carry out video communications directly.

Hercules recommends that you use AOL AIM version 5.5 or later, and that you install the latest available updates.

Configuring AOL AIM



- Launch AIM.
- Select **My AIM/Edit Options/Edit Preferences**.



- Select the **Live Video** category.
- Click the **Video/Audio Tuning** button.
- Click **Next**.



- Select the camera you want to use, then click **Next**.
- Adjust the webcam, then click **Next**.



- Select the microphone (the one on the Hercules webcam or on your microphone headset, for example) and speakers (your sound card connected to your speakers or to your microphone headset, for example).
- Click **Next**.
- Note:** If you select a microphone other than the one on your webcam, any modifications to microphone settings you make in Zoom Controller will have no effect.
- Test the speakers, then click **Next**.
- Test the microphone, then click **Next**.
- Click **Finish**, then **OK**.

Starting a video call



- In your list of contacts, right-click on a contact.
- Select **Send Instant Message**.
- In the message window, click the **Video** icon.



Video calling is only possible if your contact is also equipped with a webcam and if they accept your call.