**History and Benefits of Using Online Messengers**

Online Messenger is usually called a program, which is a means of exchanging messages between users by the principle of exchanging SMS messages.

The history of the development of such programs has always been associated with the evolution of the Internet. One of the first developments in this area was the emergence of the Internet Relay Chat (IRC) protocol, which appeared back in 1988 and allowed its users to transfer files and exchange messages.

Later on 1996, a more convenient way to send such messages appeared, namely the ICQ program, which has a huge success, and has the great number of users of which in just a few months exceeded 1 million people. Since this program has a great success, many other similar programs from famous companies (such as Microsoft and Yahoo, America Online etc.) soon appeared.

Further researches in this area led to the creation of the Skype program, which provides not only messaging, but also voice video communications, which also quickly became very popular and which subsequently also had their competitors.

Subsequently, mobile Internet began to gain development and **Online Messengers** began to name many communicative applications designed for mobile users of various smartphones.

**What is the main usability of online messengers?**

The convenience of many of these instant messengers consists in the fact that with their help you can:

* make calls and send our messages due to the capabilities of the Internet, without the need of using any mobile operator;
* the apps is very convenient because they allow you to transfer files – most often these are pictures from the photo gallery of the smartphone that is equipped with a camera, without the need to write off and process these images on any computer.

We all know these programs well. First of all, these are such programs as WhatsApp, Telegram, Viber and many others, among which is always Skype – a favorite mobile app for many of us. These programs can always be found in the Mobile App Store installed on our tablets, phones or smartphones. For Android tablets and smartphones it is the Google Play Market, and for smartphones with IOS (iPhone, Apple) it is the App Store app.

And it is very convenient!

We live in the 21st century! Hurray!