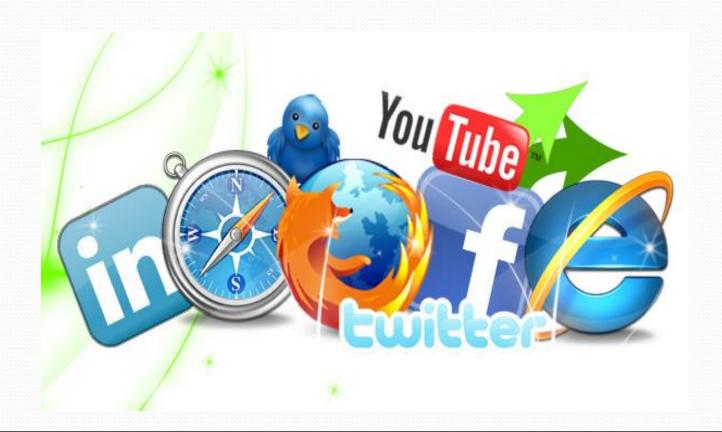
## THE INTERNET IN MODERN LIFE



The Internet has already entered our ordinary life. Everybody knows that the Internet is a global computer network, which embraces hundred of millions of users all over the world and helps us to communicate with each other.



Most of the Internet host computers are in the United States of America. It is clear that the accurate number of users can be counted fairly approximately, because there are hundred of millions of users and their number is growing.



The Internet brings us many benefits. Internet is a great means of communication, for example skype . A few years ago it was rather difficult to imagine that it would be possible to communicate with people from all around the world. People have the opportunity to communicate with the people from other countries, find out their customs, traditions and other.





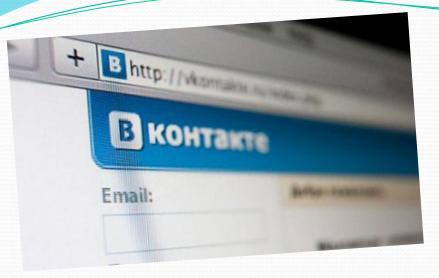








Most of the people use the network only for sending and receiving e-mail messages. They can do it either they are at home or in the internet clubs or at work.





By means of the Internet for example vkontakte it is possible to meet new friends, to communicate with them. You can find any information, learn main news.



Internet shopping offers many benefits to consumers. These include opportunities to save time and money, greater choice. Shopping online is more convenient and less time consuming but on the other hand buying clothes without trying them on or perfume without smelling it may not seem a good idea.











Although the Internet offers us large amount of information, its reliability is dubious because many untrue news stories can be posted to it and cause confusions to many people. It is very difficult for us to find out what websites are reliable and what are not.







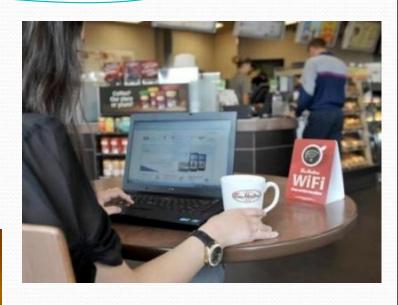




The Internet is not safe. But you can use different programs for safe using of the Internet. With the Internet it is easier to live.

A lot of people can't imagine their life without

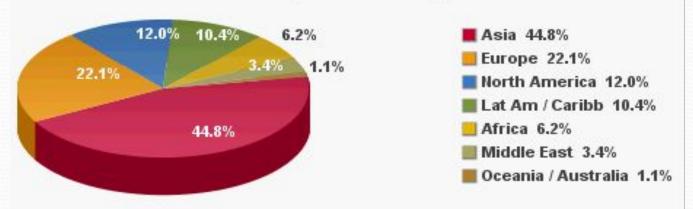
the Internet. There is the Internet at school, in the houses, in some clubs and even in the mobile phones.





"Is the Internet harmful or useful? ". I think, that on this question there is no certain answer. In fact on the one hand the Internet is a very good and useful thing. And on the other hand it has many negative functions: dependence, the waste of time, money, health. Certainly, the Internet can be the excellent assistant in information search. But if we spend a lot of time on the Internet we'll have some problems. We lose a touch with the real world, get in a full dependence on a computer.

Internet Users in the World Distribution by World Regions - 2011



Source: Internet World Stats - www.internetworldstats.com/stats.htm

Basis: 2,267,233,742 Internet users on December 31, 2011

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I think, that it is important to learn to distinguish a side between a real life and a life on the Internet. For that it is necessary to understand, what is really important on the Internet and what is not. And then the Internet will be not the terrible enemy, but the indispensable

THIS MODERN LIFE:

