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The Internet A Decade Later (The Internet 10 years ago vs. today)

Internet design is an ever evolving field. And in just 10 short years the Internet has evolved into a more efficient way of gathering information. You may look back at websites from years ago and see blocks of text and blue links, but now, designers have made site navigation a lot easier and a lot clearer. My paper will take you on a journey to the past, where web pages had no pictures (slower internet speeds back then) and where everything looked like it was just copied and pasted onto the website.

Let's have a look at some statistics: 10 years ago only 9.1% of the world population used the Internet. It's about 570 million people. Today this number increased more than 3 times. It's about third of the world's population.(see Fig.1.)

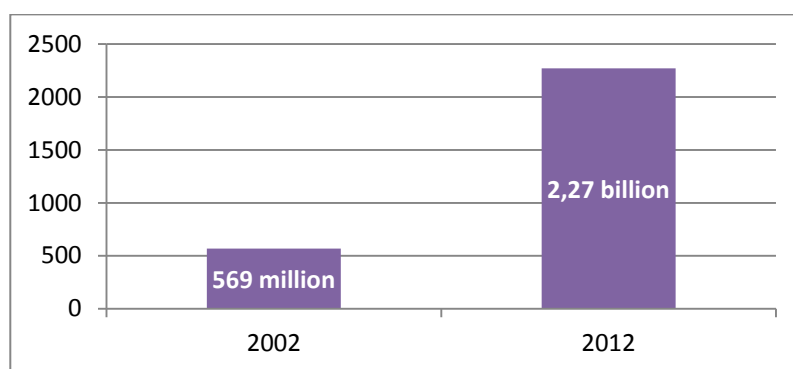


Fig.1. Internet users.

The statistics about Internet usage, total websites; - web browsers: Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Opera etc; statistics connected with search; statistics of speeds of the Internet and page loading time, and their data and figures show us that now the Internet is everywhere.

Today almost every person has his/her page in a social network. In 2002 the first social network in the world was launched by Friendster, but nowadays we have a variety of social networks, the most popular among which is Facebook, MySpace, Vkontakte. The #1 social network site is Facebook with its 900 million users. The most popular social network among Ukrainian students is Vkontakte.

There are dramatic changes in the website design, if compare them with those 10 years ago. Now it is looked funny due to the simplicity and dimness of old designs. Ultimately, no matter we like Internet or not, it will continue its progress and expansion all over the world that may change different areas of human life. How fast will be the Internet in ten years and which social network will survive only time can show.