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- It is a form of mail which enables user to send and receive multimedia messages (with text, sound, image and video) to multiple users simultaneously.
- To send an e-mail, the user must know the electronic address of receiver, best known as e-mail address.



Examples: infobook@sch.gr, vczioulas@yahoo.com, john70@ath.forthnet.gr, mary3489@gmail.com, jsmith@hotmail.com, g andreou@hol.gr

username @ domain . gr

It is the electronic identifier of user in the Internet. It doesn't need to be his real name, but only a nickname.

The "at" symbol

It is the name of the service provider which accepts messages forwarding them to the final recipient e.g. hol, forthnet, otenet etc. It is the extension of the address which has the similar meaning (type or area) with the extension of a URL address.

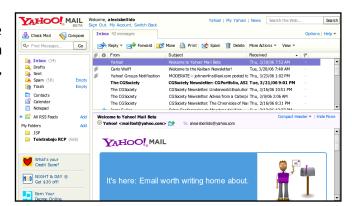
- Many sites managing email services (e.g. hotmail) prohibit the email addresses to include the following characters: !#\$%*/?|^{}`~
- Each user can access and manage his mails by using a personal access code called **password** with which he can login to his mail account.

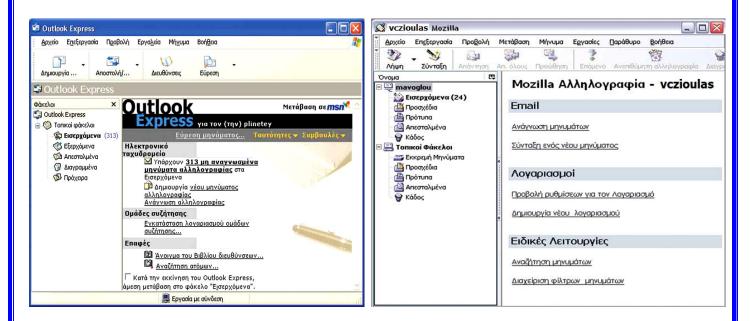
E-MAIL ENVIRONMENT

There is a variety of programs managing emails such as: MS Outlook, Outlook
Express, Mozilla, Eudora κλπ



 Moreover, there is an opportunity to create fast and easily e-mail addresses within particular web-sites such as: Google, Hotmail, Yahoo, Excite, Msn, IN.gr etc.





Each e-mail received provides information according to:

- Date and time of send
- List of recipients
- Theme
- Contents
- Attachments

E-MAIL ADVANTAGES

Speed

A message can be transmitted to his final destination in a few seconds.

Reliability

In cases of important messages, the user can claim a **confirmation message** when his mail is successfully shipped. If the address of the receiver does not exist, the network informs user by an **error message**.

Economy

The sending of emails cost nothing while the user is connected to the Internet.

Storage

Every message received is stored to the server of user's provider and it is available for reading whenever user opens his computer.