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POSSIBILITIES OF SKYPE AND DISCORD MESSENGERS FOR INFORMATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

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Once upon a time, a long time ago, to report important news or just tell how you were doing, you had to go to a special department, wait in queue, pay for chipping, wait for a response for a month, perhaps even more. Much depended on what mode of transport the letter would be delivered to.

Today, with the development of technology, the whole process of sending takes a few seconds. In response, you can also receive a message maximum in one day.

These applications for the phone are commonly called messengers. There are a large, different number of them.

One-level messaging service – Skype. It was founded by a team of five developers in 2003. But only after the release of version 2.0 Skype became mega popular and changed the approach to messaging. The man was given the opportunity not only to write a message, but also to communicate with the interlocutor on video. It was a breakthrough.

Its story is not just about success. A turning point for Skype from 2005 to 2006. In 2006, Skype casts were introduced, which allowed to expand the number of users in one conversation. New Skype features: Skype Find and Skype Business Directory. In 2008, the tension was even greater. Some creators resigned and left their team. It should be added that Skype entered the market of mobile applications only in 2010.

At that time, Skype was the most popular telecommunications application because of its many advantages: easy to download to your smartphone, 24/7 contact support, group and secure calls. Skype uses technologies which other providers do not use, as a result a better video call quality without interruption. When the pandemic broke out, he was one of the main helpers for teachers and pupils, lecturers and students, heads and workers.

Use your learning time more productively. Most people have to travel almost all aver the city to attend a lecture, lesson or course acquire new skills, in most cases this is English. Wherever you go, all you have to do is have Skype downloaded and access to the Internet and you can learn everything. For some people, learning at home is more productively. There are also advantages for teacher, he can send text or images or just important information in the chat so that everyone can see it, instead of calling everyone and warning.

Along with advantages there are disadvantages: service functions are limited or completely absent, gaps in communication, if users from different countries, sound dependence on the provider, the extra cost for devises those can block background noise, despite a safe conversation and file sharing there is a chance that the conversation will be intercepted. Also, there was a case when the service was completely turned off.

What are the disadvantages of learning? Lack of contact with the student, but this is not a problem, as most teachers solve such problems, such as calling and talking in English or using the phone play role-playing games. The inability to control the student while writing some exercises, but it is the least of problems, as English is more for live communication. But even if a student makes a grammatical mistake, the teacher can turn on the Screen Demonstration feature and explain the mistake and make sure the student understands everything.

Discord was first introduced in May 2015, focused on gamers. Just in a year, more than 10 million users. Add incredible features, video chat and screen display. In 2020 the platform for gamers became a platform for everyone, on of the reasons is COVID-19. New motto “Your place

for talking". Server and chat, that`s what a lot of users like.

Modernity is one of the advantages of Discord, as users are tempted by something so cosmic, unearthly. Its interface is more versatile compared to other applications. Private, public chats and conferences, noise suppression. A feature that helps you switch between servers. You can disable a specific server for a while. Flexible Discord server functionality: from adjusting the volume of each user to allocating roles to each user of the server.

There are many gamers in the world, they are students or just adults. And they are all Discord users. If the teacher says that out lesson will be in Discord, most will say "This teacher is modern, he knows what Discord is!" It doesn`t tack much time to make a server. Share the link and that`s all your students see what a lesson it is. For example, a teacher creates servers with names "7B", "4G", "3B" and "9B", so it is not possible to confuse classes and lessons are held on this or other day, also you can even attach the schedule in the chat and know your routine. There can be several servers for each class, for learning, for discussion, for games.

Video char is quite basic and does not offer quality benefits. Memory is too limited, files larger than 8 MB are not allowed, but you can transfer more if you connect Nitro Classic tariff cards that allow you to chare files up to 50 MB. Insufficient privacy and encryption. It is not convenient to use the messenger through a browser, so it is better to have it on your computer desktop. Also, as in almost all messengers, due to the instability of the Internet, the connection may be lost. Communities to those a user can join are not always acceptable. The owners of the platform are struggling with this, but more and more unreliable servers may appear.

After analyzing all the advantages and disadvantages of operation, we can say that the applications are similar, but there are some differences in capabilities, more precisely in the user interface, the convenience of Discord is superior to Skype. Discord allows teacher to keep all classes or groups on one tab and for the pupil or student all subjects. They are used for messaging when connected to the Internet, for video calls or for online learning. They are just perfect for distance learning. Use this or that messenger depends on the views and tastes. Young people, perhaps for Discord and the older generation for Skype, ad Skype is used more for formal meetings. Everyone find their advantages and disadvantages, but it does not matter what to use, the main thing is that it would be convenient and quick to use and there was no additional discomfort.

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