FROM SMOKE SIGNALS to Email: Keeping in Touch From the Stone Age to the present, people have shown a desire to send messages to one another over long distances. And text messaging on cell phones is also increasing, so people can, in effect, be in constant touch with people who are long distances awayThe first email message took place in 1971, and according to its sender, Rag Tomlinson, it was probably the following: "QWERTYUIOP What was significant about that? Nothing, twally. This is just the top row of keys on an English-language legboard Tomlinson was just testing out the system and using a nonsense message He had no concept that he going to start a revolution in communication. Tomlinson of a group of scientists who were working on developing better computers. The scientists at his site were able to send a message to a "mailbox" on the computer on their site. For example, two parallel coluntua of smoke indicated the successful return of a war party The ancient Greeks established lines of signal towers at mountain-tops. Because the local dialect alternates in these tones, the sonder in able to simulate speech with the drums. That was the start of the emailing systems that we still use Indag At first, the mamber of people on enail was small, but by the end of the 20th century, there were 263 million email boxen.