



Fax:

How did we send documents before the Internet?

In 1983, Telefónica began offering fax services, also known as telefax, which allowed documents to be sent remotely almost immediately. Data was transmitted via telephone cable, in an analogue way: first, the destination telephone was dialled, and the document was introduced for scanning; then, it was processed as a single still image, converted into a bitmap, and transmitted as electrical signals through the telephone; finally, the receiving fax machine reconverted the image and printed it on paper.

Many companies dedicated a telephone number exclusively for receiving faxes. At home, when the fax machine was connected and someone tried to call, what you heard was a distinctive shrill beeping sound.

