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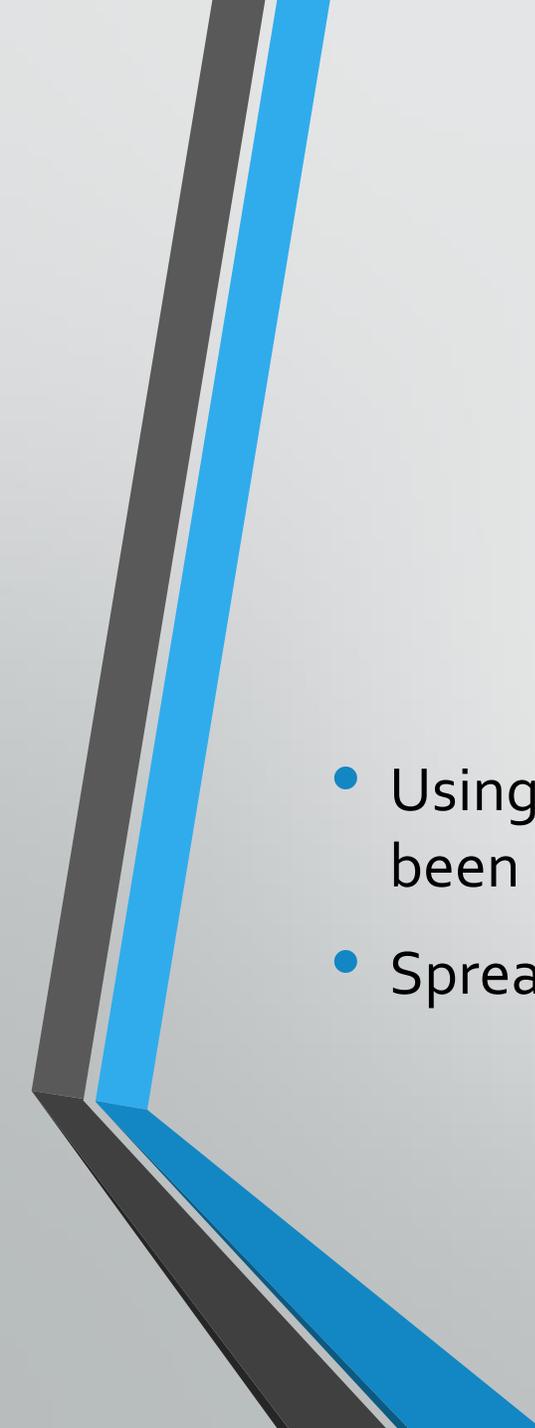
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# Introduction

- **Def:** The Use of internet by individuals and organizations has raised a number of issues that need to be considered.
- Setting up websites containing incorrect information. People may rely on and use this information thinking it is correct.
- Bullying via email, text message, chat
- Inappropriate websites with illicit material

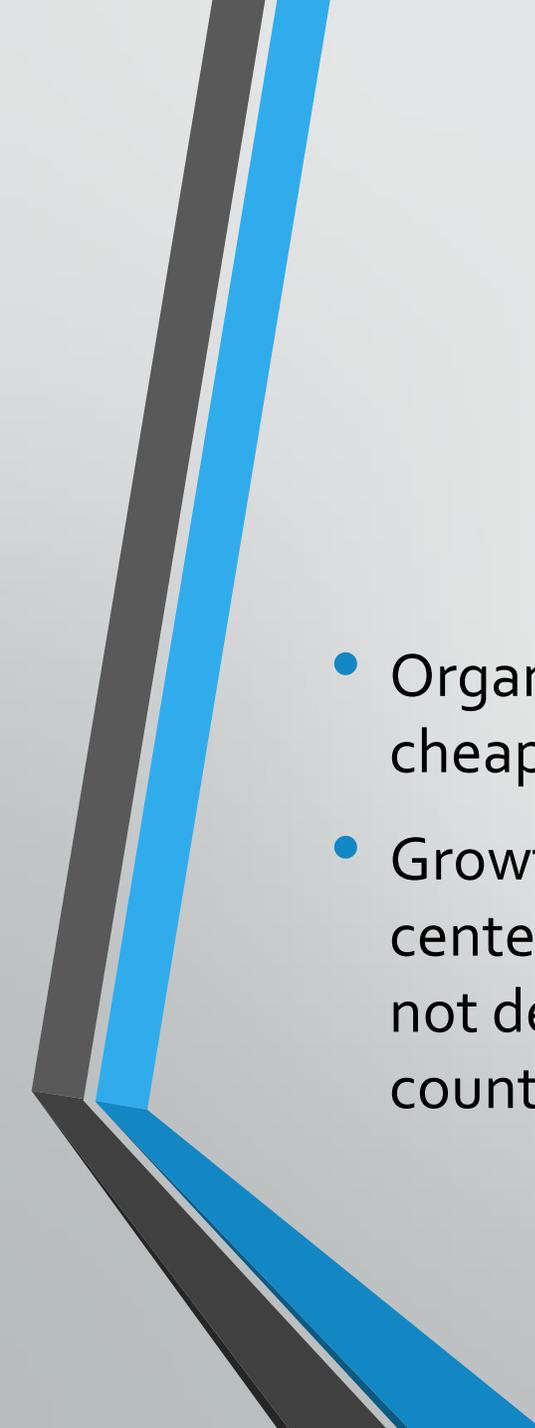
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- Using e-mail to give bad news when explaining face to face would have been better
  - Spreading rumors using the Internet

# Moral Issues

- Plagiarism
- Sending spam. People waste time deleting spam if the spam filter allows it through
- Companies monitoring staff use of the internet and e-mail
- Using someone's wireless internet connection without permission
- Using photo editing software to distort reality

# Ethical Issues

- The Internet has a lot of illicit materials. The availability of offensive, illegal or unethical material on the Internet
- Privacy issues
- Gambling addiction
- Addiction to computer games
- Widens the gaps between the haves and have nots (e.g. between rich and poor countries and individuals)

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- Organizations moving call centers abroad. The same service can be provided cheaply using the internet and internet phone links
  - Growth of e-commerce may mean shops have to close, leaving some city centers looking desolate  
Social Issues Many countries in the world that are not democratic; they do not allow the free passage of info to or from other countries. They control on what their people can and cannot view.

# Advantages and disadvantages of internet

- The internet has both positive and negative effects on the users. Effects on communities
- Advantages:
  - -Blogs & chats for communities to discuss local issues -
  - Housebound members of the community are less isolated as people contact them to check everything is ok
  - Employment opportunities

# Disadvantages

- - Lack of social interaction - social networking, computer games etc.
- - Local shops shutting - more orders for goods are placed using the internet so local shops close.