Timeline of Communication tools Communication tools from the BC 3000 BC: papyrus 3000 BC: communication drums, horn Only the postal system and 2400 BC: couriers, first postal systems newspapers are still in use today. 490 BC: heliograph 59 BC: first newspaper 100 AD: paper 1000 AD: pens 1400 AD: first European printing presses Communication tools during the 1500 AD: pencils 1900 yeas AD. 16th century: maritime flags Almost all of these tools are still 1790 AD: semaphore lines in use today. They have been 1800s: typewriter improved over time, and merged 1838 : telegraph. with later tools and technologies. 1848: telephone. 1896 : radio. 1897: computer 19th century: Signal lamps 1927: television The early days of computer, 1960s: computers and text editors networking, and internet. 1969: computer networking 1983: Internet **Tools** Text editing & storage 1980s: Mobile; 1G networks Optical signals Early 1990s: Mobile; 1G networks Late 1990s : Mobile; 2G & 2.5 networks Audio signals Optical and Audio signals 2000s: Mobile; 3G networks 2012: Mobile; 4G networks