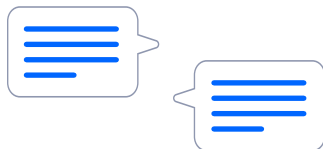# Origin and history *of SMS*

1st shipment

1992

Neil Papworth, a 22 year old software programmer, sent by text message a "Merry Christmas" to his colleague Richard Jarvis

Limit

160 characters

Research based on postcards and texts sent by telex

Limit that Twitter took advantage of by leaving 140 characters per message and 20 for the user's name

1 message received