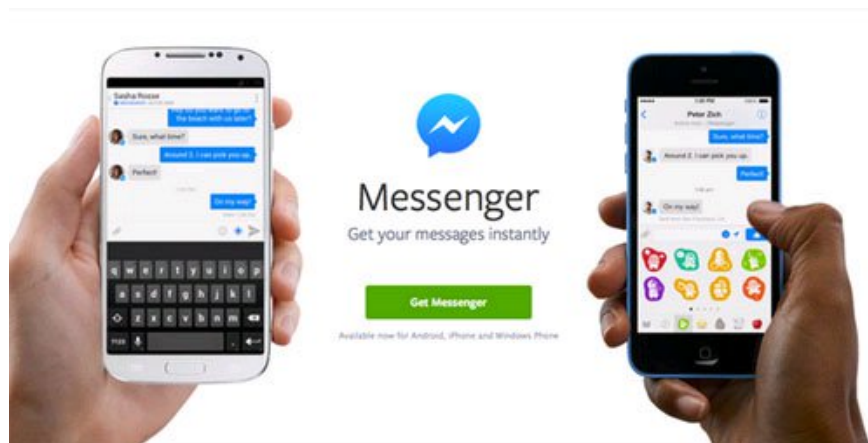


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Next time, mobile Facebook users will have to install an Messenger app if they want to chat

According to *CNET* , this move is part of Facebook's strategy of developing an independent messaging application, which supports Slingshot feature (*a type of self-destructive message*).

Facebook said that **Facebook Messenger** application has stability and ability to handle message content 20% faster than Facebook application.

Previously, mobile users could message directly on Facebook via the "*chat*" feature available in this application. However, after Facebook **acquired WhatsApp** , they wanted to split chat into a standalone application.

For computer users, Facebook still allows texting while surfing "*face*" without having to install additional Messenger applications.

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