Summary

The purpose of my thesis is to analyse the regulation related to the Internet and private international law. The Internet is a quickly developing system of interconnected computer networks. Recent expansion of the internet caused that it becomes almost an essential part of our lives which serves either to communicate or to contract. A growing number of internet-users raised a question of a need for more specialized legislation related to the Internet and e-commerce. The thesis is focused on the regulation applicable to the internet and e-commerce and questions raising when rules intended for real-life obligations are being applied on the Internet. The thesis is composed of six chapters, each of them dealing with different aspects of the topic. Chapter One is introductory. It explains the connection between private international law and the Internet and presents relevant legislation of the Czech Republic and the European Union. Chapter Two and Chapter Three explain where the contracting party can expect to be sued and which jurisdiction's law will be applied. Chapter Four concentrates on ecommerce and contracts in cyberspace. According to the differences in formation of contracts there are click-wrap agreements, click-through agreements, browse-wrap agreements, shrink-wrap agreements and contracts formed through the involvement of electronic agents. Chapter Five deals with a choice of law provision which allows the parties to agree that a particular regulation will be used to interpret their agreement. Chapter Six concentrates on problems resulting from the conflict of laws on the Internet and analyses which law is applied according to rules provided by the Rome I Regulation on the law applicable to contractual obligations and by the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) which is applicable to business contracts.