

South Asian Network Operators Group (SANOG) 29

Arabic Script IDNs, and its Universal Acceptance

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AGENDA

Introductions to New gTLD

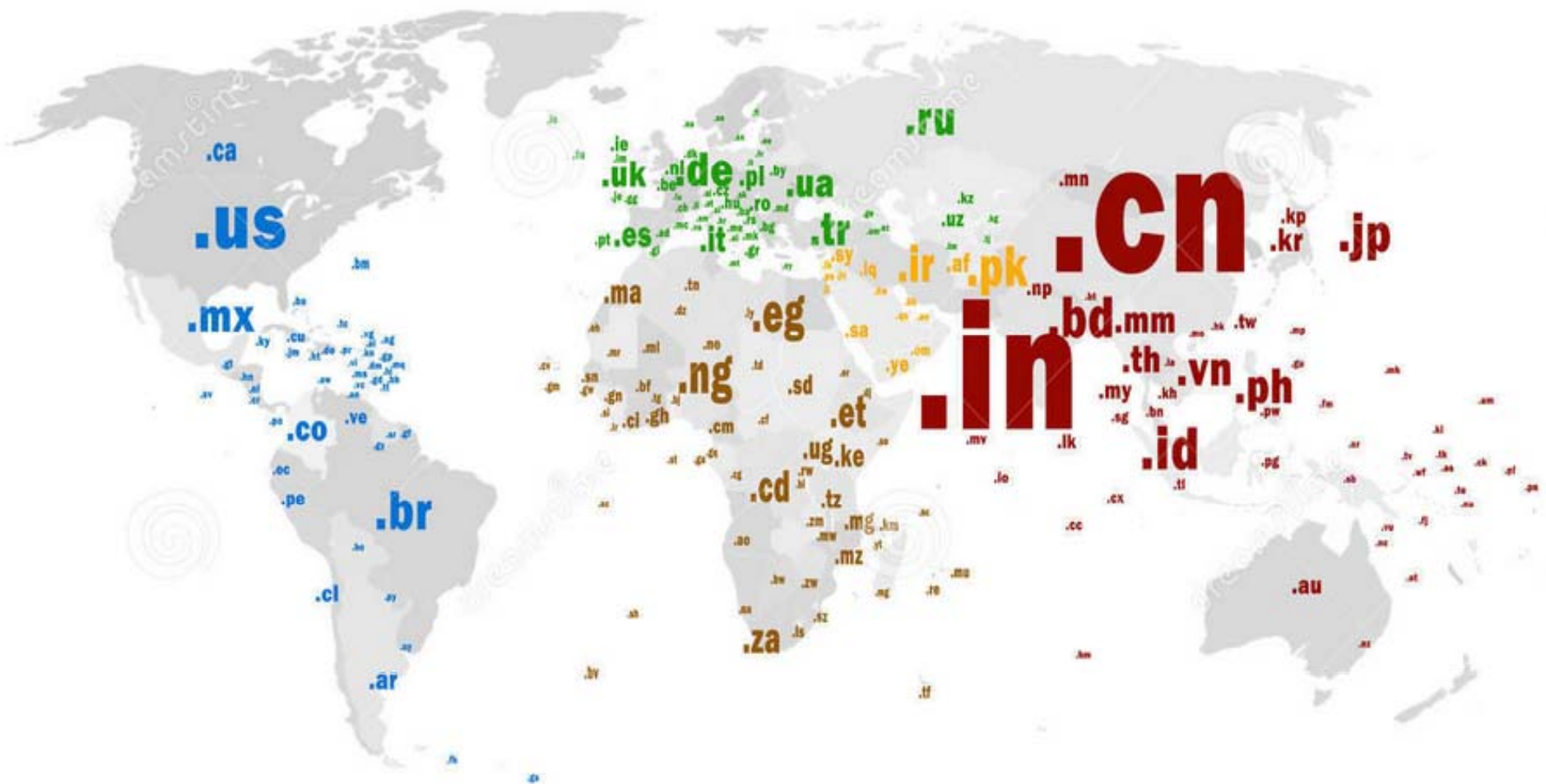
Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

Universal Acceptance

Brief on TF-AIDN



Country Code TLDs (ccTLD)



Top Level Domains

Domain Name Anatomy

Top Level

Second Level

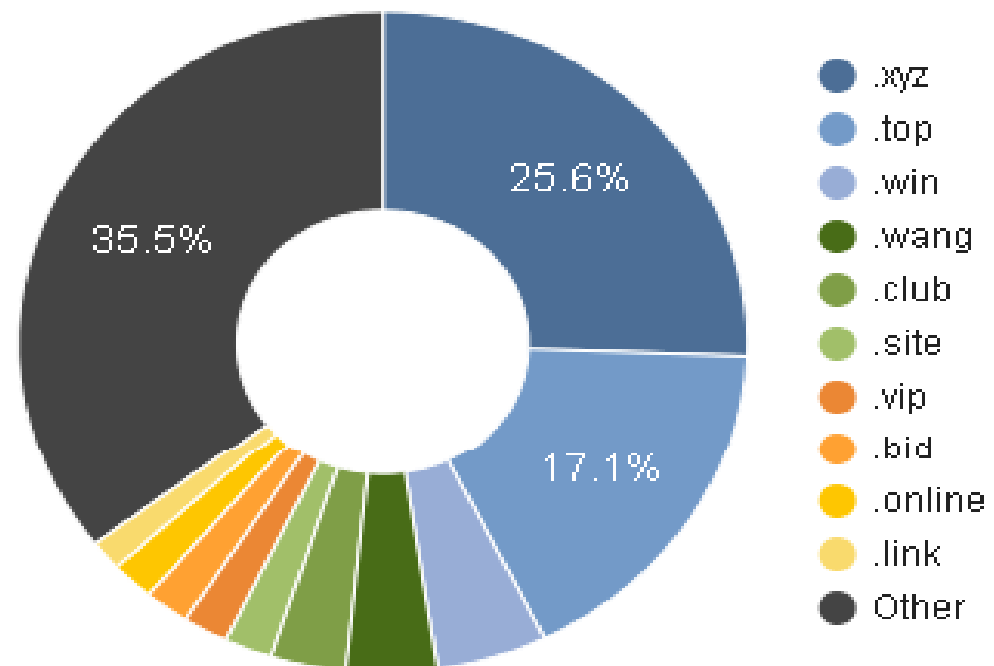
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Generic TLDs (gTLDs)

- Initially started with 7 (.com, .net, .org, .gov, .edu, .mil, and .int)
- In 2000, 7 more were added (.aero, .biz, .coop, .info, .museum, .name, and .pro)
- In 2004, 6 more were added (.asia, .cat, .jobs, .mobi, .tel, and .travel)
- In 2012, .post was added
- In 2013, .xxx was added
- Starting 2013, 10s of new names are being added

	TLD	Domains	% Share
1.	 .xyz	6,616,878	 25.60%
2.	 .top	4,414,915	 17.08%
3.	 .win	1,268,068	 4.91%
4.	 .wang	1,043,830	 4.04%
5.	 .club	863,234	 3.34%
6.	 .site	547,432	 2.12%
7.	 .vip	521,758	 2.02%
8.	 .bid	514,585	 1.99%
9.	 .online	496,943	 1.92%
10.	 .link	379,695	 1.47%

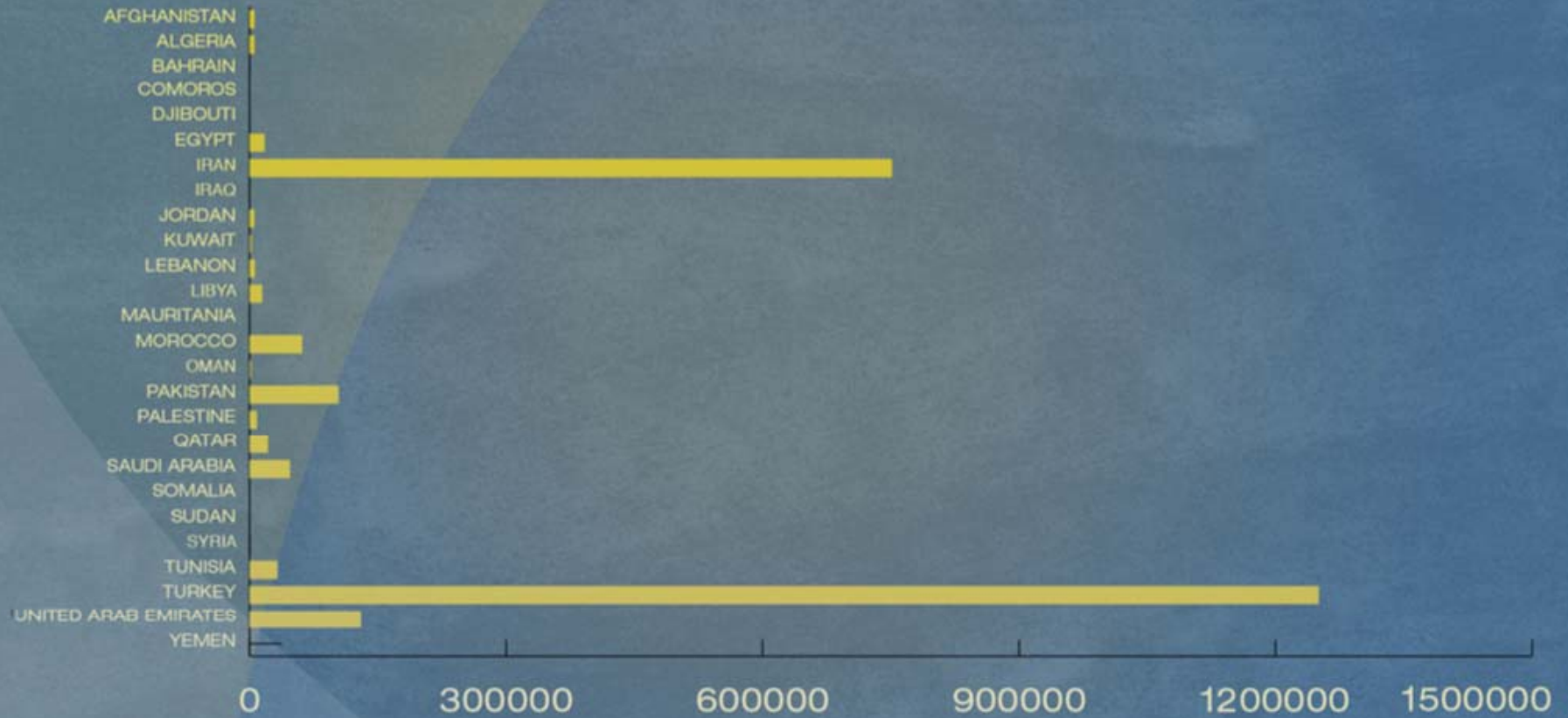


Source: <https://ntldstats.com/tld>

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DOMAIN NAME REGISTRATIONS BY COUNTRY, 2015



Middle East and Adjoining Countries region Study

New gTLDs Application Breakdown by Region

1930 total number of applications received



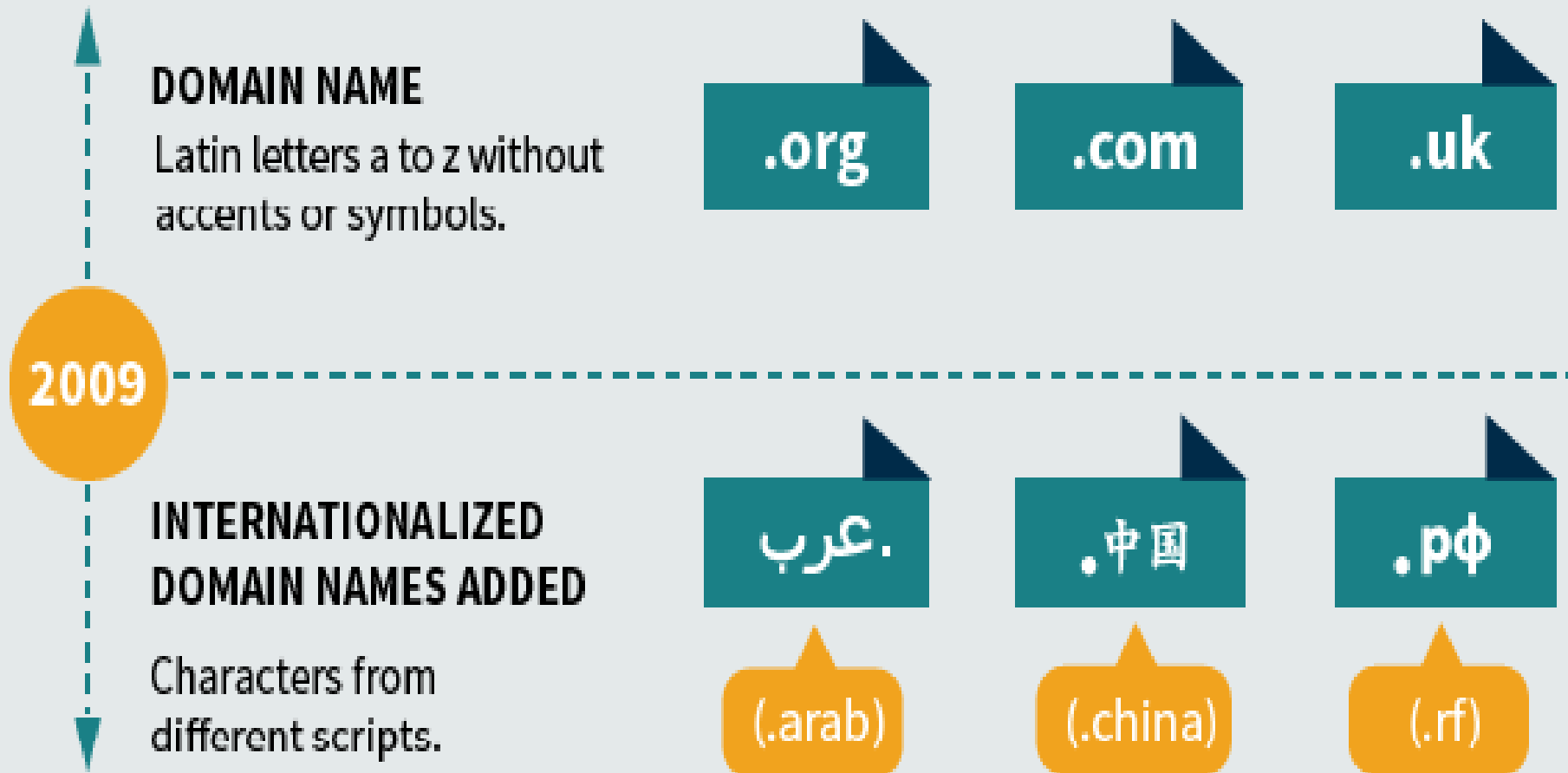
Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

- Domain Names in non-ASCII characters
- Were introduced in hopes to bring more users to the online world

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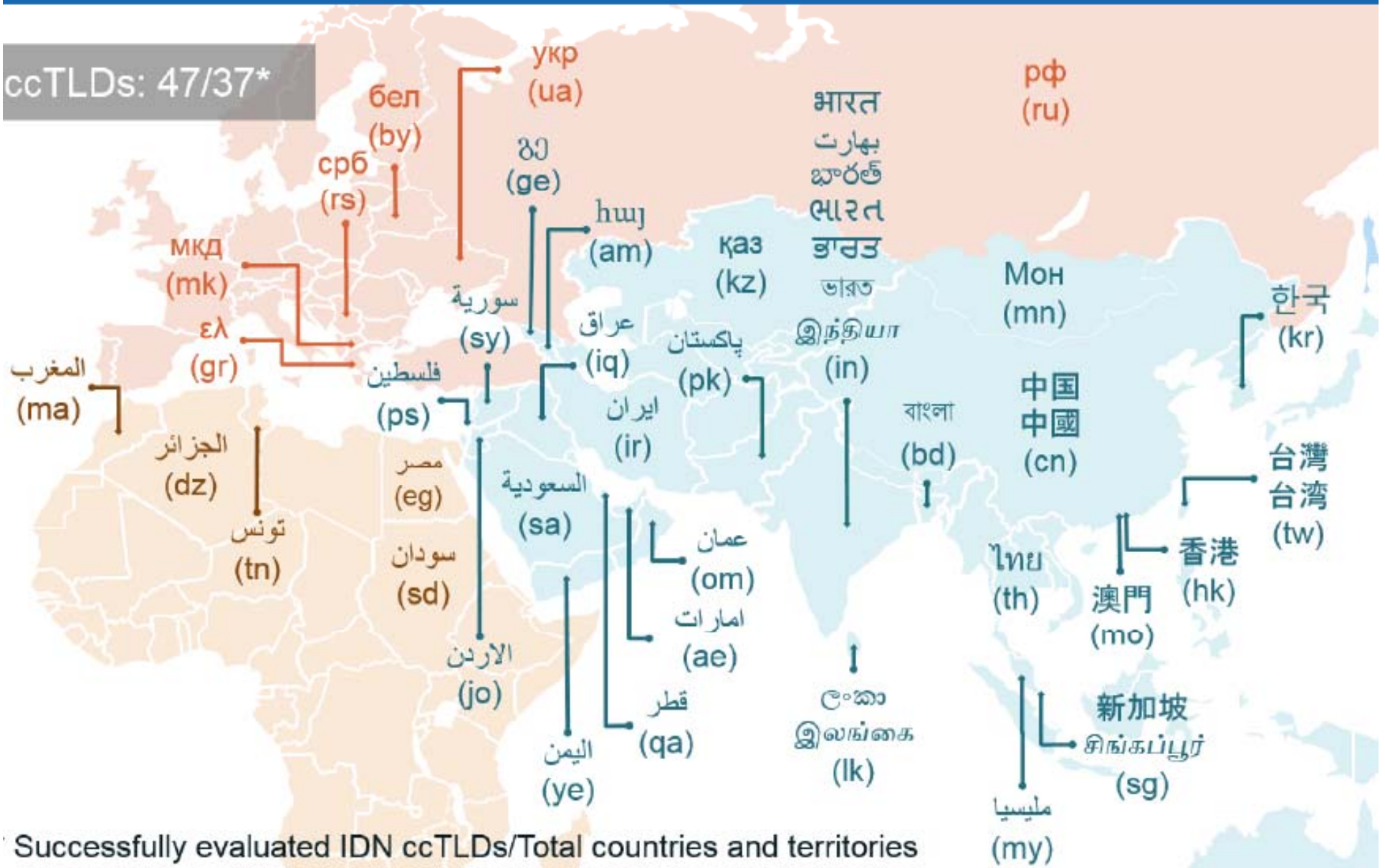
- First 4 delegations were مصر., امارات., السعودية., and .Pφ
- More at <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/string-evaluation-completion-2014-02-19-en>

What has changed with Top-Level Domains?



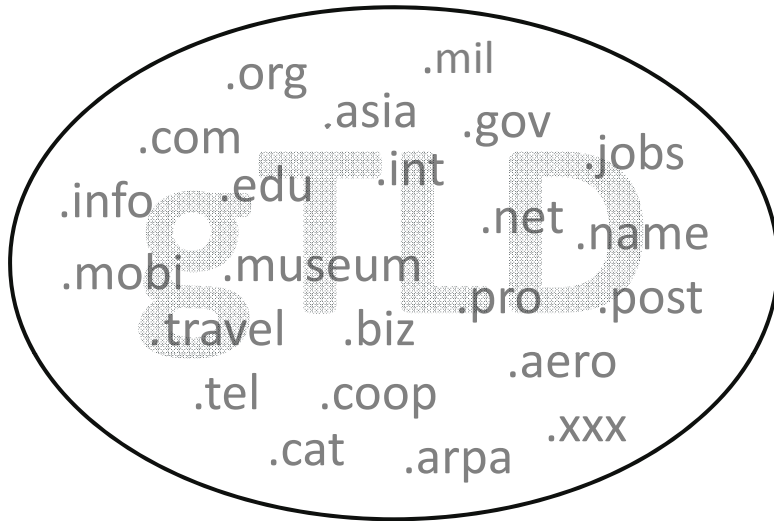
IDN Country Code Top-Level Domains

ccTLDs: 47/37*



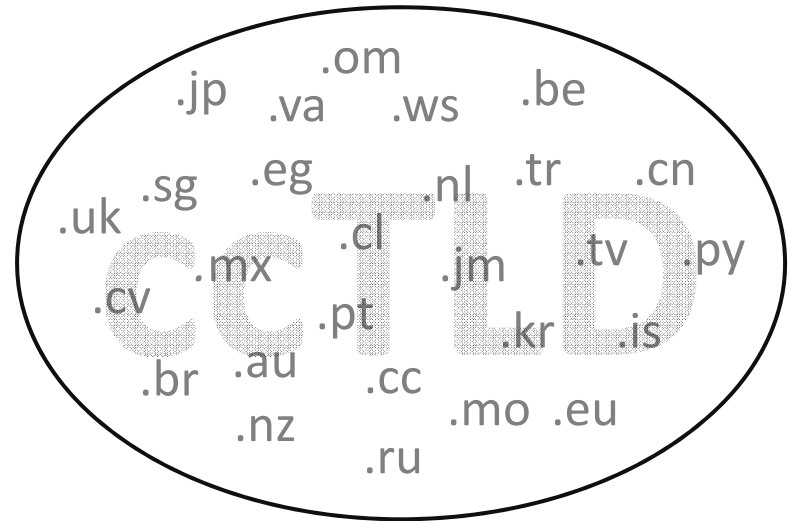
How does the Name Space Look Nowadays?

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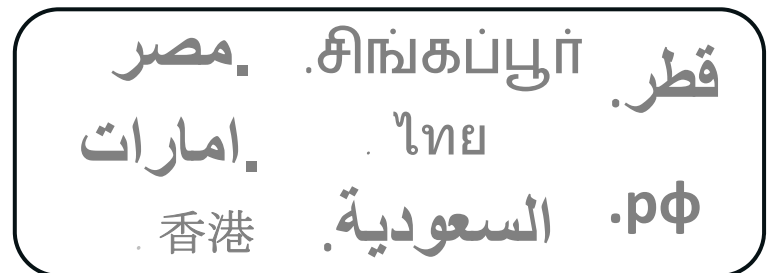
New gTLD Program

New gTLDs

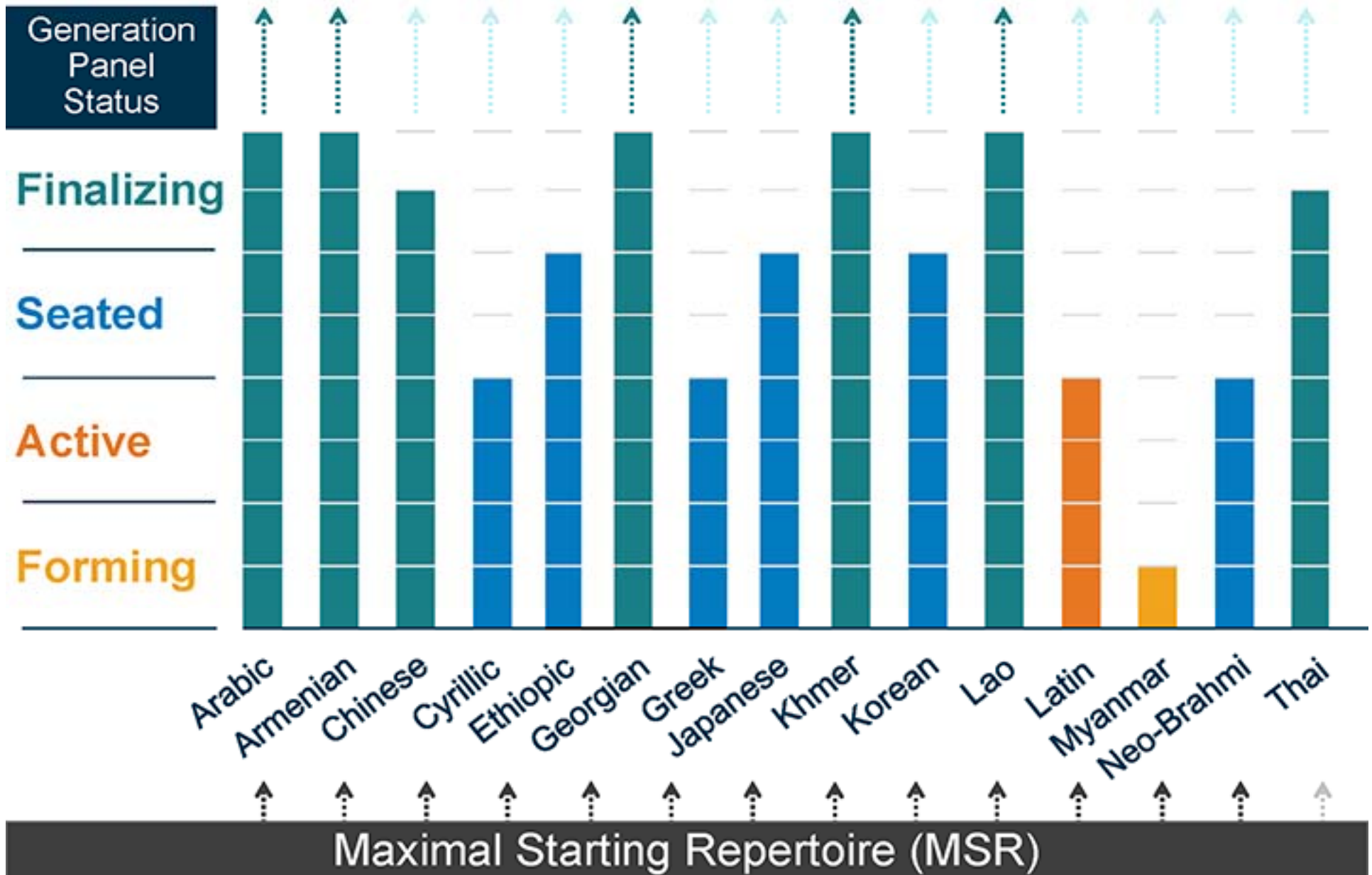


Fast Track Program

IDN ccTLDs



Label Generation Rules (LGR)



Challenges: New gTLDs and IDNs

IDNs and its Variants

IDNs uses characters outside ASCII, like Arabic, Chinese, Cyrillic, Japanese or Korean

An IDN variant Top Level Domain (TLD) can use characters which are different in another language

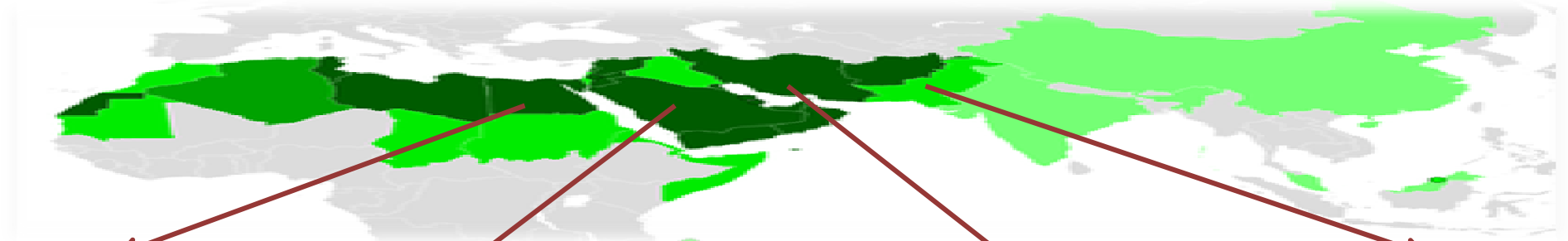
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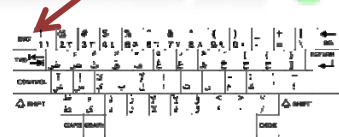
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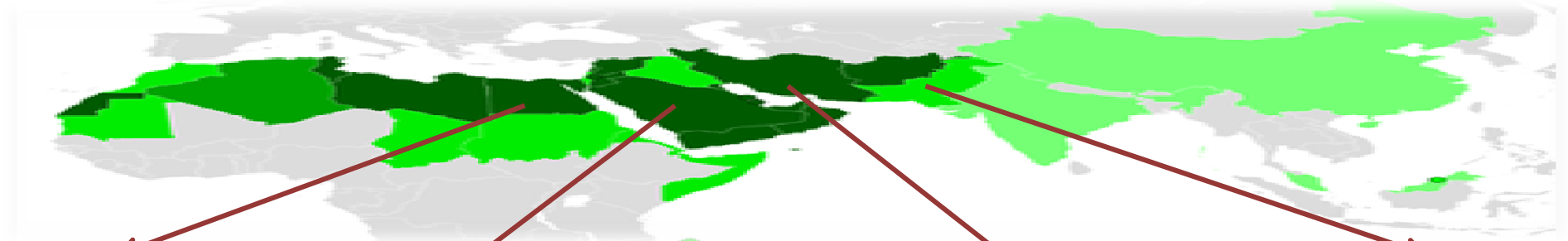
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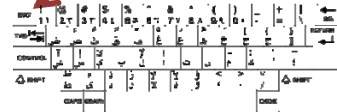


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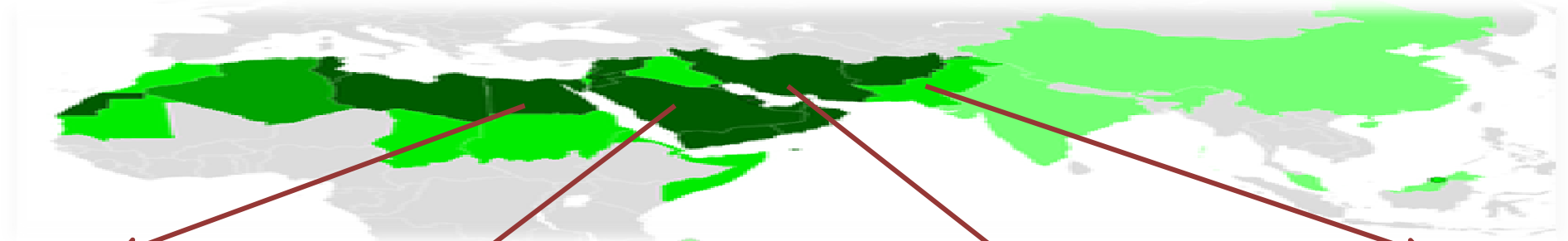


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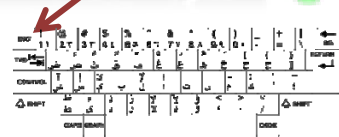
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Universal Acceptance: New gTLDs and IDNs

Definition of Universal Acceptance by UASG of ICANN

Universal Acceptance (UA) is the state where all valid domain names and email addresses are accepted, validated, stored, processed and displayed correctly and consistently by all Internet- enabled applications, devices and systems."

Major players of Universal Acceptance for New gTLDs and IDNs

Registrant / Users

Registry / Registrar

Service Provider

Application Vendors

UA issues: User's perspective

End to end email connectivity

Social Media

DNS Hierarchy

Operating Systems

Spam filters

Security Software

Browsers

Search Engines

UA issues: Technical communities

Working with ASCII and Unicode equivalents

Working with DNS hierarchy

Different input devices (keyboards)

Web Hosting

Language specific issues (Right-to-left direction, display, interface)

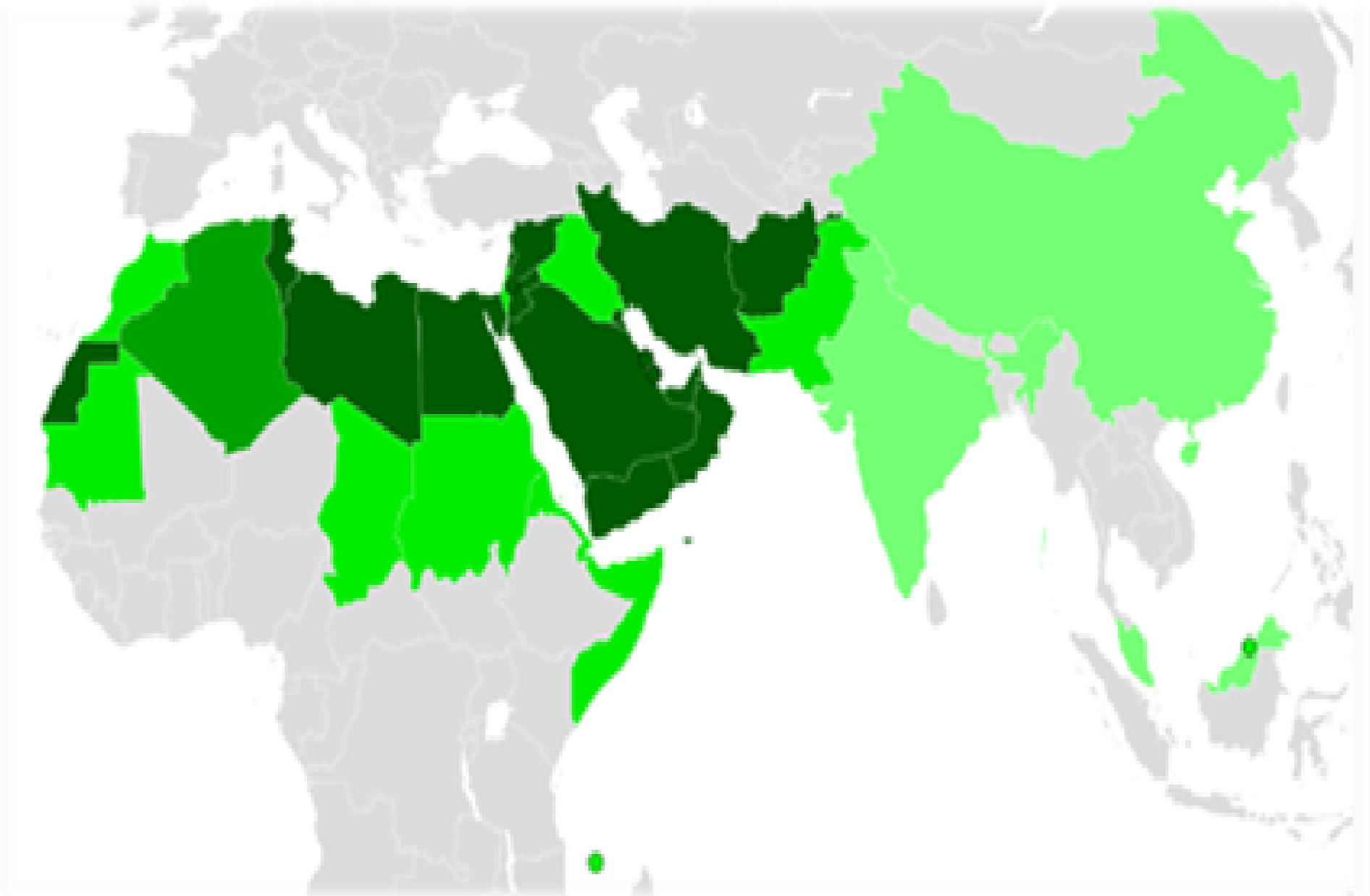
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Market position	Client name	Share of market	International Email Addresses? ²⁴⁶	Sending of International Email? ²⁴⁷
1	Apple iPhone	26%	No	Yes
2	Outlook	14%	No	No
3	Apple iPad	12%	No	Yes
4	Gmail	12%	Yes	Yes
5	Apple Mail	8%	No	Yes
6	Google Android	6%	No	Yes
7	Outlook.com	6%	No	No
8	Yahoo! Mail	5%	No	No
9	Windows Live Mail	2%	No	No
10	Windows Mail	2%	No	No

World Report on IDNs 2014

TASK FORCE ON ARABIC IDNs

TF-AIDN

Region of Arabic Script



Community driven way forward: Task Force on Arabic Script IDNs

Creation and oversight by community based Middle East Strategy Working Group (MESWG);

Diverse representation in the group

Root zone LGR proposal has been finalized

Working on second level LGR and Universal Acceptance of Arabic Script

Arabic Script TLDs Assigned or Delegated

1. الجزائر

2. عمان

3. ايران

4. امارات

5. بازار

6. باكستان

7. الاردن

8. بهارت

9. المغرب

10. السعودية

11. سودان

12. مليسيا

13. شبكة

14. سورية

15. تونس

16. مصر

17. قطر

18. فلسطين

19. عراق

20. بازار

21. موقع

Universal Acceptance : Arabic Script

Zero width joining characters (ZWJ)

Zero width Non joining characters (ZWNJ)

Combining marks

Bi Directional

Working test-cases sample

Pattern	Implementation Sample	Registered	Working	Conformity
RTL.ASCII	top.القبولالعالمي	Yes	Yes	
RTL.RTL	مثال.السعودية	Yes	Yes	
RTL-RTL.RTL	القبولالعالمي.شبكة	Yes	Yes	
RTL.RTL.RTL	فرع.مثال.السعودية	Yes	Yes	Yes
RTL-123.RTL.RTL	أرقام-123.مثال.السعودية	Yes	Yes	Yes



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