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Requirements for  
Resolving Arabic Domain Names

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*Arabic Domain Names Pilot Project*

## 1. Introduction

Since Arabic domain names are not globally recognized, users who want to resolve/reach Arabic domain names may face some problems or difficulties. These problems occurred because some main Internet entities and software developers have not fully supported internationalized domain names (IDN) (such as ICANN and Microsoft). Therefore, a user should provide some requirements in order to resolve/reach Arabic domain names.

## 2. Requirements

Here is a list of user basic requirements that should be available in order to resolve or reach Arabic domain names (as part of the Arabic domain name project):

- Personal Computer and Internet connectivity.
- An Internet Provider (e.g. ISP or Corporate LAN) which operates DNS services that support Arabic domain names (i.e., the Internet Provider is participating in this project). Otherwise, the user can setup his own name server (resolver) and configure it to support Arabic domain names.
- Any browser that supports Internationalized Domain Names (IDN), e.g.:
  - Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 and higher, An IDN plug-in should be installed (ISC's IDN-OSS)
  - Netscape 7.1 and higher
  - Mozilla 1.4 and higher
  - Mozilla Firefox 0.6 and higher (former Mozilla Firebird)
  - Opera 7.20 and higher
  - Konqueror (from KDE 3.2 + GNU IDN Library)
  - Epiphany 1.2.2 and higher
  - Galeon 1.3.14 and higher
  - Safari 1.2 and higher
  - Mozilla Camino 0.7 and higher

## More information

- The Project website:  
<http://www.arabic-domains.org>
- How to reach Arabic domain names :  
<http://arabic-domains.org/ar/how2use.php>