

Saudi Network Information Center (SaudiNIC)

Communication and Information Technology Commission

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About SaudiNIC

- A **non-profit** entity that is **operated** by Communication and Information Technology Commission (**CITC**)
- In charge of administering the domain name space under (.sa) **since 1995**
- SaudiNIC started with two persons and now **it has 6 employees.**
- SaudiNIC is **part of CITC enrollment** and the domain registration is **free of charge.**



About SaudiNIC (cont)

- 1994:
 - KACST contacted IANA for managing the domain name space for the country code (ccTLD) of Saudi Arabia (.SA)
- 1995:
 - KACST was delegated the responsibility to look after the management and administration of the Saudi ccTLD (.SA)
- 1998:
 - ISU was established and SaudiNIC became one of its departments
- 2006:
 - SaudiNIC was transferred to CITC (Communication and Information Technology Commission).



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The Current Status

- The registrant should be **physically in KSA**, Has a **local representative**, or **owning trademarks or trade names** that are **registered in Saudi Arabia**.
- We do require the **papers and documents** to ensure the registrant meets the requirements.
- There is no **dispute resolution policy**.
- Part of the **registration process** is done **manually** through **legacy system**. Users **submit their applications online** and follow them through **email and ticket systems**. Approval of registrations are done **manually** by **SaudiNIC staff**.
- SaudiNIC supporting the **Arabic IDN (<Arabic>.<Arabic>)** now through **temporary technical solution**, until the **ICANN fast track of IDN ccTLD** finish.

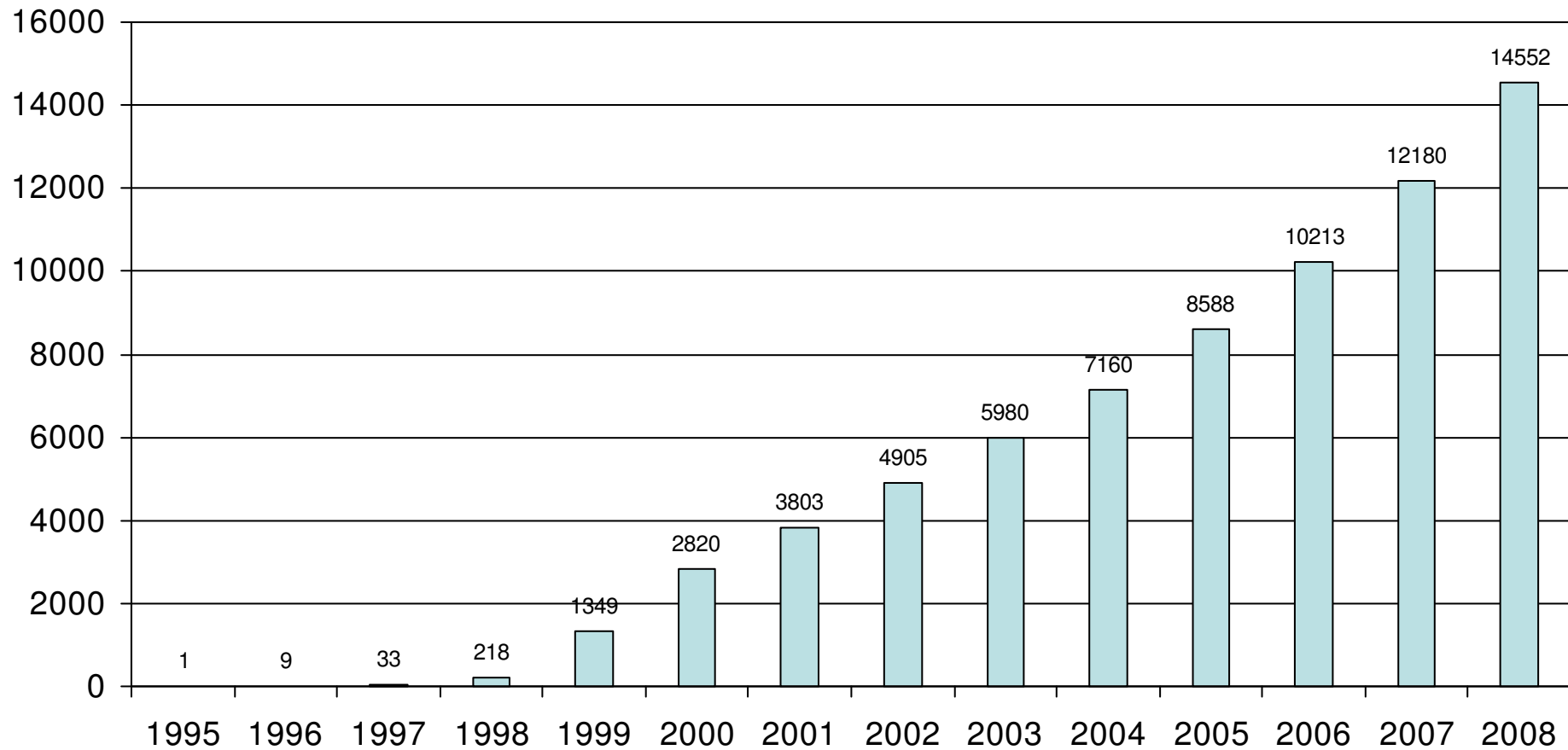


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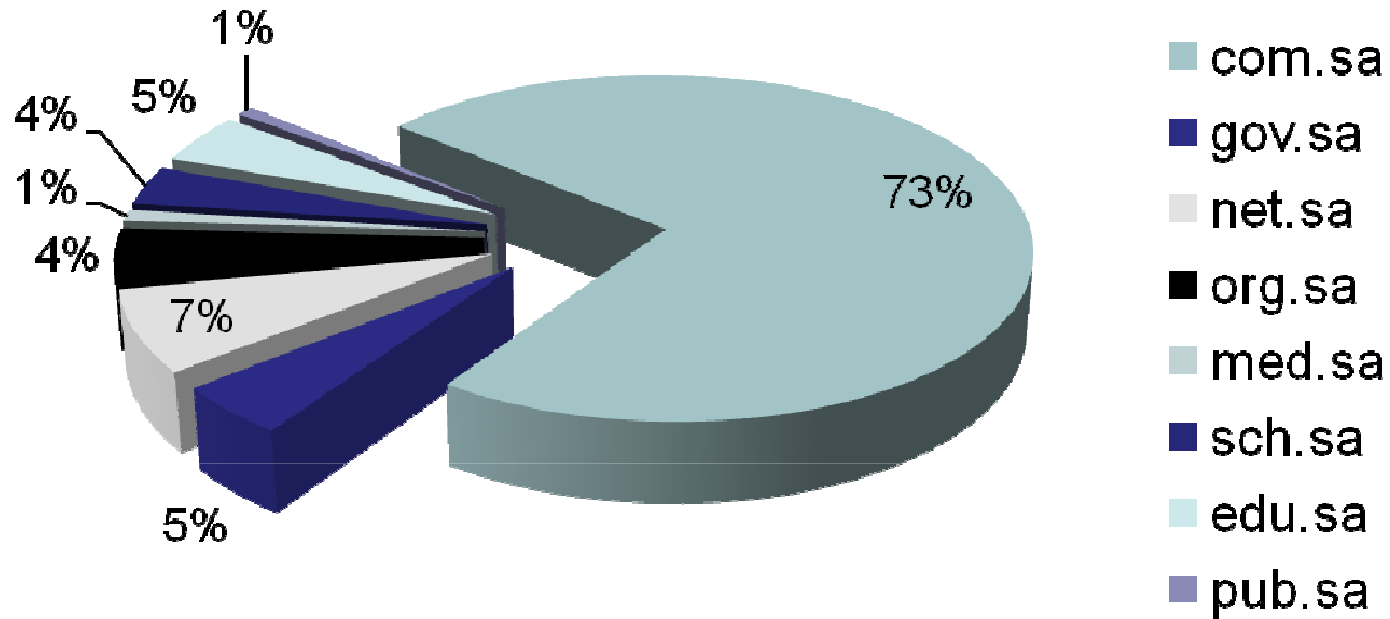
Statistics

- Total number of registered domain names per year. Now there are **12,180 active domains**.



Statistics (cont)

- Total number of registered domain names per sub-domain.



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The Future

- Enhancing registration policies.
- Developing **Dispute Resolution** Policies and procedures
- **Flat registration**, e.g., <domain-named>.sa
- **Registration fees** (Collecting payments)
- Supporting **Registry-Registrar** system
- User capabilities to modify registration information online
- Electronic archiving
- Increasing public awareness (continuous effort)

Thank you

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