Register Your Domain Name on The Internet with SaudiNIC

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SaudiNIC

Saudi Network Information Center (SaudiNIC) has been managed and operated by King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST) since 1995. It administers the Internet name space for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) top-level domain (SA), under which a number of second-level domains exists.

Saudi Domain Name Hierarchy

The SA domain name hierarchy is based on general category of organizations. The following are their definitions:

com.sa: This domain is for commercial entities with valid Commercial Registrations from the Ministry of Commerce or any equivalent documents.

edu.sa: This domain is for educational institutions that provide degrees above the high school degree, e.g., universities and colleges.

sch.sa: This domain is for educational institutions that provide degrees less or equivalent to high school degree, e.g., kindergartens, elementary schools, secondary schools, and high schools with valid licenses from Ministry of Education.

gov.sa: This domain is for governmental organizations.

med.sa: This domain is for health organizations, e.g., hospitals and medical clinics, with valid licenses from Ministry of Health.

net.sa: This domain is for Internet Service Providers with valid licenses from KACST.

org.sa: This domain is for non-profit organizations.

pub.sa: Anything that does not fit with any of the above definitions.

Terms and Conditions

SaudiNIC has a set of terms and conditions governing the registration and use of domain names. These terms and conditions are also available on the web site: http://www.saudinic.net.sa. Please read them before submitting an application.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is SaudiNIC ?

SaudiNIC stands for Saudi Network Information Center which is responsible for administering the Internet name space for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia top-level domain (SA) among its other functions.

What is a domain name ?

A domain name represents your organization on the Internet. It is you Internet address which will be used by others to reach your web site or to send you email messages.

Why should I register a domain name?

A domain name will uniquely and easily identify your organization on the global Internet. By having it, you will have your own E-mail or Web addresses that are similar to/contain your company name.

What type of domain name should I apply for?

This depends on the nature of your organization (see the SA domain hierarchy on the reverse page).

How do I choose a domain name for my organization?

It is most probable that users online will try out names that are similar to your organization name (e.g., transliteration, English translation, or abbreviation).

Can I check if a domain name is available?

Yes, you can check if the name you want is available or not by conducting a domain name search at SaudiNIC database:
http://www.saudinic.net.sa/domain/whois.htm

What is a suitable domain name?

A typical .sa domain name consists of three parts separated by "." and looks like:

<your-domain>.<type>.sa.

The <your-domain> portion can contain any combination of letters and numbers as well as hyphen (-) between 3 and 24 characters long.
The <type> portion describes the nature of your organization (see the SA domain hierarchy on the reverse page) while the last portion is .sa.

What do I need in order to apply for a Domain Name in Saudi Arabia ?

To register your organization domain name, you will need to submit the following:

(a) A letter requesting the domain name. It must be on an official letterhead.

(b) Legal documents. For-profit entities requesting names under the "com.sa", "sch.sa", or "med.sa" domains should submit a copy of their legal documents (e.g., commercial registration, license, trade mark registration, ...). For all others, a copy of any official documents showing the relationship between the proposed domain name and the name of the organization is required.

(c) An Application form. You can use one of the following links:

http://www.saudinic.net.sa/domain/app-online.htm
http://www.saudinic.net.sa/domain/app-text.htm

(d) Two valid DNS name servers that maps IP addresses to their corresponding domain names. Such domain name servers may be arranged through third party providers.

Technical Note:
Registering a domain name requires that you must have arranged at least two operational domain name servers serving this domain. One of them is a primary name server and the others are secondary name servers. They must be continuously connected to the Internet but need not be dedicated, i.e., they can run on servers performing other services such as email or web.
If you do not have your own dedicated server, a local ISPs can provide name services to you.

My company is the sole agent for X-product in Saudi Arabia, can I register that product/mark under com.sa ? How ?

Yes, you need to provide a valid Trade Mark certificate . If your company does not have a TM certificate on that product, then a letter from the foreign company (the original manufacturer or holder of X-product rights) is needed to approve your request.

My organization registered a domain name through an ISP, who owns that domain, our organization or the ISP?

Domain names are owned by the requesting organizations and not the agents (e.g., ISPs).

How much does it cost?

Currently there is no fee for domain name registration under .sa.