



# International Domain Names Under Al-Ordon (الاردن.)

APTLD

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# What Did Jordan Register?

- Jordan initiated the registration of (الأردن) on December 9, 2009
- Our proposed TLD string was approved on April 21, 2010

# IANA Delegation Process

- Initiated right after the TLD string was approved on April 22, 2010
- Several documents were sent to IANA to enforce the application
- 3+ months process
- ICANN's next board meeting will be held in August

# Arabic Language Issues

- Diacritics (Tashkeel) are prohibited until the IETF comes up with a solution
- Digit Mixing is prohibited
- What was agreed to be used is the Arabic numerals 0-9
- Tatweel is prohibited since it does not affect the word; it is used for beautifying the writing (شيء, شيء)

# Application Level Issues

- When it comes to applications, whatever issues occur with other languages applies to the Arabic language
  - Web browser support
  - E-Mail client/server support
  - Zone file registration (ASCII vs. Unicode)
  - Lookup techniques (dig, nslookup)

# Registration Policy Insight

- Open to everyone except for individuals (until further notice)
- A registrant of an Arabic domain name must have a \*.jo domain name
- The chosen domain name must start with the nature of the registrant (ministry, company, school, hospital, network... etc)
- The domain name must reflect the entire name of the registrant, represents his initials, or one of his trademarks
- The domain Administrative Contact must be a Jordanian address

# Required Papers

- **Companies** – Registration license + Trademark
- **Networks** - Registration license + Trademark
- **Government Offices** – Official letter
- **Governmental Educational Institutes** - Official letter
- **Not-for-Profit Organizations** – Letter from Ministry of Interior Affairs, or the law that requested the formation of the organization, or a letter from a mother organization
- **Private Educational Institutes** - Registration license + Trademark
- **Military and Army** - Official letter

# ... continue (Required Papers)

- **Diplomatic Missions** – Letter from Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **International Figures registering via IP Firms** – Power of Attorney + International Trademark

# Registration Conditions

- Must compose of the Arabic letters (ا-ي), the Latin numerals (0-9), and the hyphen '-'
- May NOT contain diacritics (Harakat), Kashida (Tatweel), Arabic Numerals (٠-٩), or any ASCII alphabets (a-z)
- May not consist of numerals only, it must have - at minimum - one Arabic letter
- The minimum number of codes (letters, numerals, and hyphen) used in an Arabic domain name is three, and the maximum is 63 codes
- A domain name must not contain two or more consecutive hyphens '-'

# ... continue (Registration Conditions)

- The first code in an Arabic domain name must be a letter, and the last code could be a letter or numeral. The hyphen cannot begin or end an Arabic domain name
- The chosen Arabic domain name must represent the name of the entity, the initials of the name of the entity (not transliteration), or one of its trademarks
- The chosen domain name must start with the nature of the registrant (ministry, company, school, hospital, network... etc)

# Allowed Characters

6	ئ	م	ط	د	ـ
7	-	ن	ظ	ذ	ز
8	0	ه	س	ر	ه
9	1	و	ش	ز	ت
	2	ى	ف	س	ت
	3	ي	ق	ث	ن
	4	ء	ك	ل	س
	5	ؤ	ن	ض	س

# Example

موقع مركز-المعلومات الاردن

al-ordon

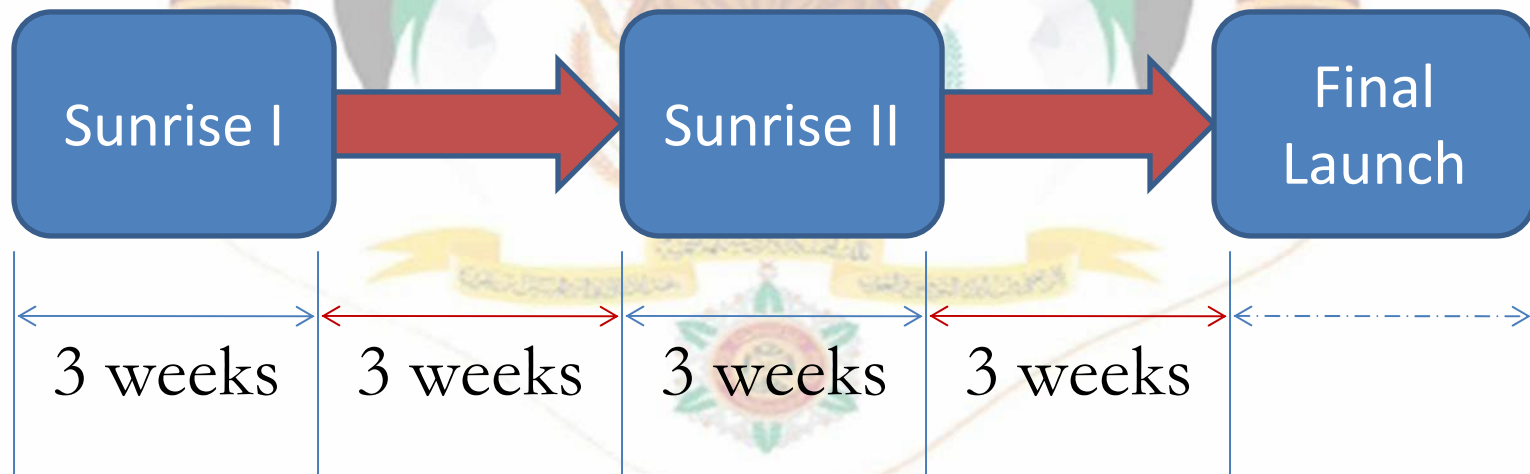
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# Sunrise Period

- Two sunrise periods have been agreed upon within NITC:
  - Sunrise period I
  - Sunrise Period II
- Expected during Q4 of 2010



# Sunrise Period I

- **Registration for governmental bodies and diplomatic missions residing in Jordan**
- **Duration of 3 weeks**
- **After this 3 week sunrise I period, an idle period of 3 weeks will be applied**

# Sunrise Period II

- **Registration for trademark owners, local and International**
- **Duration of 3 weeks**
- **After this 3 week sunrise II period, an idle period of 3 weeks will be applied**

# Final Launching

- After 3 weeks of the end of sunrise II, the registration will be open to the public
- Expected to be a new year gift for the public!

# Questions ?

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