The Lebanese Domain Registry

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The Lebanese Domain Registry

- Established in 1993 as a closed country registry

- Sponsored and Hosted by the Computing and Networking Services Department at the American University of Beirut

- Administered by Nabil Bukhalid

- Managed and maintained by Volunteers

- Offers Completely Free of Charge Services
LBDR Registration Policies

- Enforces Lebanese Trademark Protection (Domain must match trademark under class 35)

- Requires Lebanese Official Status (Registrant must be a properly and legally registered entity in Lebanon, private person or foreign companies cannot register)

- Second level domain (SLD) modeled after the gTLD (com.lb, edu.lb, org.lb, gov.lb & net.lb)

- Unique at the SLD level (xxx.lb)

- No private person or foreign companies
LBDR Disputes Resolution

• Domain allocation based on Lebanese trademark. All disputes are trademark not domain name disputes

• Apply trademark dispute resolutions

• Not a faction in the trademark disputes and does not get involved in the resolution of the conflict but reserves the right to take any necessary actions resulting from a non-revocable Lebanese court order, such as cancellation of a domain name allocation

• Four filed disputes three resolved amicably and the last by ruling of the commercial court. In all the disputed cases the incumbent registered party maintained the domain name
LBDR Statistics - Slow Growth

TOTAL ACTIVE LB DOMAINS

- 93-95
- 1996
- 1997
- 1998
- 1999
- 2000
- 2001
- 2002
- 2003
- 2004
- 2005
- 2006
- Sep-07
LBDR Statistics – Slow Growth

LB DOMAIN YEARLY GROWTH

- **gov.lb**
- **org.lb**
- **net.lb**
- **edu.lb**
- **com.lb**
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- ORG.LB
- NET.LB
- EDU.LB
- COM.LB
# LB Domain Distribution - Slow Growth

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LBDR - technical perspective

• .lb name servers
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  ns1.dns.aq  198.32.71.12
  rip.psg.com  147.28.0.39
  sunic.sunet.se  192.36.125.2
  zeina.aub.edu.lb  193.188.128.14

• SLD name servers
  Primary and secondary under CNS control running Redhat Linux and Bind 9.4.1
  Secondary in the states (rip.psg.com)
LBDR - technical perspective

• LBDR application forms are available online at http://www.aub.edu.lb/lbdr
  To be sent electronically via email

• Search utility also available online at http://www.aub.edu.lb/lbdr
LBDR - Future plans

• Create and electronic site once the electronic signature is ratified by the Lebanese government

• Setup a whois service
What’s in a Domain Name

Q & A

Thank You