

# The Lebanese Domain Registry

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- 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

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- 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

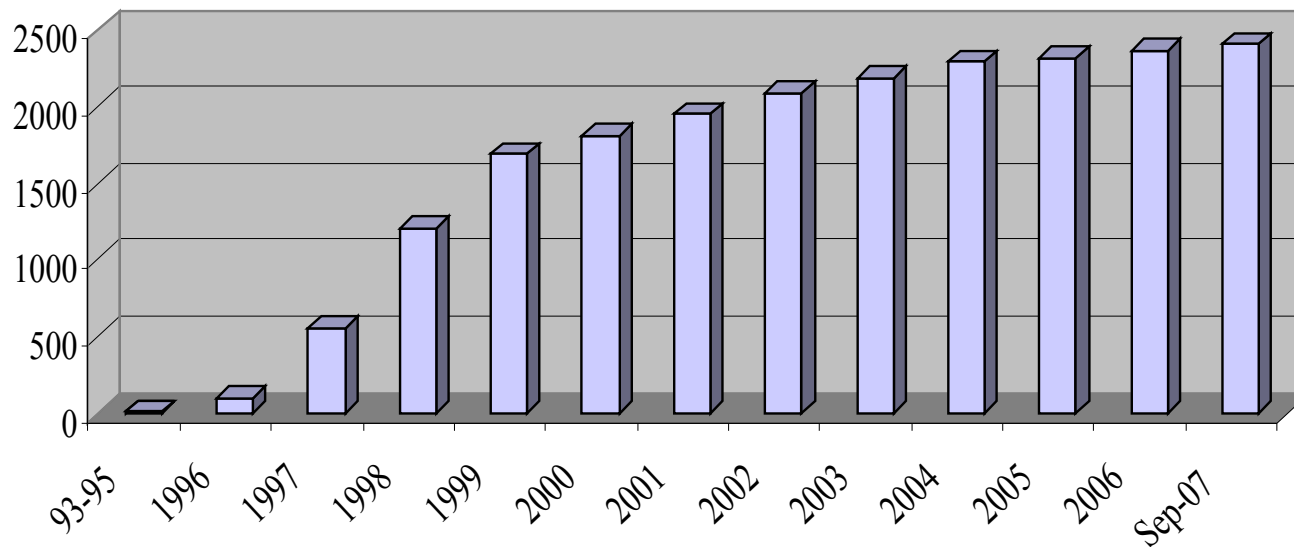
# LBDR Disputes Resolution

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- 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

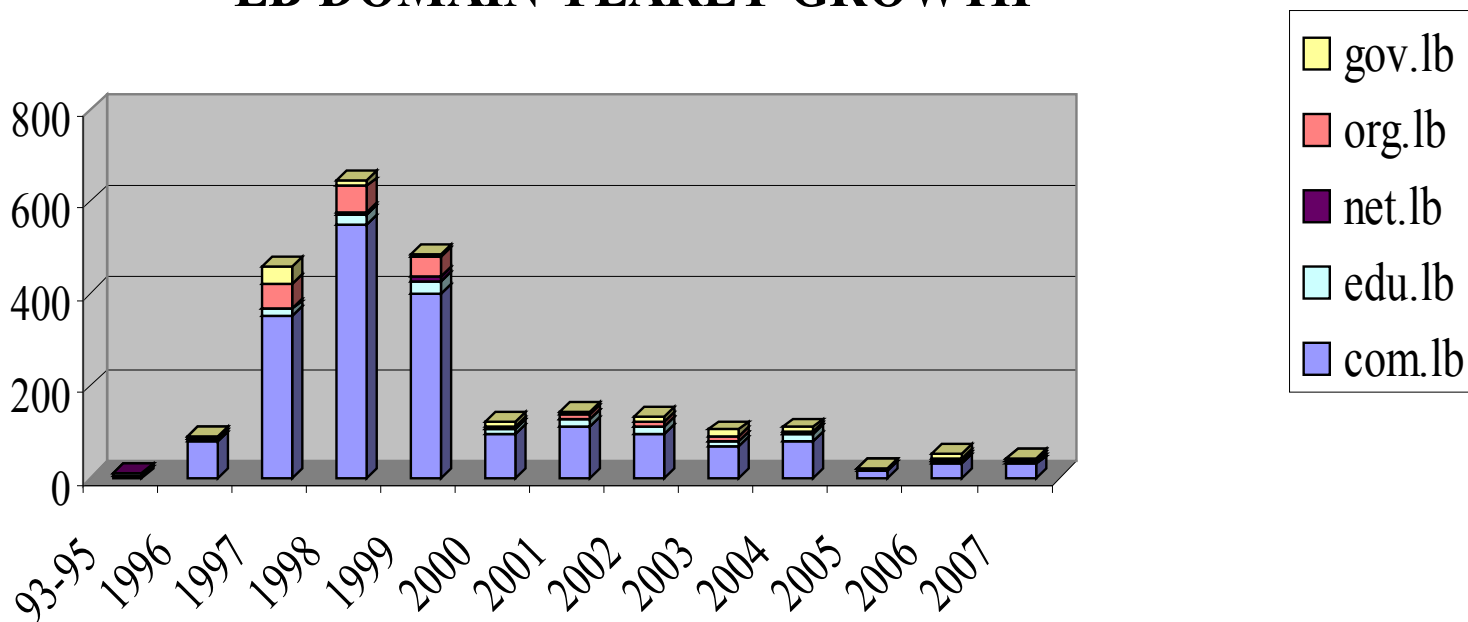
# LBDR Statistics - Slow Growth

## TOTAL ACTIVE LB DOMAINS

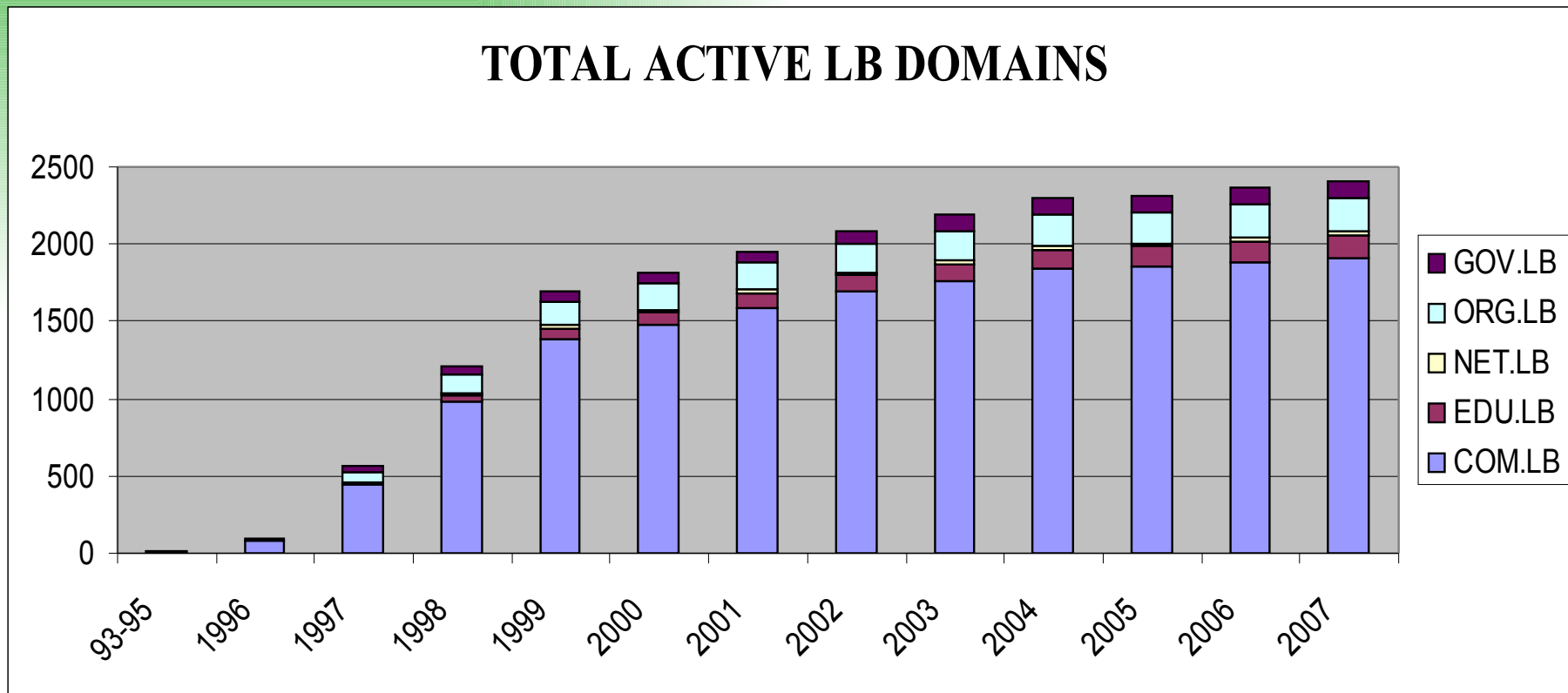


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## LB DOMAIN YEARLY GROWTH



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## LB DOMAIN DISTRIBUTION

YEAR	COM	EDU	NET	ORG	GOV	REGISTERED PER YEAR	TOTAL REGISTERED	REGIST. IN-PROCESS	Comment
<b>LB Domain Registry Created in July 1993 by Nabil Bukhalid</b>									
93-95	5	3	1	0	0	9	9		First domain AUB.EDU.LB, July 1993
1996	80	3	1	4	3	91	100		Protected Trademark, August 1996
1997	353	12	2	54	38	459	559		
1998	548	23	5	57	12	645	1204		
1999	401	26	11	41	6	485	1689		Enforced Trademark, October 1999
2000	94	11	0	8	9	122	1811		
2001	111	14	1	10	5	141	1952		Trademark 50% discount, September 2001
2002	95	16	1	8	13	133	2085		
2003	69	11	0	10	13	103	2188		
2004	80	13	1	6	8	108	2296		
2005	15	2	1	2	2	22	2318		
2006	31	4	1	7	8	51	2369		
Sep-07	28	5	2	6	0	41	2410	43	September 30, 2007
<b>Total</b>	<b>1910</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>2410</b>			

# LBDR - technical perspective

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- **.lb name servers**  
arizona.edu 128.196.128.233  
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)

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- 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

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- Create an electronic site once the electronic signature is ratified by the Lebanese government
- Setup a whois service

# What's in a Domain Name

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Q & A

Thank You