



# Top Level Domains

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# What is a Domain Name?



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZUQ2Szu-JI>

# Parts of a Domain Name

Protocol



Top Level Domain



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Domain Name

# Hosts.txt

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HOST : 192.5.12.22 : UTAH-GR : VAX-11/750 : UNIX : TCP/TELNET,TCP/FTP,TCP/SMTP :
HOST : 192.5.89.22 : UT-ICV2 : VAX-11/780 : VMS : TCP/TELNET,TCP/SMTP,TCP/FTP,UDP,ICMP :
HOST : 192.12.5.22 : SRI-WHITNEY : SYMBOLICS-3600 : LISPM : TCP/SMTP,TCP/TELNET,TCP/FTP,TCP/FINGER,TCP/TIME,UDP/TIME,UDP/TFTP,UDP/FINGER :
HOST : 192.5.8.23 : UW-OAHU,OAHU : SUN-120 : UNIX : TCP/TELNET,TCP/FTP,TCP/SMTP :
HOST : 192.5.12.23 : UTAH-SP : VAX-11/750 : UNIX : TCP/TELNET,TCP/FTP,TCP/SMTP :
HOST : 192.5.89.23 : UT-ICV3 : VAX-11/780 : VMS : TCP/TELNET,TCP/SMTP,TCP/FTP,UDP,ICMP :
HOST : 192.12.5.23 : SRI-PINCUSHION,PINCUSHION : SYMBOLICS-3600 : LISPM : TCP/SMTP,TCP/TELNET,TCP/FTP,TCP/FINGER,TCP/TIME,UDP/TIME,UDP/TFTP,UDP/FINGER :
HOST : 192.5.2.24, 192.5.58.8 : WISCVM,WISC-IBM : IBM-4341 : VM/CMS : TCP/TELNET,TCP/FTP,TCP/SMTP,ICMP :
HOST : 192.5.12.24 : UTAH-UG : VAX-11/750 : UNIX : TCP/FTP,TCP/SMTP,TCP/TELNET :
HOST : 192.12.5.24 : SRI-FORESTER,FORESTER : SYMBOLICS-3600 : LISPM : TCP/SMTP,TCP/TELNET,TCP/FTP,TCP/FINGER,TCP/TIME,UDP/TIME,UDP/TFTP,UDP/FINGER :
HOST : 192.5.12.25 : UTAH-ORION : VAX-11/750 : UNIX : TCP/FTP,TCP/SMTP,TCP/TELNET :
HOST : 192.12.5.25 : SRI-KIOWA,KIOWA : SYMBOLICS-3670 : LISPM : TCP/SMTP,TCP/TELNET,TCP/FTP,TCP/FINGER,TCP/TIME,UDP/TIME,UDP/TFTP,UDP/FINGER :
HOST : 192.5.89.26 : UT-DNX : VAX-11/780 : VMS : TCP/TELNET,TCP/SMTP,TCP/FTP,UDP,ICMP :
HOST : 192.12.5.26 : SRI-JUNIPER,JUNIPER : SYMBOLICS-3600 : LISPM : TCP/SMTP,TCP/TELNET,TCP/FTP,TCP/FINGER,TCP/TIME,UDP/TIME,UDP/TFTP,UDP/FINGER :
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HOST : 192.10.41.30 : SCRC-PERN,PERN : SUN-120 : UNIX : TCP/FTP,TCP/TELNET,TCP/SMTP,UDP :
HOST : 192.12.5.30 : SRI-NEWCOMB,NEWCOMB : SYMBOLICS-3600 : LISPM : TCP/SMTP,TCP/TELNET,TCP/FTP,TCP/FINGER,TCP/TIME,UDP/TIME,UDP/TFTP,UDP/FINGER :
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HOST : 192.5.89.39 : UT-A3081,UT-IBM : IBM-3081 : VM/CMS : TCP/TELNET,TCP/FTP :
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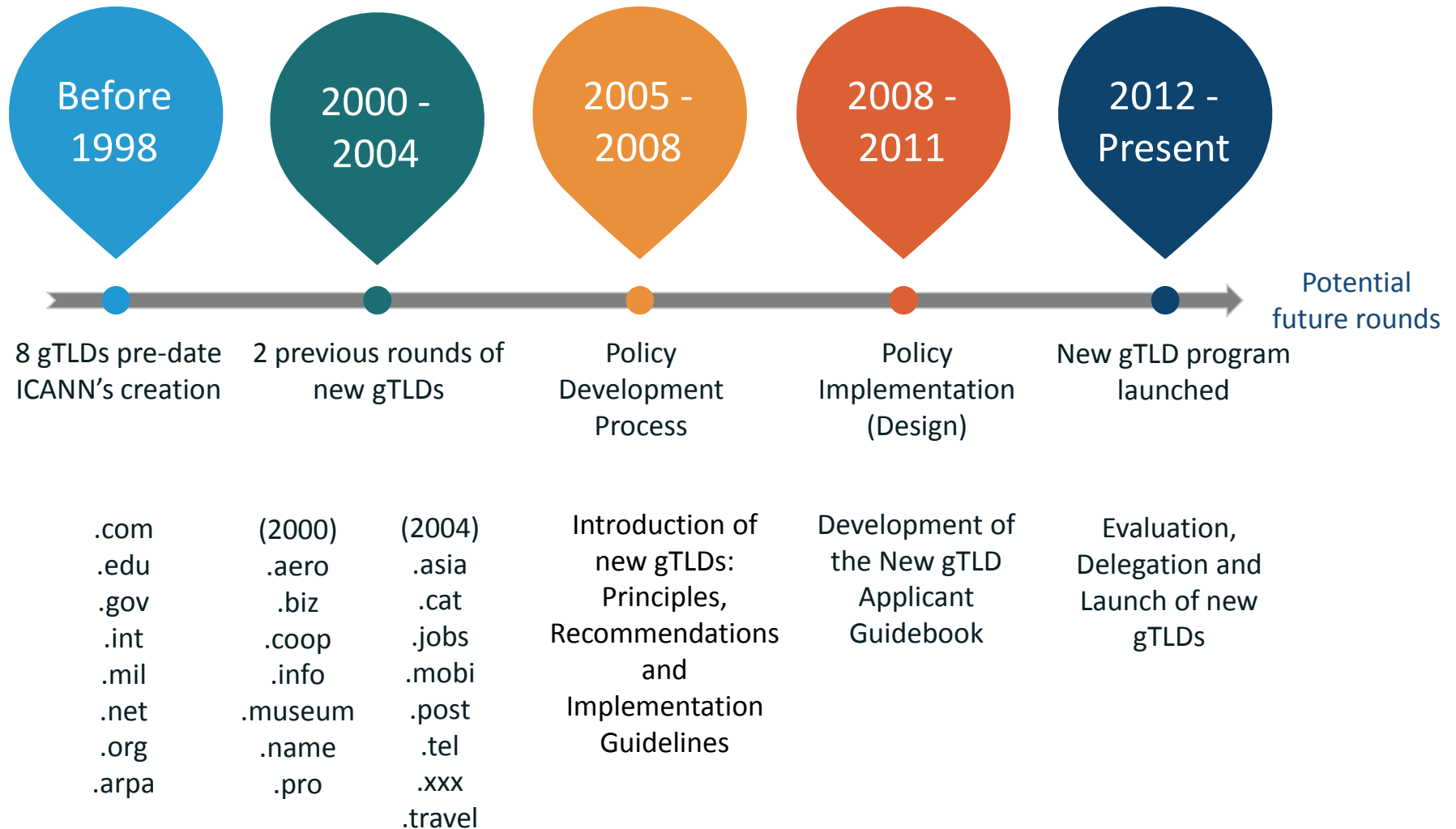


# Early Domains

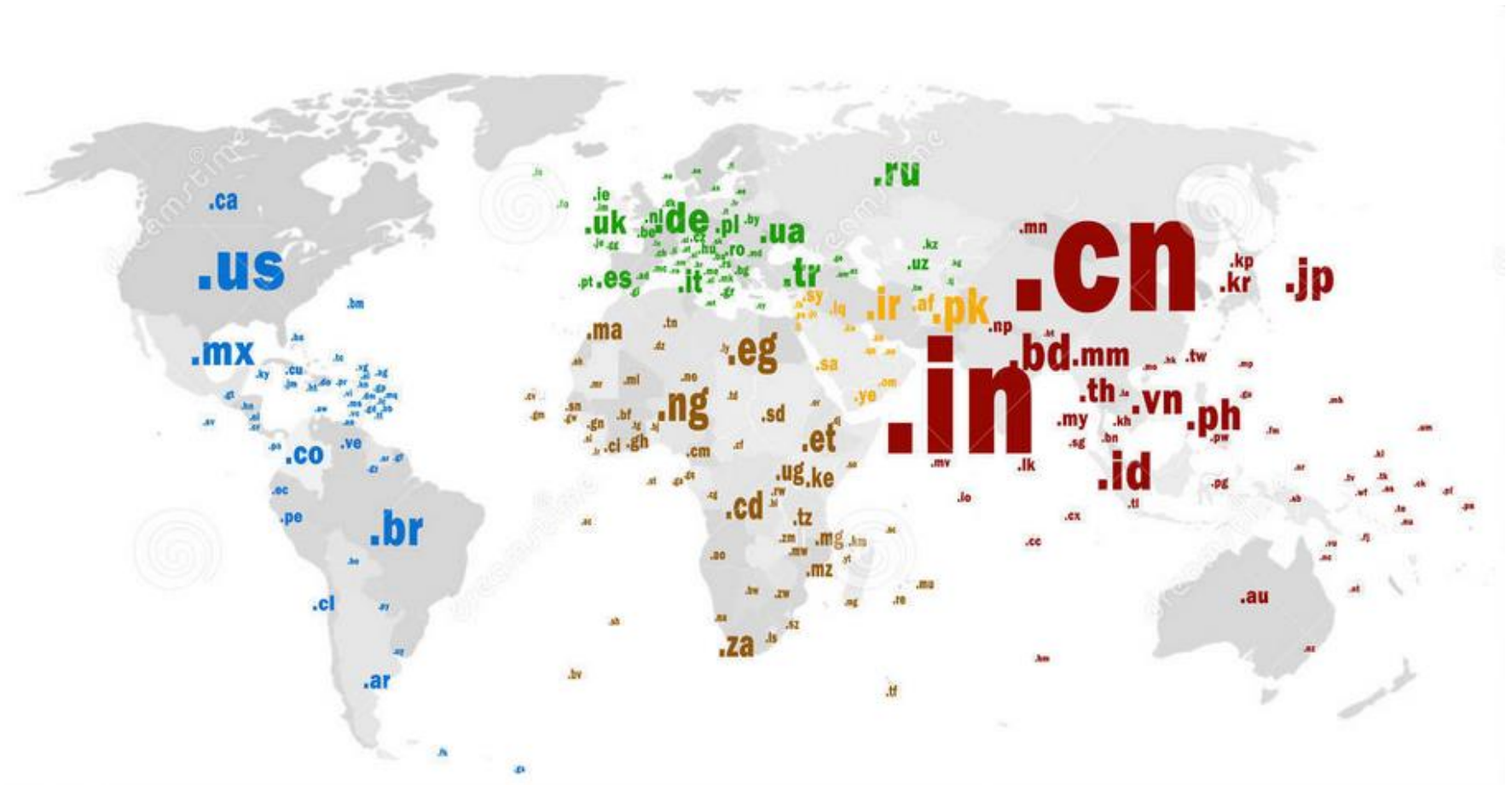
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2	April 24, 1985	bbn.com	BBN Technologies
3	May 24, 1985	think.com	Thinking Machines
4	July 11, 1985	mcc.com	Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation
5	September 30, 1985	dec.com	Digital Equipment Corporation
6	November 7, 1985	northrop.com	Northrop Corporation
7	January 9, 1986	xerox.com	Xerox
8	January 17, 1986	sri.com	SRI International
9	March 3, 1986	hp.com	Hewlett-Packard
10	March 5, 1986	bellcore.com	Bell Communications Research
11	March 19, 1986	ibm.com	International Business Machines
11	March 19, 1986	sun.com	Sun Microsystems
13	March 25, 1986	intel.com	Intel
13	March 25, 1986	ti.com	Texas Instruments
15	April 25, 1986	att.com	AT&T

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_the\\_oldest\\_currently\\_registered\\_Internet\\_domain\\_names](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_the_oldest_currently_registered_Internet_domain_names)

# Evolution of Generic TLDs (gTLD)



# Country Code TLDs (ccTLD)



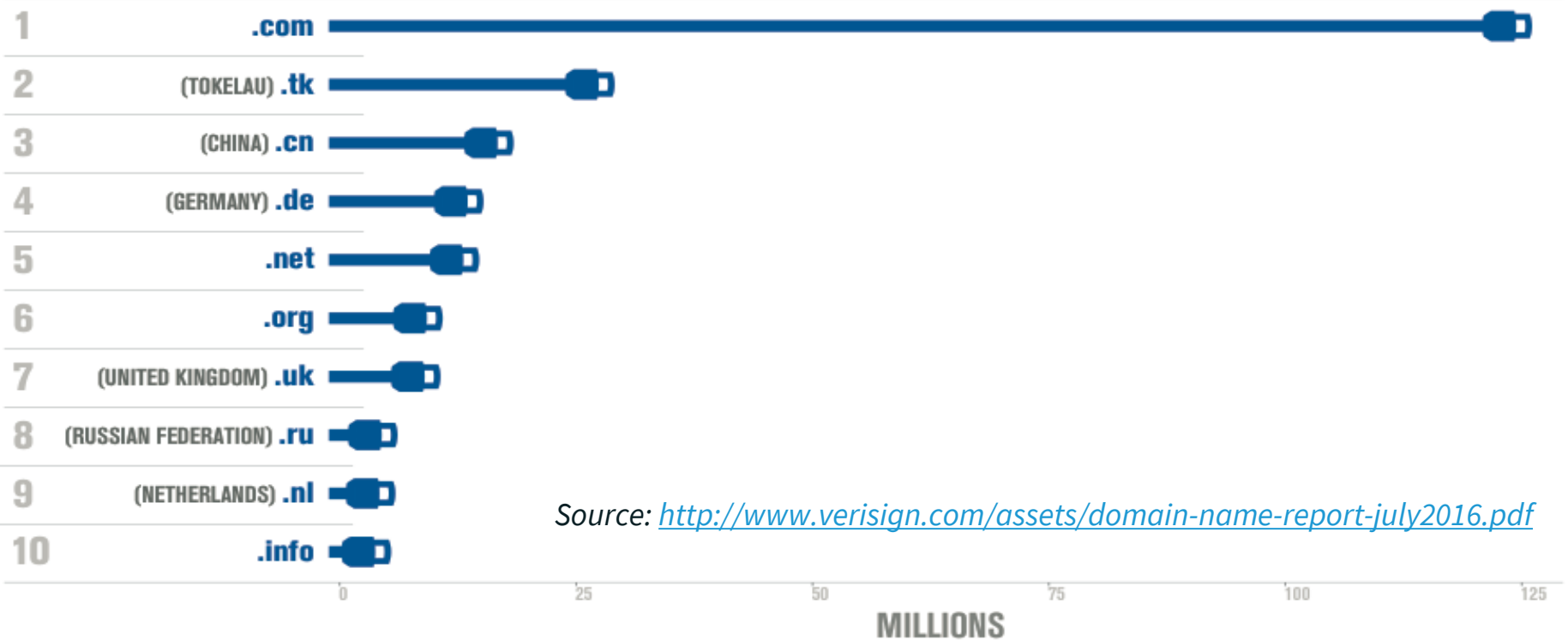
Source: <http://dreamstime.com/>

# The ISO-3166 List

- The ISO-3166 provides 2-letter codes and 3-letter codes of countries or a grouping of countries
- 249 assigned 2-letter codes
  - According to the UN, the world has 196 countries
- More at <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#search>



# Largest TLDs by Zone Size



.tk  
(TOKELAU)

1



.cn  
(CHINA)

2



.de  
(GERMANY)

3



.uk  
(UNITED KINGDOM)

4



.ru  
(RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

5



.nl  
(NETHERLANDS)

6



.eu  
(EUROPEAN UNION)

7



.br  
(BRAZIL)

8



.au  
(AUSTRALIA)









9



.fr  
(FRANCE)

10

# Largest ccTLDs in MEAC Region

IR		Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences	769,025
TR		Middle East Technical University	382,044
AE		Telecommunication Regulatory Authority	190,209
PK		PKNIC	~100,000
MA		Agence Nationale de Réglementation des Télécommunications	60,825
SA		Communications and Information Technology Commission	41,328
SO		Ministry of Post and Telecommunications	~40,000
TN		Tunisia Internet	33,010

# Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

- Lots of community work undertaken since 2000
- Groups who came together to work on this included:
  - Arabic Script
  - CJK (Chinese, Japanese, and Korean)
  - Cyrillic
  - Greek
  - Latin
  - Neo-Brahmi
  - ... and many others

# IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process

- Years of policy development before being announced on October 31, 2009 at the end of the ICANN Seoul meeting
- Restricted to countries willing to register their ccTLD in their local language
  - Restricted to non-Latin languages
- Goes through two phases; String Evaluation and then Delegation
- Needs consensus from local communities on who should operate it
- More than 26 delegations so far with 13 in Arabic, 1 in Farsi, and 2 in Urdu
- First 4 delegations were مصر, امارات, السعودية, and .Pڤ
- More at <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/string-evaluation-completion-2014-02-19-en>





# The New gTLD Program

1930 total number of applications received

911  
North America

675  
Europe

24  
South America

17  
Africa

303  
Asia Pacific

# Internet New Extensions



Source: <https://newgtlds.icann.org/>

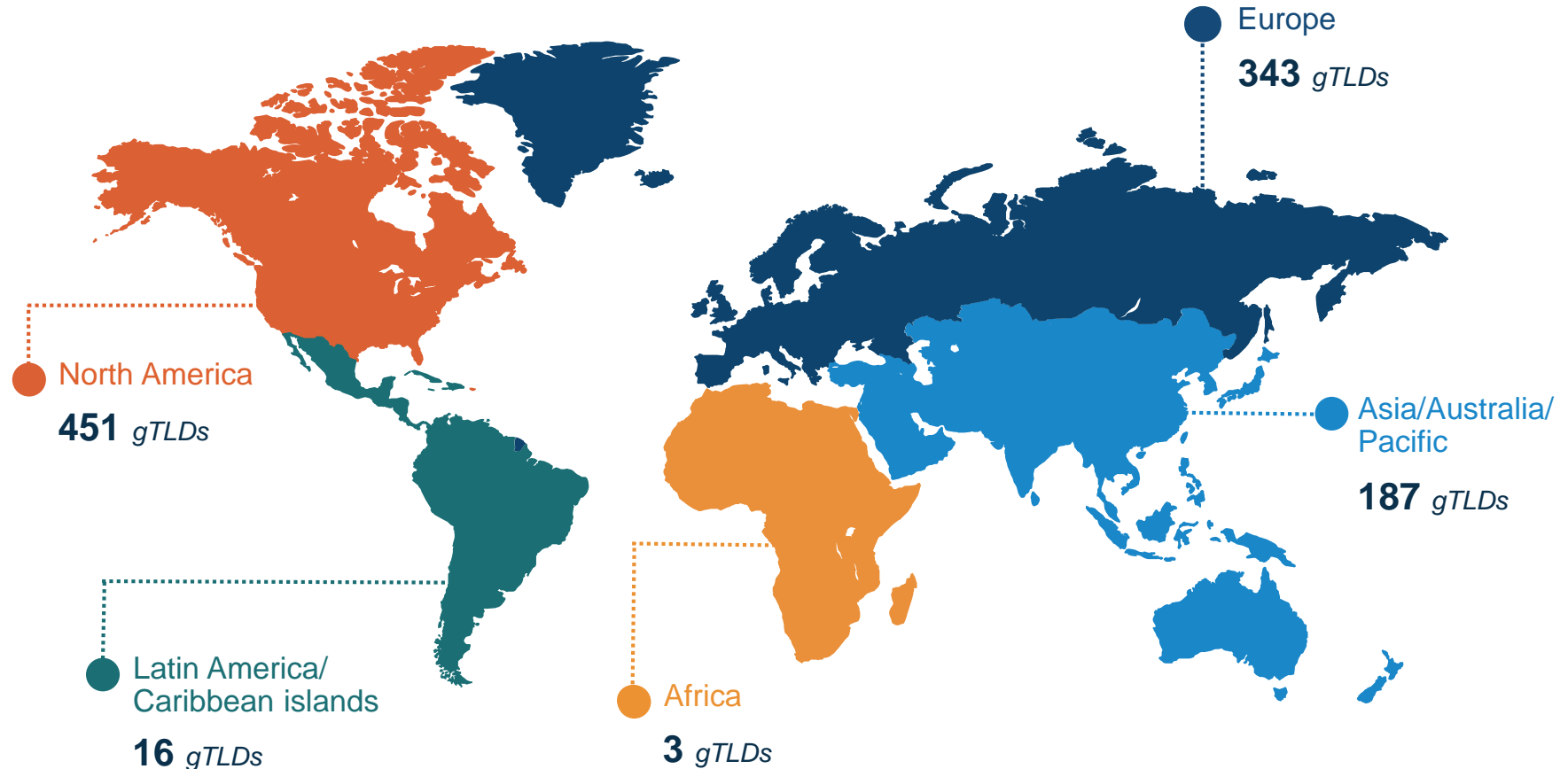
# Where Do Things Stand?

- ⦿ 1930 applications
- ⦿ 1300+ potential TLDs delegated by 2017
- ⦿ 1129 new gTLDs delegated
- ⦿ 87 Internationalized Domain Name gTLDs have been delegated

*As of 1 August 2016*

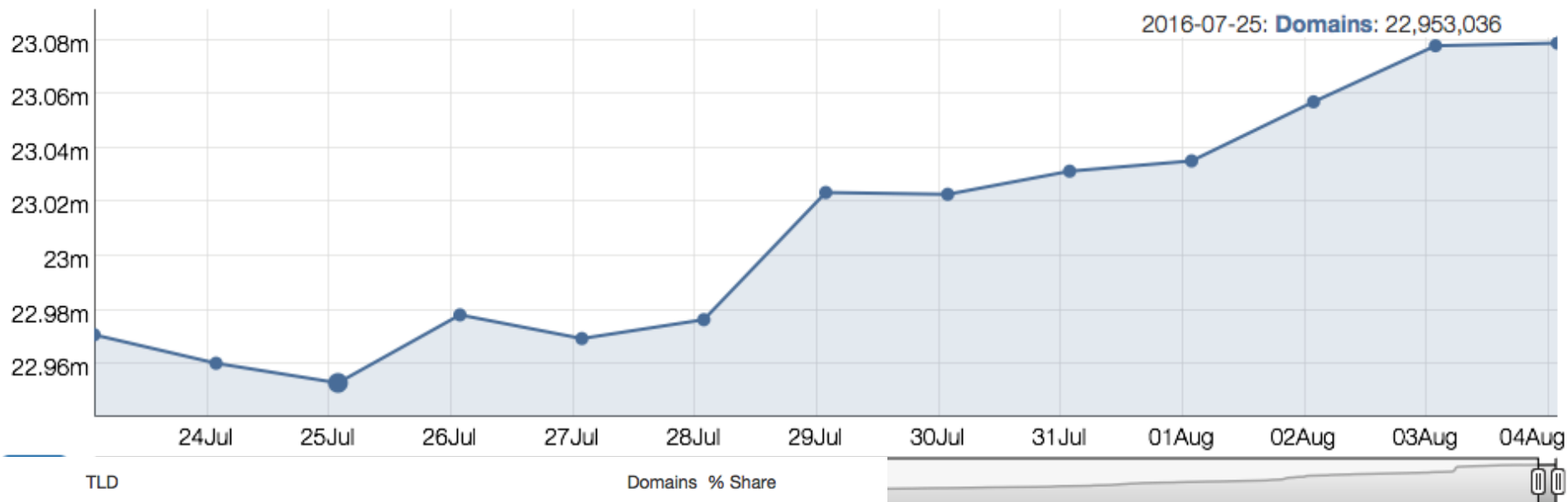
# 2012 Round Delegated gTLDs by ICANN Region

## 1000 New gTLDs



*As of 25 May 2016*

# New gTLD Statistics



TLD	Domains	% Share
1.  .xyz	6,443,524	27.92%
2.  .top	3,051,667	13.22%
3.  .wang	1,065,508	4.62%
4.  .win	993,251	4.30%
5.  .club	809,467	3.51%
6.  .site	454,350	1.97%
7.  .vip	440,499	1.91%
8.  .link	404,184	1.75%
9.  .bid	391,035	1.69%
10.  .online	353,837	1.53%

Source: <https://ntldstats.com>



# The New Landscape



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kFcxf8KAjg>

# Universal Acceptance of TLDs

All domain names should be treated equally.

Including:

**пример.рф**

Internationalized  
Domain Names

**site.example**

New gTLDs

**名称@网站.域名**

Internationalized  
Email Addresses

# Why it Matters



Required for multilingual Internet



Enables next billion users



Crucial to new gTLDs



## Universal Acceptance Steering Group

Helping software developers and website owners  
understand how to update their systems.



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# Questions?!



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