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Hebrew Domain Names Its time to Resolve

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The Hebrew Language



- o An ancient language.
- O Used to write the Bible.
- Ceased in being a spoken language around the first century.
- Revived as a spoken language in the 19th century.
- o Spoken by about 6 million people.
- o Its script is also used by Yiddish.
- o Hebrew is used by:

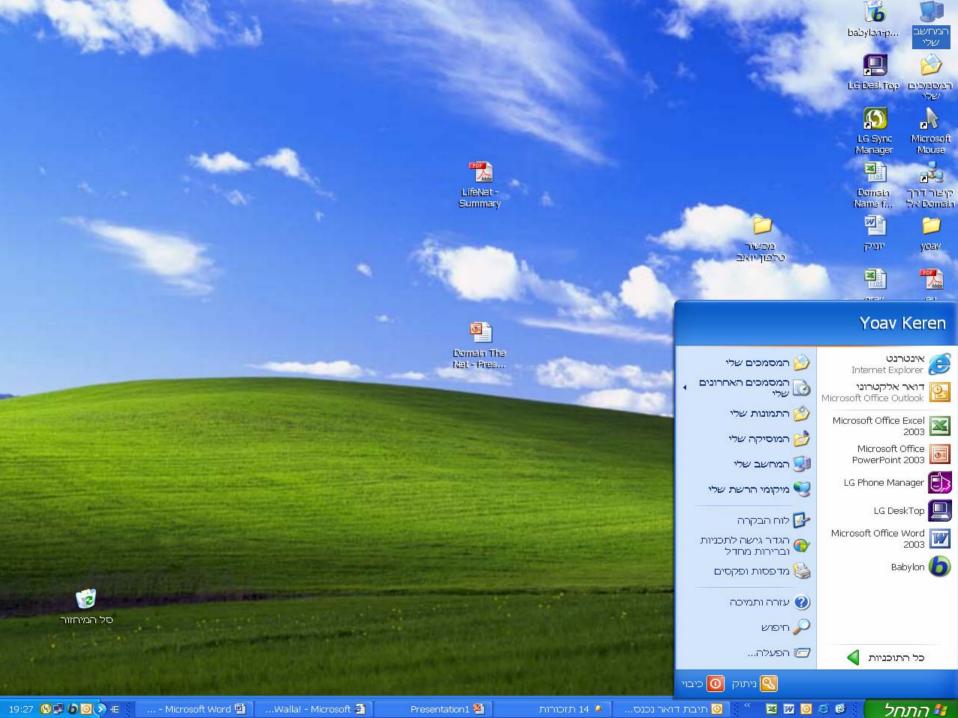
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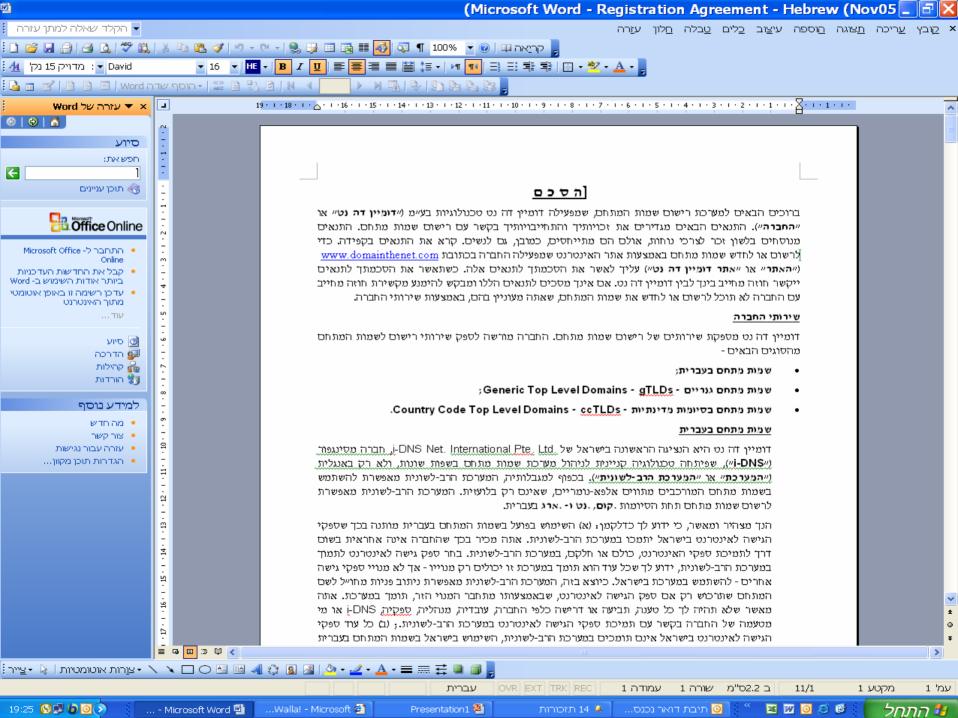


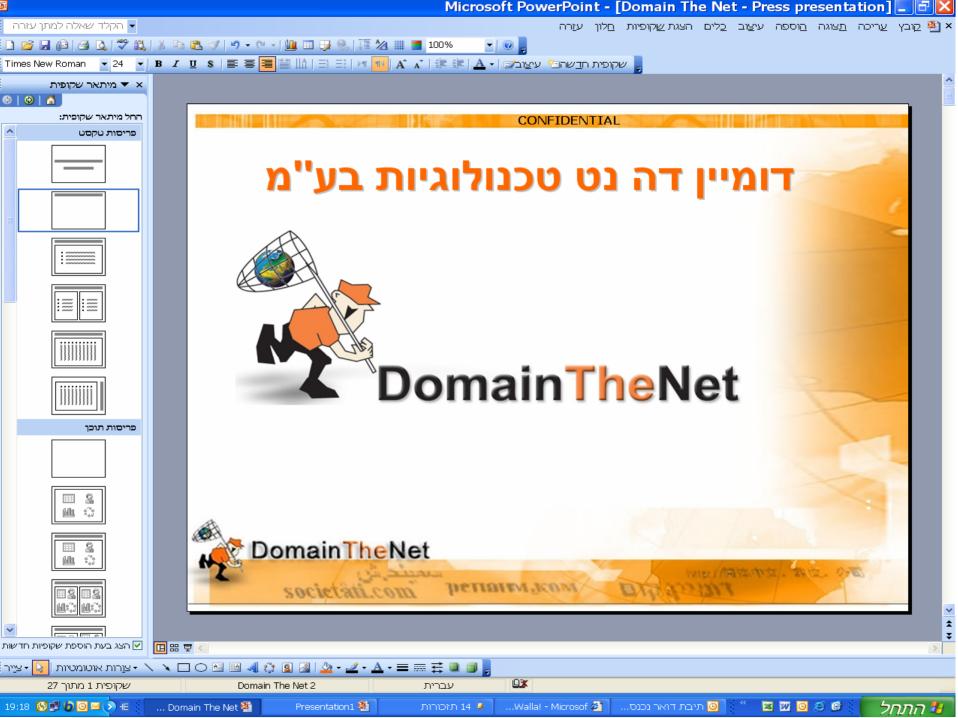
Localization is Already Here



- PC applications in languages other than English, developed by:
 - 1. International companies
 - 2. Local companies
- Local web-sites in non-English speaking countries are usually developed in the local language.
- Browsing experience in every country is different - each country has its own popular web-sites in its own language.



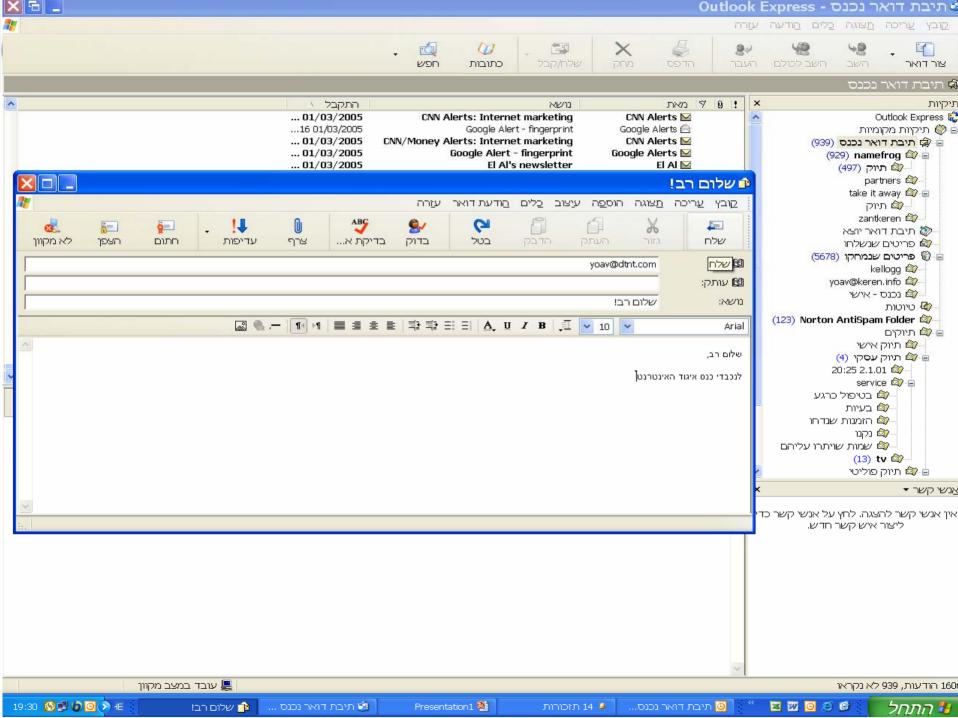






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English Domains are a Barrier



- For people who are literally non-English speaking
- A practical barrier
- A psychological barrier
- Usually for people coming from the lower income group
- They cannot enjoy the spectrum of Internet applications
- They cannot enjoy the economical benefits
- Internal wealth distributions continue to grow daily



The Launch of Hebrew TLDs



- Domain The Net launched Hebrew domain names with Hebrew TLDs in December 2000
- Supported by Israel's Communication Minister
- o Three Hebrew TLDs launched. Equivalents of .com, .net and .org:

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- o Excited reaction of the market
- Later on limited use due to dependence on a plug-in resolution

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> 08:53 :שעה

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בן כספית : אתם יודעים מה זה דומיין דה נט קום? אני לא.

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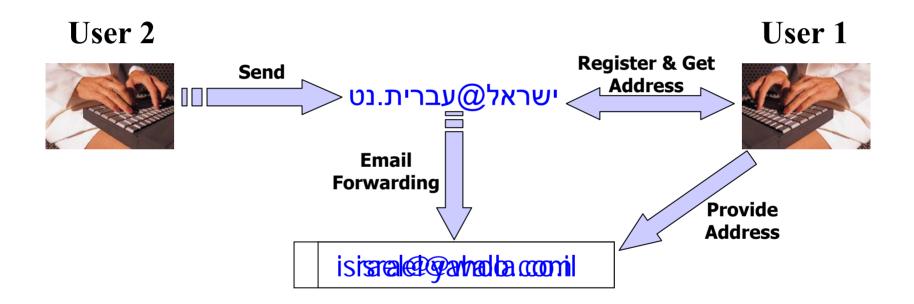
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Hebrew Email Addresses



Tested successfully by Domain The Net





IDN.IDN vs. IDN.ascii



- IDN.ascii domain names for languages such as Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Arabic, Hebrew is not sufficient.
- This partial solution does not eliminate the language barrier.
- This partial solution also does not allow a full and free cultural expression.
- o There are some other limitations.
- For example The Hebrew language is written right to left.

www.דומיין.com דומיין.קום

IDN.IDN Is The Ultimate Solution



The Right for Cultural Expression



- There is a basic right of every nation and every culture to express freely.
- The Internet today is a major mean for cultural expression.
- The current situation:
 - Advertisement, signs, TV shows, business cards, company papers, etc. – in local languages except for the domain name and email address.
 - Many companies use English script for their names and brands instead of local scripts



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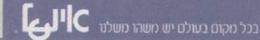
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DNAMEs Vs. NS-Records



- ICANN offered to test both technical solutions.
- NS-records is a proven technology while DNAMEs meant for something else.
- DNAMEs explicitly dictate policy issues while NS-records can be used using different policies on a case by case basis (language by language, script by script).



Problems with DNAMEs



- Only incumbent registries will offer IDN TLDs, which must be equivalent to their current TLDs.
- Each registry will be able to offer equivalents of the TLD in ALL languages/scripts – a source for major political problems and disputes.
- Different policies by each registry for each language/script – can create cultural problems, political problems and customer confusion, etc.





The TLD:

.info

אינפומציה / .אינפו.

מידע / מיד.

מודיעין / .מודי / .מוד.

. הסברה / . הסבר

information

אינפורמציה

מידע

מודיעין

הסברה

Who decides?
Afilias?!?!





The Domain:

keren.info

Keren

with punctuation



ray, beam, shaft; fund, capital, foundation, principal, purse, kitty; horn, antler, bugle; strength, prestige, power, glory, might; corner; free kick (soccer)

בְתַרַן

radiated, beamed, shined





Who gets the Hebrew DNAME?

ray.info, beam.info, shaft.info, fund.info, capital.info, foundation.info, principal.info, purse.info, kitty.info, horn.info, antler.info, bugle.info, strength.info, prestige.info, power.info, glory.info, might.info, corner.info, freekick.info, radiated.info, beamed.info, shined.info

Keren.info; ceren.info; karan.info; caran,info

Who decides?





Another View of DNAMEs

Relevant only for Verisign



The Solution – Resolving



Implementation of IDN using NS-records.

 Standardization that will enable the resolving of Hebrew and other languages' Top Level Domains.