

Overview of Internet in the Syrian Arab Republic

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Agenda

- Internet Pilot Project
- Local e-mail Project
- Current situation
- STE ISP
- Future plans

Internet Pilot Project

- Established at the late of 1997
- Governmental sector only
- 16 Ports
- 2 ISDN connections
- 300 subscribers
- Total bandwidth of 128 Kb

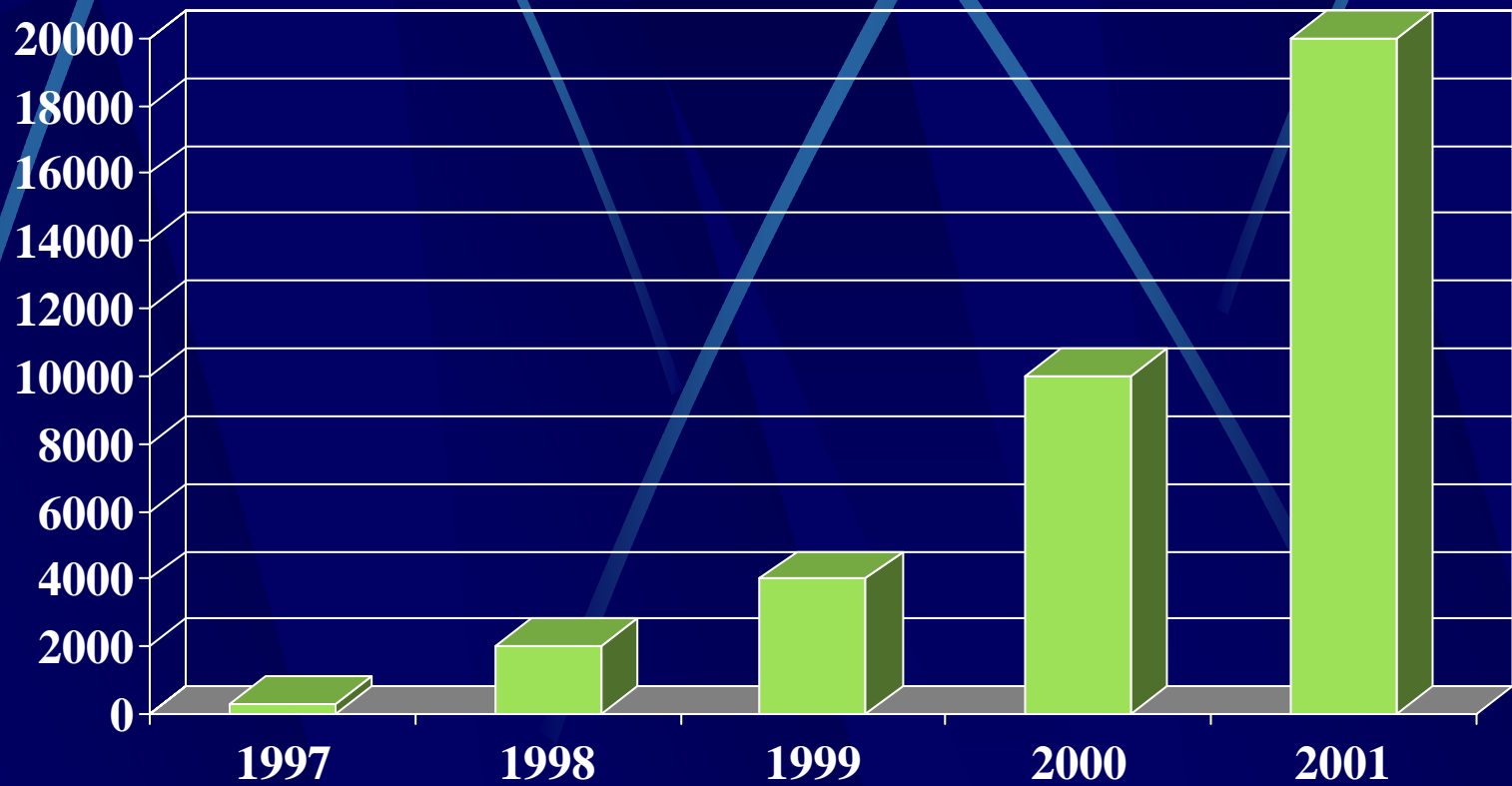
Local e-mail Project

- Started at the mid of 1998
- Local email service only
- Governmental & Commercial users
- 5 POP(s) at the largest cities
- 138 Ports
- 512 Kb
- At the end of 1998 International email & Internet services has been added

Current situation

- 2 Operational ISP(s)
 - STE ISP
 - SCS ISP
- Total subscriber of 17000-20000
- Total bandwidth of 8 Mb
- Service is available for all sectors

Internet user growth





STE ISP

Statistical information

- 8500 subscribers
- Total bandwidth of 4 Mb
- About 600 port in the 5 POP(s)
- 28 ISDN ports (128K)
- 10 Leased Line users

Services provided

- Web browsing
- E-Mail
- Web hosting
- News
- CCTLD (.sy) domain names

Our customers

- Governmental companies
- Travel agents
- Commercial sector
- Universities
- Educational centers

Tariffs & Fees

- 100 \$ Initial subscription fee
- 20 \$ Internet monthly fee
- 1 \$ email only users monthly fee
- 2 Cents Per connection minute

Future plans

- Internet backbone based on ATM core & IP traffic
- 35 POP(s) distributed all over the country
- 5-6 Share holders with high experience in the field
- 100000 estimated subscriber at the end of the first year
- 200000 at the end of the second year



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