UAEnic at a Glance

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Who is UAEnic?

- *UAE Network Information Center (UAEnic)*

- *The (.ae) Domain Name Registry – ccTLD of the UAE since 1995.*

- *Local Internet Registry (LIR)*

- *Part of Etisalat.*

The Objectiives

- *Give the UAE an extensive global presence in the cyber world.*

- *Treat all eligible applicants equally on a first come, first served basis.*

- *Promote the use of Internet in UAE for economical, educational and cultural development.*

UAEnic Time Lines

- *In 1994, UAE University was delegated by IANA to run (.ae) Domain Name Space.*

- *In 1995, UAEnic was re-delegated to run (.ae) Domain Name Space with mutual agreement with UAE University.*

- *In 1995, UAEnic was authorized LIR by RIPE NCC.*

UAEnic Time Lines

- *In 2001, UAEnic was allocated IPv6 Addresses. (first in the region).*

- *In 2002, UAEnic was authorized by ITU to run ENUM (+971) Registry (among the first in the world).*

- *Founding Member of UAE IPv6 Task Force.*

Internet in the UAE

- *In August 1995, Internet was introduced with 128Kbps Satellite bandwidth and 250 dialup ports.*

- *Now, 2 GB (15 x STM-1s -155Mbps) Cables bandwidth capacity, 50,000 dialup ports, and over 150,000 Broadband capacity (Cable, ADSL, Fixed Wireless)*
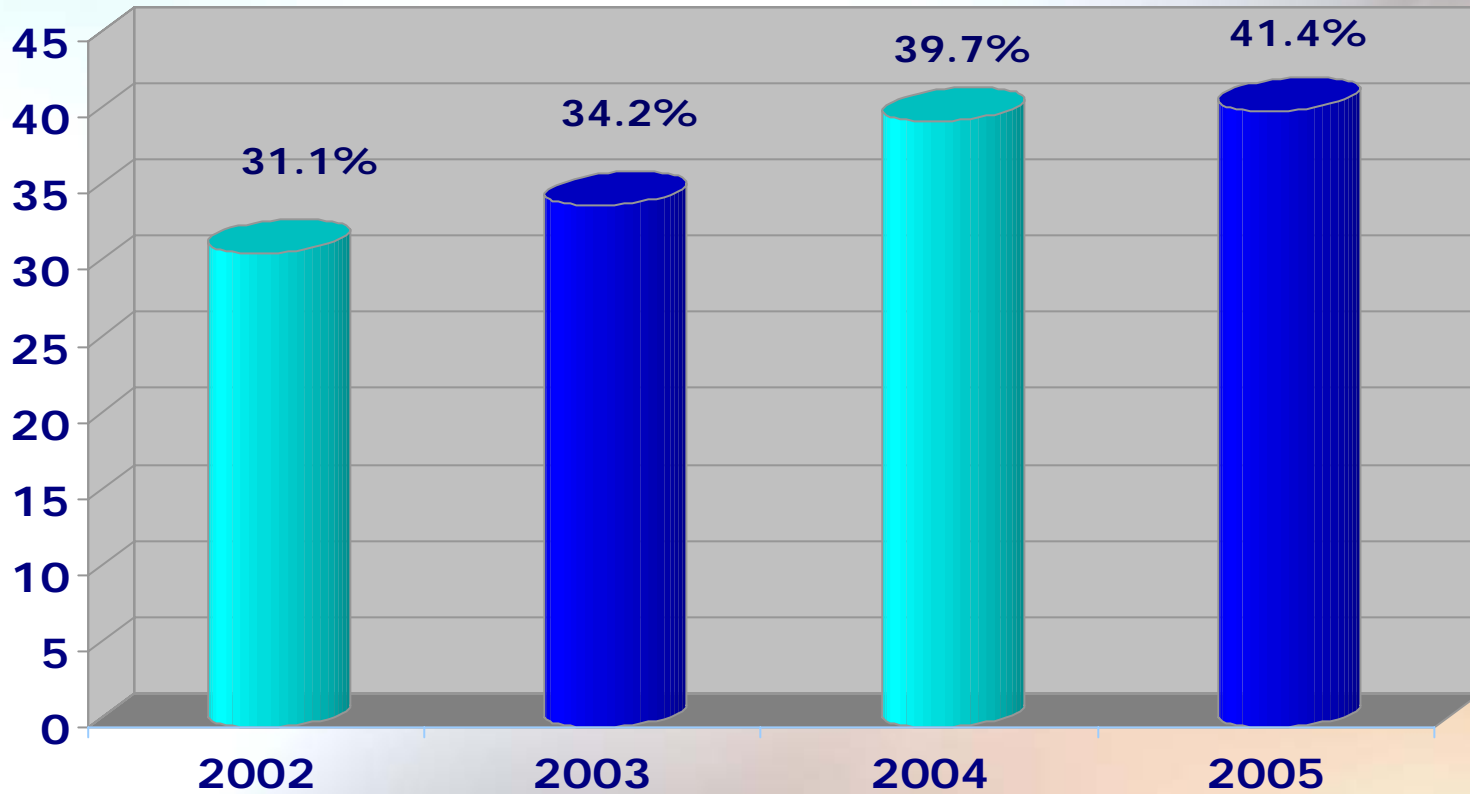
Connectivity

- *15 x STM-1s (155Mbps) direct cables to IP Transit Providers.*

- *12 direct regional peering connectivities.*

- *Over 40 direct peering connectivities with service and content providers in USA.*

Connectivity to The World
(FLAG – 11xSTM1s)

Connectivity to The World
(SMW-3, 4xSTM1s)

World Wide Peering

Taiwan

Qatar

India

Bahrain

Singapore

Malaysia

Hong Kong

Cyprus

KSA

Japan

Kuwait
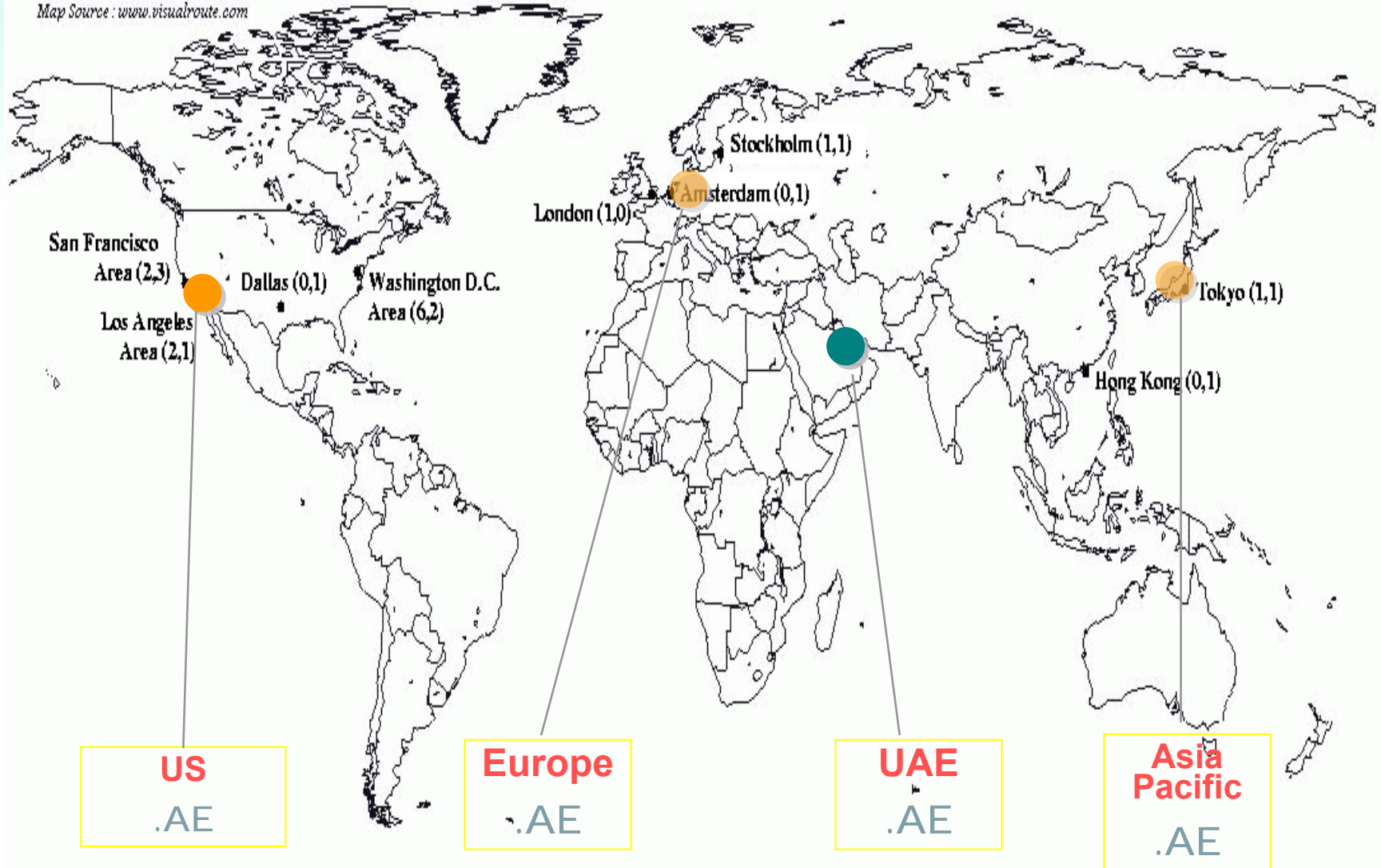
USA

Domain Name System (DNS)

- ## *DNS In UAE*

  - **Dubai – Data Center**
  - **Abu Dhabi - Data Center**

- ## *DNS Outside UAE*

  - **Europe – RIPE NCC**
  - **Asia Pacific – APNIC**
  - **US - ISC**

DNS in UAE

Operating Mirror Root Server(s)
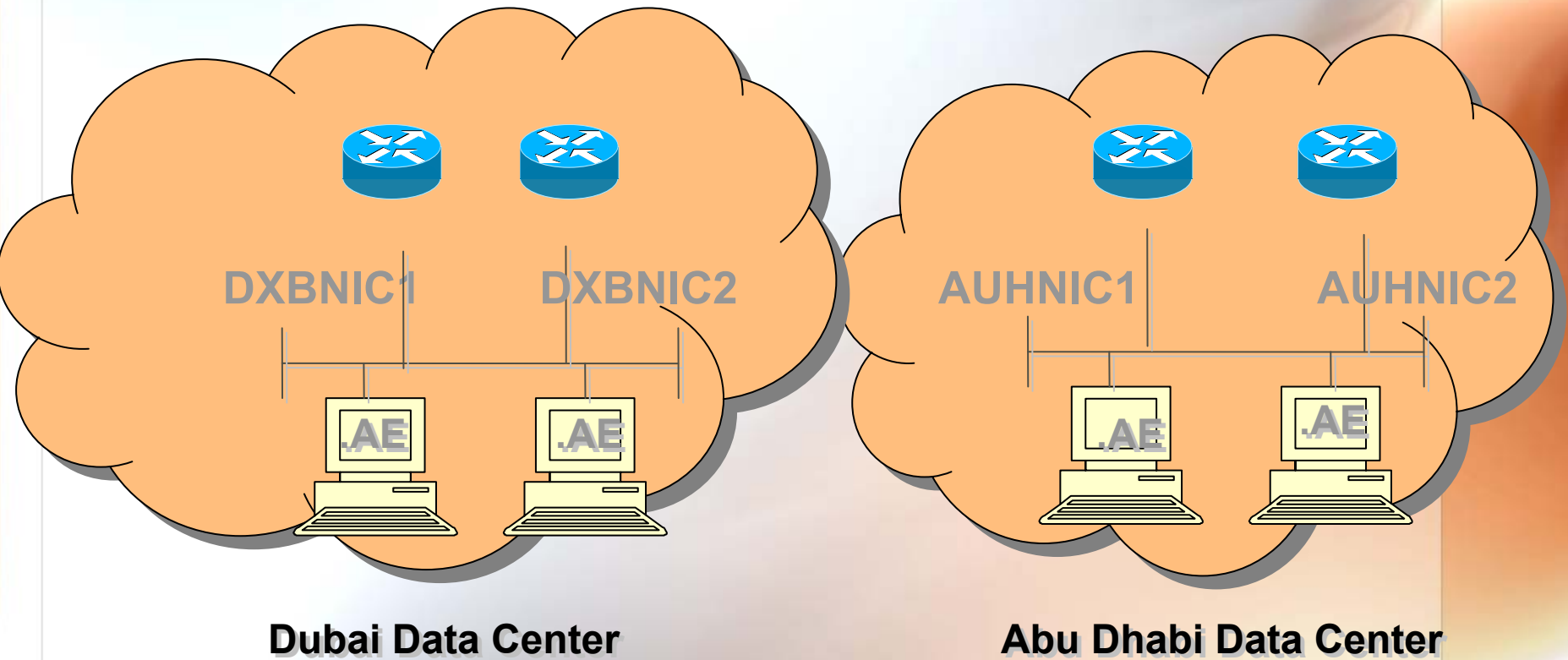
- *Mirror of Root Name Servers*

  - Hosting of "K" Root Name Server in Abu Dhabi (Apr 2005)
 - Hosting of "F" Root Name Server in Dubai (Nov 2004)

- *Advantages*

  - Improve DNS Response Time for Users in the UAE as well as in the Region.
  - Improve Internet Stability, Resiliency and Performance.

"F" & "K" Mirror of Root Name Servers – Network Topology

International STM Links

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Dubai EMIX

Abu Dhabi EMIX

STM - 4

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F

K

6 x STM - 1

F Root Name Server

K Root Name Server

Dubai Data Center

Abu Dhabi Data Center
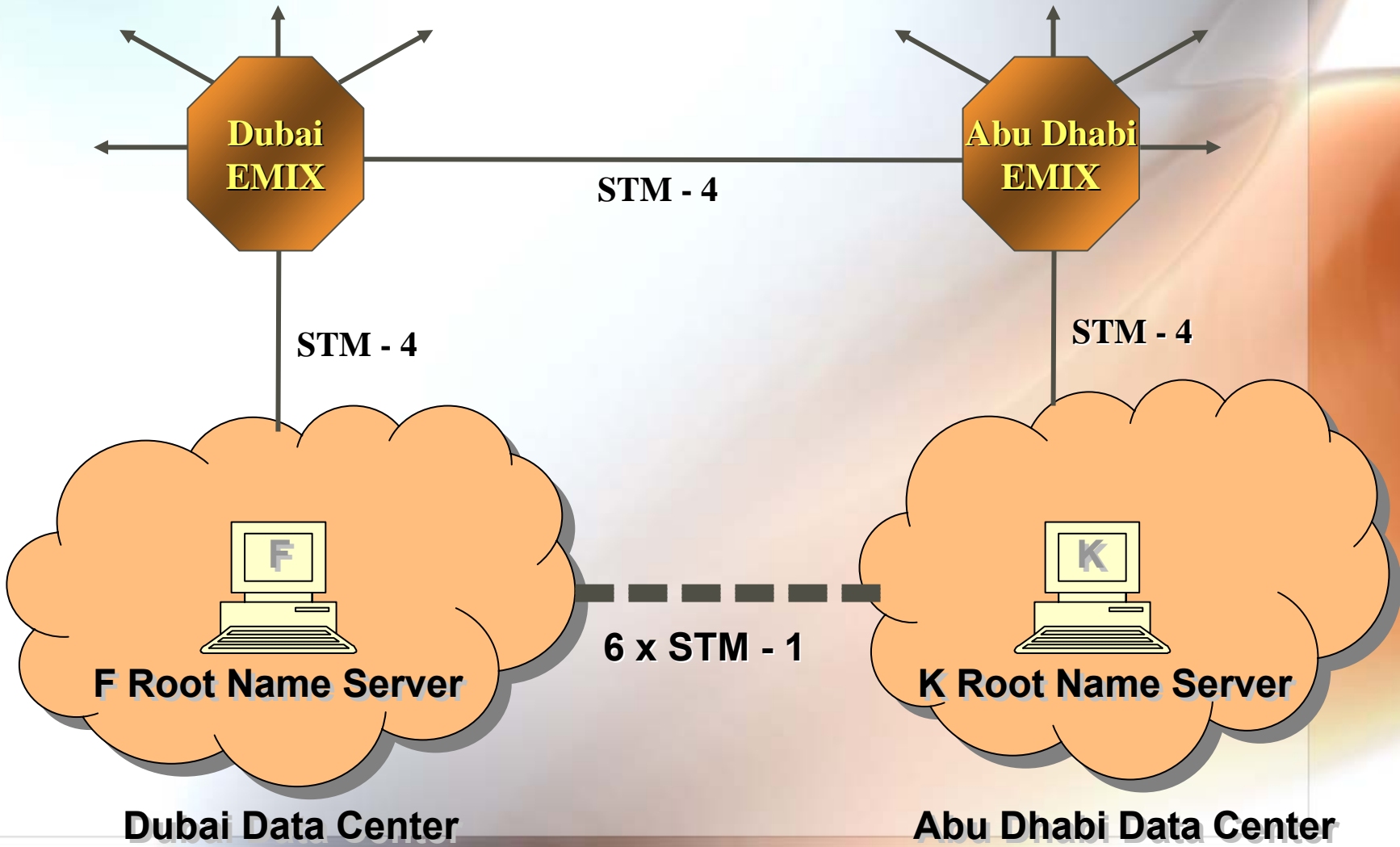
Root Servers Response Time

DNS Response Time
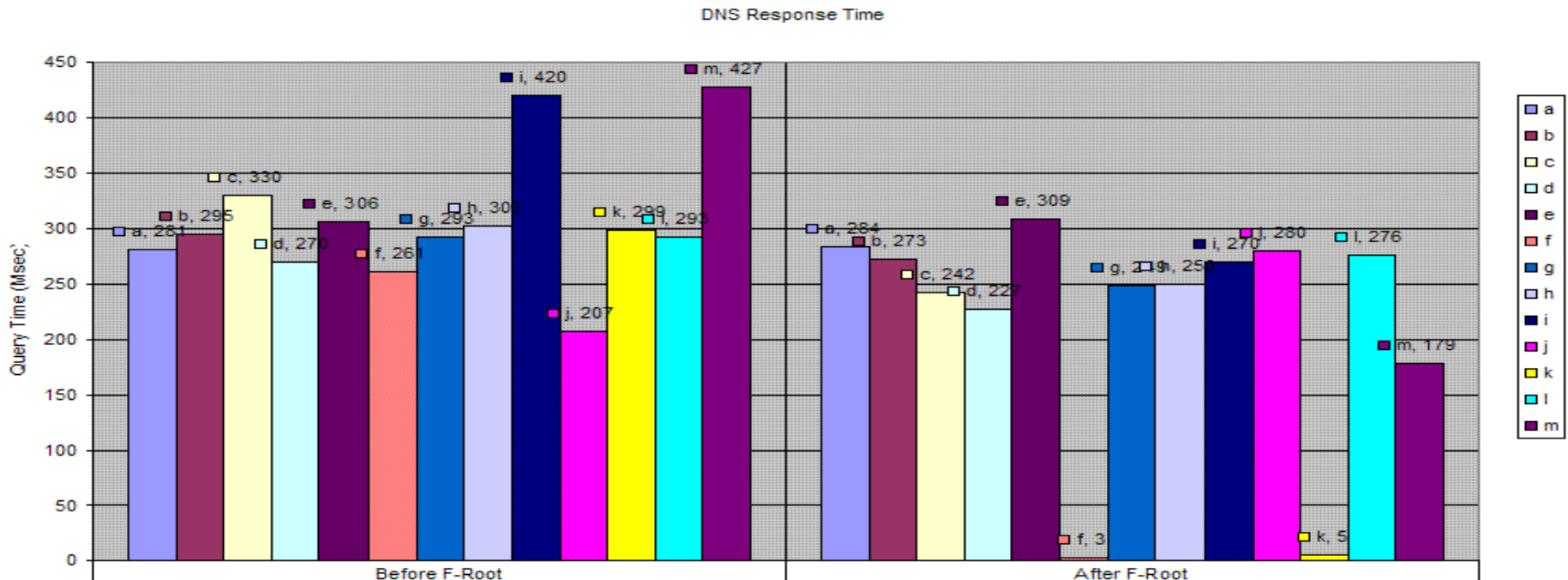
	Before F-Root	After F-Root
a	281	284
b	295	273
c	330	242
d	270	227
e	306	309
f	261	3
g	293	249
h	303	250
i	420	270
j	207	280
k	299	5
l	293	276
m	427	179

13 ROOT SERVERS

UAEnic Main Tasks

- *Handles day-to-day operation of Domain Name Registration and IP Address assignment to the local Internet community*

- *Maintain UAEnic Databases for Domain Names and IP Addresses (IPv4 and IPv6)*

- *Setting up policies regulating domain name registration and IP Address allocations.*

- *Coordinating with other GCC, Arab and International ccTLDs.*

- *Participate in International events organized by ICANN, RIPE, ISOC, ITU, WIPO and any other events that are related to domain name and IP Address.*

- *Promote and rise awareness among the local community on latest issues related to domain names and IP Addresses in particular and Internet in general.*

UAEnic Domain Names Categories and Charges

Category	1 year (AED)	3 years (AED)	10 years (AED)	50 years (AED)
.ae	150	400	1,200	3,500
.net.ae	150	400	1,200	-
.ac.ae *	75	195	560	-
.gov.ae *	75	195	560	-
.org.ae *	75	195	560	-
.sch.ae *	75	195	560	-
.mil.ae *	75	195	560	-
.pro.ae	75	-	-	-
.name.ae	50	-	-	-

* One Free Domain Name per Entity

UAEnic Domain Names

- **The total number of domain names registered as of April 2005 is 25,597**

- **.ae (direct) = 24,287**
- **.gov.ae = 383**
- **.net.ae = 209**
- **.org.ae = 236**
- **.sch.ae = 333**
- **.mil.ae = 15**
- **.ac.ae = 134**
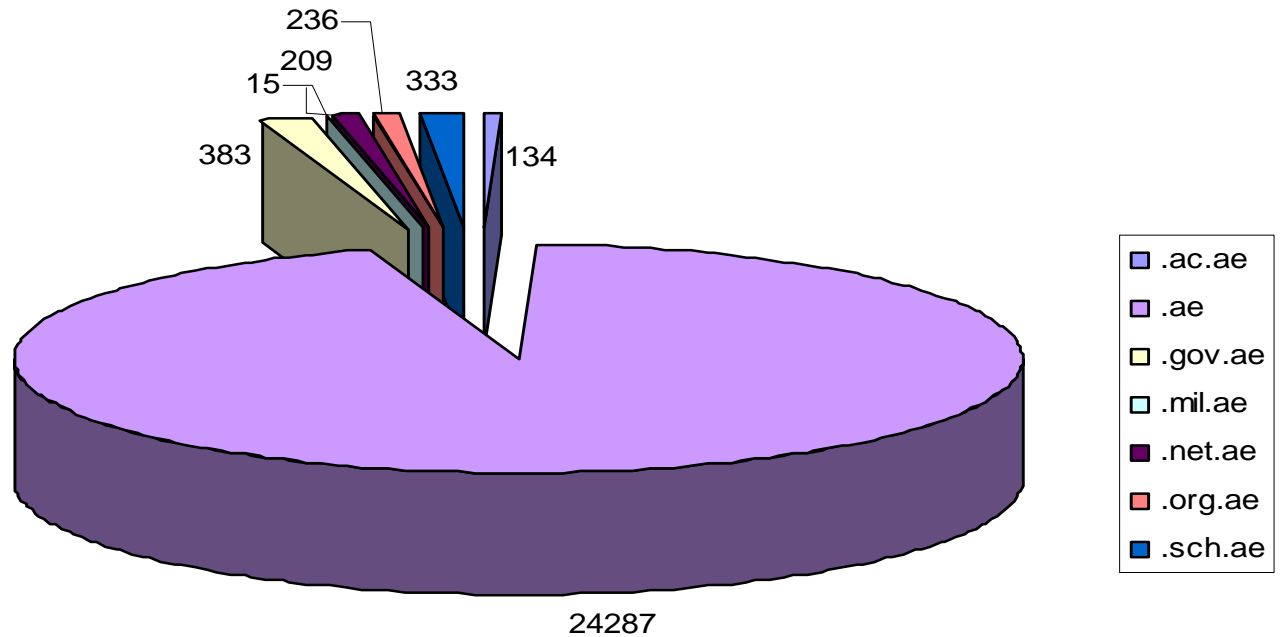
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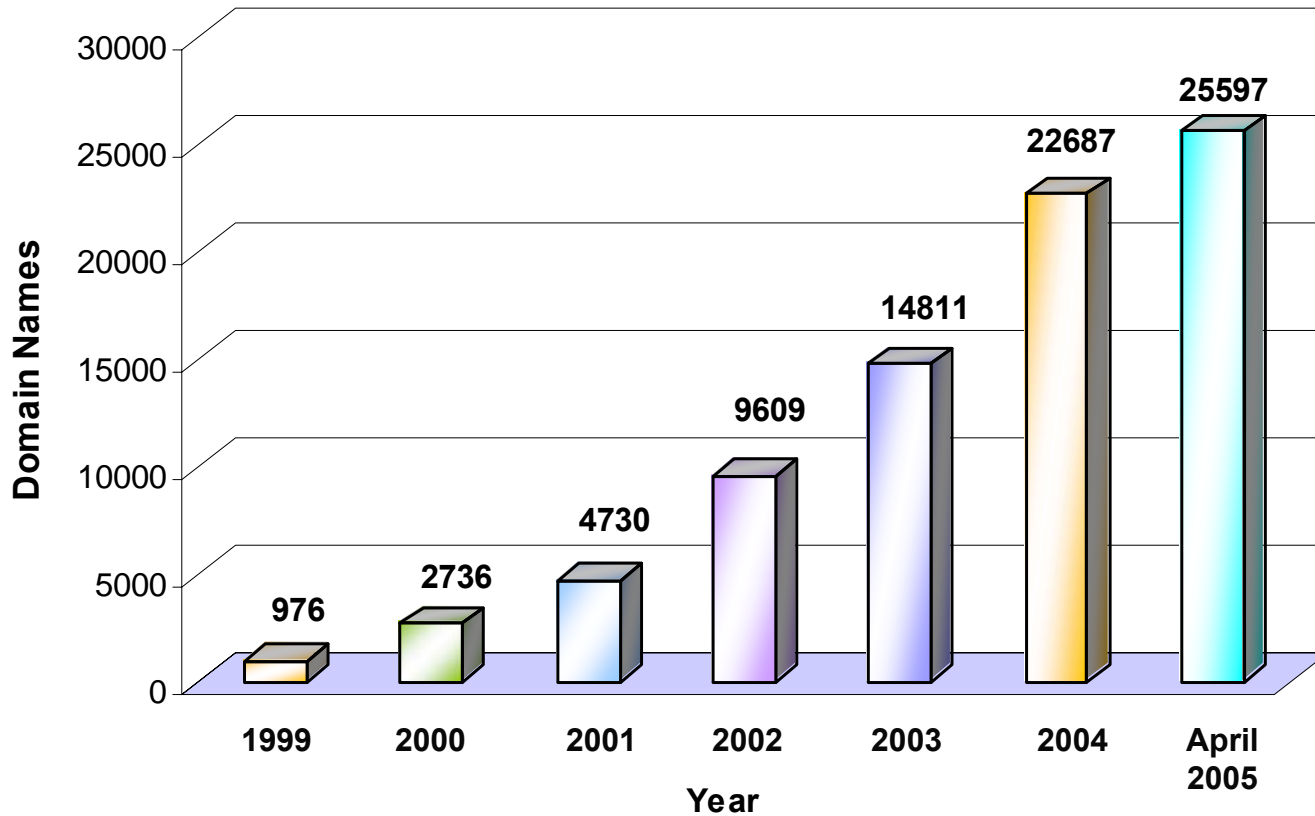
- *Registration Policies:*

  – **Introduce a flat name structure (www.etisalat.ae) to replace (www.etisalat.co.ae) (Jan 2002)**

  – **Open Domain Name Registration under (.ae) direct for Individual (Oct 2002)**

  – **Open Domain Name Registration under (.ae) for International (Oct 2002)**

- *Registration Policies:*

  – **Developed Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy in June 2002, endorsed by WIPO (the first in the region)**

  – **Introducing long period contract for Domain Names Registration i.e. 3 years and 10 years (Oct 2002)**

  – **Introduce second level domains .pro.ae and .name.ae.**

  – **Introduce longer period contract for Domain Name Registration i.e. 50 years (Apr 2005)**

- *DNS/IP Infrastructure Development and Services:*

  - Re-Engineering of (.ae) Name Servers to increase resiliency and availability.

  - Increase the Redundancy and Resiliency of (.ae) Name Servers (Europe – RIPE NCC, Asia Pacific – APNIC and US - ISC)

  - Received IPv6 Allocation from RIPE NCC in 2002 (The first in the region)

- Testing IPv6 connectivity with Universities and Colleges in the UAE, in step to create the National IPv6 Native Network

- Coordinate IPv6 connectivity testing with the ISPs in the GCC

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– **Hosting a Mirror Server of "F" Root Name Server in the UAE (Nov 2004)**

– **Testing ENUM Services: +971 12345678 →
(8.7.6.5.4.3.2.1.1.7.9.e164.arpa)**

– **Establishment of UAEnic Help Desk (800 6060)
operating 24x7**

– **Hosting a Mirror of K Root Name Server (Apr
2005)**

- *Arabic Domain Name:*

  - **Participate actively in various International forms on IDN (MINC, AINC, ICANN … etc)**

  - **Developing test-bed for Arabic Domain Name under (امارات.) ccTLD e.g. (اتصالات.امارات) in the UAE.**

  - **Co-founder of the Arabic Domain Name Pilot Project in the GCC**

Thank You

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