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INTERNET DOMAIN NAMES**

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LEGISLATION

- There is no legislation on the management and organization of internet domain names.
- However, Draft Electronic Communications Law foresees that “The rules and the procedures concerning the management and organization of .tr domain names, registry and registrar shall be laid down by the Ministry of Transport (MoT)”.



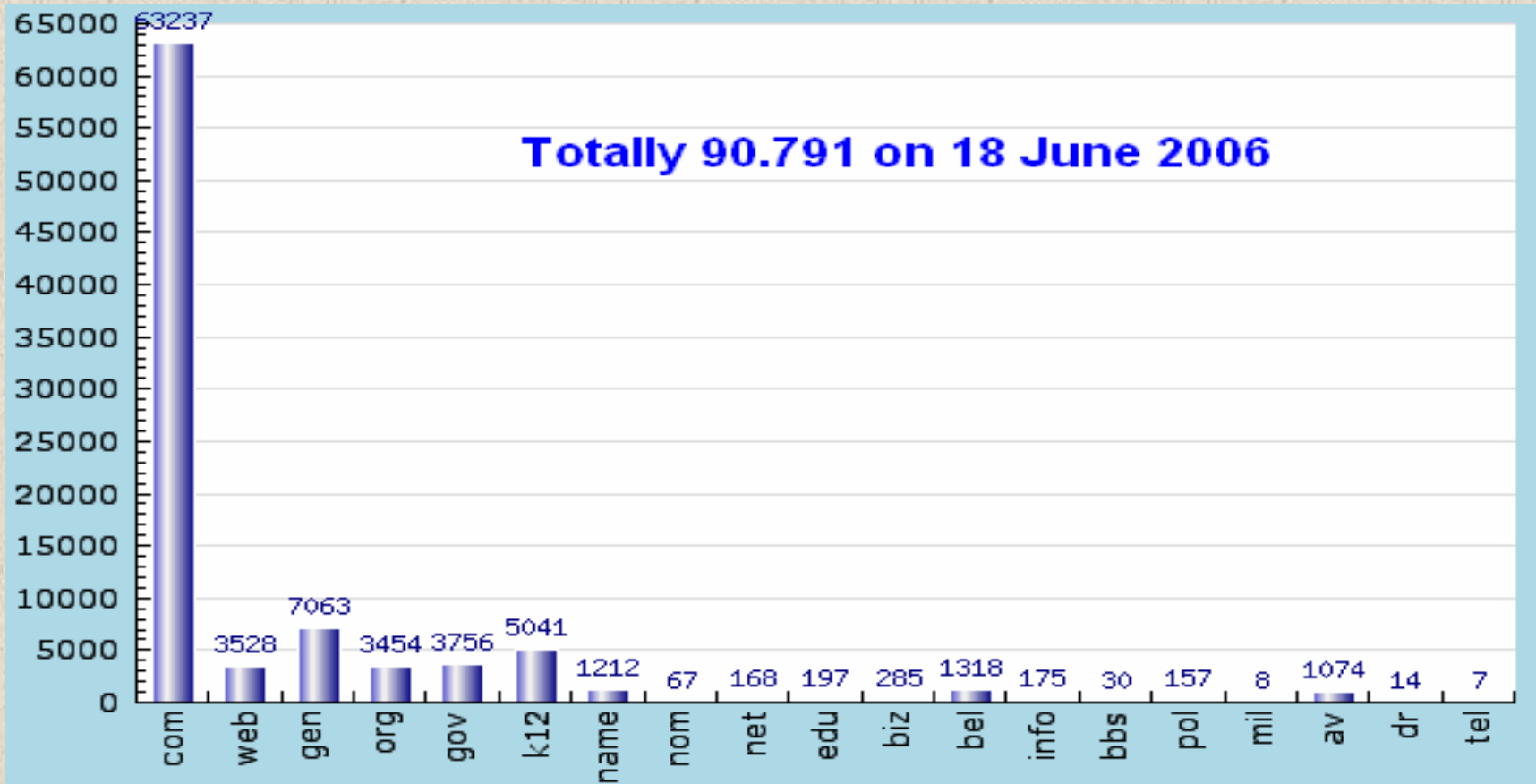
CURRENT SITUATION - I

- Internet access has been provided in Turkey since 12 April 1993.
- 18 second level domain names exist under the “.tr” cc TLD.

com.tr biz.tr info.tr org.tr net.tr gov.tr bel.tr tel.tr
name.tr gen.tr web.tr av.tr dr.tr k12.tr edu.tr pol.tr
bbs.tr mil.tr



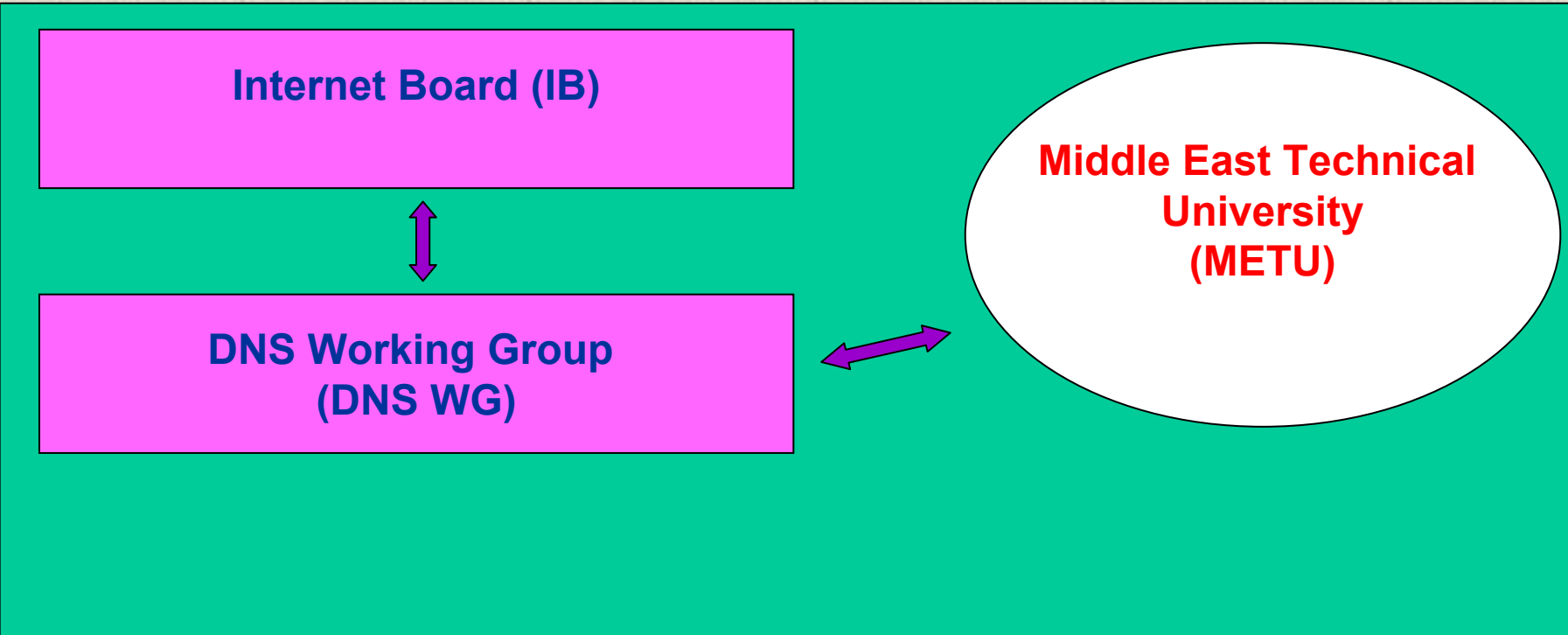
CURRENT SITUATION- II



SOURCE: “.tr” Domain Name Administration
<https://www.nic.tr>



DOMAIN NAME MANAGEMENT IN TURKEY





INTERNET BOARD – I

- Established by the MoT,
- Transparent and participatory body composed of the representatives of the public institutions, infrastructure service providers, service and content providers, NGOs, users and technology producers.



INTERNET BOARD – II

- Provides consultancy to the MoT in making strategic decisions,
- Evaluates the success of these decisions and advises for handling problems,
- Sets the short, medium and long term objectives,
- Coordinates related parties,
- Provides consultancy to improve and extend the service production,
- Monitors international developments and safeguards national interests.



DNS WORKING GROUP

- Subgroup of IB specialized on DNS issues,
- Composed of 11 members including the representatives of NGOs, universities, operators and public institutions,
- Lays down and reviews the policies, methods and rules for the management of the “.tr” domain names,
- Decides on new domain names,
- Provides alternative dispute resolution for “.tr” domain name disputes.



MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (".tr" Domain Name Administration)

An academic institution that is responsible for the organization, administration and management of the ".tr" cc TLD and second level domain names under ".tr".



POLICIES, METHODS AND RULES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF “.tr” DOMAIN NAME

- Domain name applications are evaluated in an organized and speedy manner by respecting the principle of equality.
- Requesting a domain name is possible through electronic means in a simple, speedy, and efficient process.
- Various options in the registration of domain names including the “first come first served” method (web.tr, gen.tr, name.tr, tel.tr etc.) and submission of documentary evidence (com.tr, info.tr, biz.tr, net.tr, org.tr etc.) are considered.



“.eu” TOP LEVEL DOMAIN - I

- Before the phased registration (Sunrise Period) started, the candidate countries were enabled to block their official names and the names under which they are commonly known, so that they could be registered at a later date.
- In this context, certain domain names in Turkish language duly conveyed to the Commission and also asked the Commission to reserve their synonyms in the official languages of the EU.
- However, only the names “turkiye”, “türkiye”, “türkiye cumhuriyeti”, “turkiye cumhuriyeti” were reserved for Turkey.



“.eu” TOP LEVEL DOMAIN – II

- Two names of vital importance “aturk” and “turkey” were registered by two applicants without rights and legitimate interest and applications for other three (turkei, turquie, turchia) are pending.
- Exemption of the accession countries from the implementation of “.eu” Top Level Domain may, in the future, create a disadvantageous position for the undertakings, citizens, organization and institutions of these countries.



**Thank you
for your attention!**