



«.ma» DOMAIN NAMES

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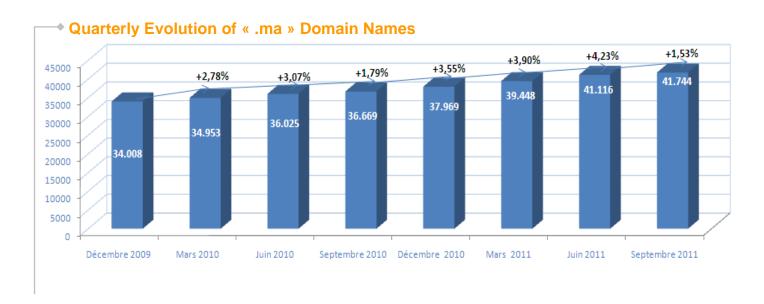
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A. Evolution of «.ma» Domain Names



At the end of September 2011, the total number of «.ma» domain names has reached 41.744 domain names, registering an increase of +13.84% compared to September 2010.

2520 new domain names were registered during this quarter, mostly directly under ".ma" (at the first level).



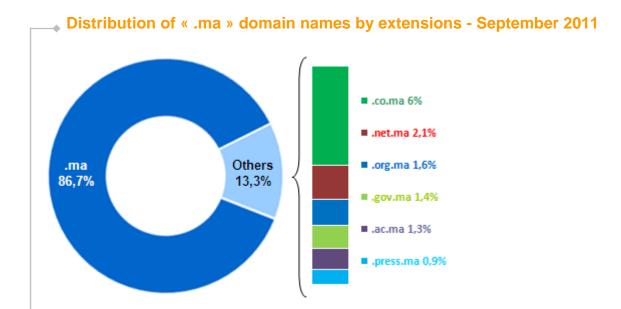
Extensions Distribution

The national DNS zone contains the 1st level ".ma" domain and the descriptive sub-extensions ".co.ma", ".ac.ma, ".net.ma, ".org.ma", ".gov.ma" and ".press.ma", aiming to describe a particular activity

86, 7% of ".ma" domain names are registered directly under ".ma."

This situation can be explained by two essential elements:

- 1. The simplicity of the web address directly under ".ma";
- 2. Registering a domain name under a descriptive extension isn't opened to the public, but reserved to the related industry (eg, registration of domain names under ".gov.ma" is limited to government institutions).



B. « .ma » domain names Registrars

The « .ma » domain names are commercialized by ANRT's accredited registrars. At the end of September 2011, the total number of « .ma » registrars is **21**.