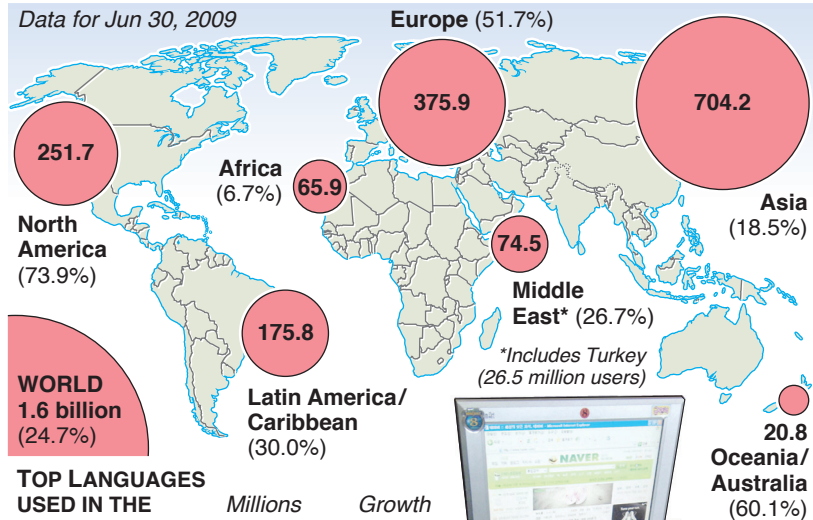


Internet to become more language-friendly

Egypt will open the world's first internet domain in a non-Latin language after ICANN, the internet's governing body, agreed to allow users to type web-addresses in their own scripts, including Arabic and Chinese. The new domain will be **.masr** – written in Arabic script – which means Egypt

GLOBAL INTERNET USAGE ● Millions of users (%) Percent of population

Data for Jun 30, 2009



TOP LANGUAGES USED IN THE INTERNET

	Millions of users	Growth 2000-09
English	478.7	237%
Chinese	361.3	1,019%
Spanish	133.0	631%
Japanese	94.0	100%
French	76.9	531%
Portuguese	73.0	864%
German	65.2	136%
Arabic	49.3	1,862%
Russian	38.0	1,126%
Korean	37.5	97%
Other languages	261.8	431%

