## 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

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 **Europe** (51.7%) 375.9 704.2 251.7 Africa (6.7%) (65.9 Asia North (18.5%)74.5 **America** (73.9%)Middle East\* (26.7%) 175.8 \*Includes Turkev (26.5 million users) WORLD Latin America/ 1.6 billion Caribbean 20.8 (24.7%)(30.0%)Oceania/

TOP LANGUAGES
USED IN THE
INTERNET

Spanish

Millions Growth of users 2000-09

631%

 English
 478.7
 237%

 Chinese
 361.3
 1,019%

133.0

 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%

Source: Internet World Stats Picture: Getty Images



Australia

(60.1%)