

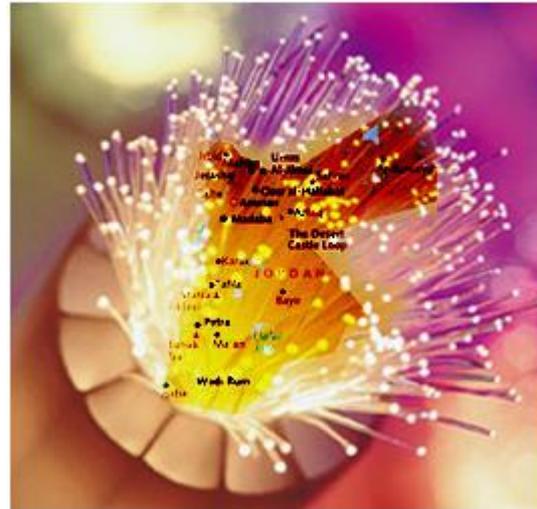


DevInfo in Action

Jordan: Using DevInfo to Present National Data on Information and Communications Technology

Although Jordan may suffer from limited natural resources, the Kingdom has been overcoming nature's shortfall by developing a booming information and communications technology (ICT) sector - now a pillar of the national economy.

A widely-circulated report commissioned by the government of Jordan in 2009 stated that the ICT sector represented 14 percent of GDP in 2008.¹ Backed by the government's vision of making the country a major regional ICT leader, ICT is the nation's fastest growing economic sector - a huge boon to the Kingdom's emerging status as the business center of the Levant.²



As a strategy to further promote the country's international status as a suitable location for business development and investment, Jordan's Ministry of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) decided in 2010 to publish its national ICT data online. This includes data on key business-friendly indicators such as Internet penetration, household computer penetration, and mobile phone penetration – all measures of national progress in technological advancement.

At the outset of its decision to publish its data online, the Ministry of ICT formed a national project committee which included the Jordan Department of Statistics, the Jordan Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, the Information Technology Association - Jordan, and the National IT Center. The committee was tasked with the responsibility of identifying relevant ICT indicators, collecting the needed data, and then disseminating it.



The committee elected to use DevInfo as the software to house their database, finding it to be the most suitable option for building and launching an online database containing development indicators.

¹ "ICT sector becoming major contributor to Jordan's GDP," MENAFN.COM, http://www.menafn.com/qn_news_story_s.asp?StoryId=1093324123

² "Jordan's ICT Industry," ICT Association of Jordan, <http://www.slideshare.net/ashamlawi/jordan-ict-sector-apr-2011>



The final product – [ICTInfo](#) - was finally launched online at <http://www.moict.gov.jo/di6web> in August 2010. The database has been publicized through the Ministry of ICT's website.

With ICTInfo in place and online, the Kingdom of Jordan finally has a solid platform to present national data on key ICT indicators related to global competitiveness.

Data making a difference.

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