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Palestinian Academic Network-PLANET

The Palestinian Academic Network " PLANET" at Al-Quds university is a leading Educational Internet Service Provider in Palestine. Planet links universities, colleges as well as schools with the World Wide Web. It also links Research Centers and some non-governmental organizations. Planet links most of the Palestinian ministries using wireless means of communication such as [microwave](#) devices.

Now planet offers connectivity between cities and within cities through leased lines provided by PALTEL.

Mission

Planet's mission is to provide the necessary organizational, technical and academic infrastructure, whereby Palestinian academicians, scholars and researchers will be able to have access to international academic resources and references, communicate with peer scholars, connect local Palestinian universities in a national communications network.

Main Equipment

PLANET headquarters in Samir Amis-Kalandia is functioning as academic ISP. It's connected with IBM - T1 line through a leased line (frame relay, 128kb/s) with the following main equipment:

- SUN SPARC 20 workstation with 2 GB disk capacity running Solaris 2.4 is currently the main server of PLANET -Donation from the UNESCO.
- SPARC storage array handles 12 Gigabytes of data - Donation from the UNESCO.
- 3600 Cisco router with 30 internal modems allowing 30 users to connect (PPP) simultaneously.
- 2511 Cisco router connected to 16 external modems allowing 16 users to connect (PPP) simultaneously - Donation from PECDAR. NT server, that creates an inner network with print services.
- Proxy Server
- Two UPS's that provide power instantly in case of a power failure.
- 5 low grade PCs used by PLANET team.
- Mail server for the Palestinian Physics Society

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