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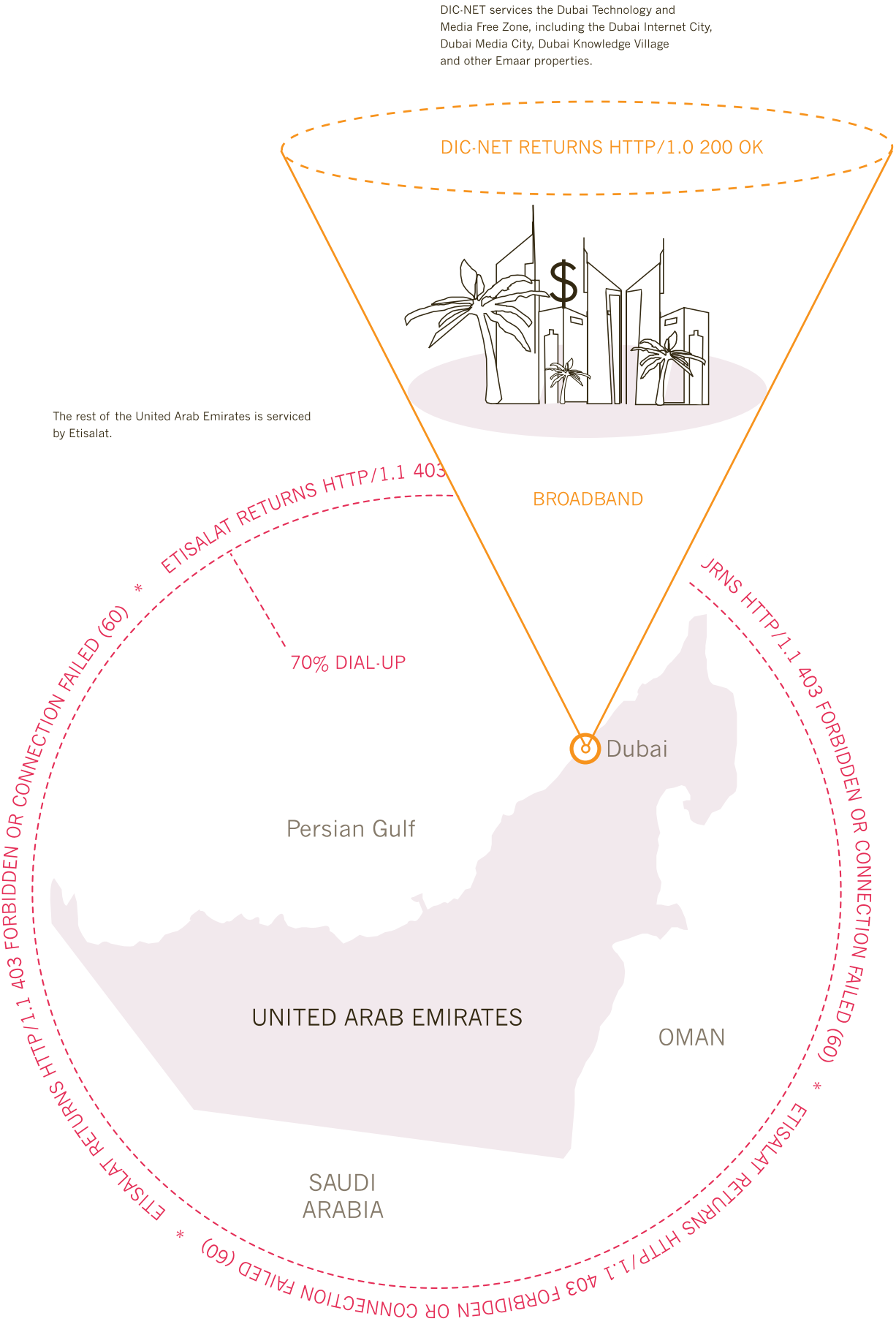
The Case of the United Arab Emirates

Etisalat blocks, DIC-NET does not.

Etisalat blocks or times out sites in the following categories. (here are some examples)

Alcohol & drugs heroin.org - information about negative effects thegooddrugsguide.com - drug information, effects	Groups & social networking passado.com - online community	Provocative attire lingerie.com - men's and women's underwear and photos of scarcely dressed women
Anonymizers & circumvention surfsecret.com - anonymous surfing	Hacking blackhat.be - Belgian hackers hackersbook.com - Arabic hacking site.	Public health circumcision.org - circumcision research centre
Dating arablounge.com, speeddater.co.uk and zawadj.net - match-making and dating.	History, arts & literature altayyeb.net - Arabic literature and history site	Religion debate.org.uk and secularislam.org - religious conversion, commentary and criticism
Free expression & media freedom collegehumor.com - funny videos and messages	Militants, extremists & separatists hinduunity.com - Hindu extremists kahanetzadak.com - Rabbi Meir Kahane	Search engines hareshima.co.il - Jewish internet portal *
Foreign relations & military haaretz.co.il - Israeli newspaper * knesset.gov.il - Israeli parliament * toystore.co.il - Israeli toys *	Minority faiths ansarweb.net - Muslim Shia site	Sex education & family planning sexualityandu.ca - sex education info
Gambling & gaming gambling.com - search machine for gambling sites partypoker.com - the world's largest poker room	P2P hypertorrent.com - media search engine	Translation systanbox.com - online translation services and software
Gay & lesbian 365gay.com - gay newspaper gayarab.org - gay Arab website	Political reform benkerishan.blogspot.com - blog about politics and social issues in UAE	Women's rights feminista.com - Journal of Feminist Construction
Gay & lesbian dating samesexmarriage.ca - pro equal marriage site gayromeo.com - community for gay people	Pornography arabsex2.com	Warez keygen.name - warez collection

* All Israeli (.il) sites are blocked



Voice over IP (VoIP)

Skype.com - free phone calls

Skype is blocked – What to do? (Check the forums.)

mecabq
It's not like there was an official announcement. But I cannot go to www.skype.com from anywhere in the country, which has been the case ever sense I have been there. It's funny -- you don't get the note about the page being "blocked due to its content being inconsistent with the religious, cultural, political and moral values of the United Arab Emirates," but you just get an error that looks like it's from Skype. Please try and see if you get the same thing.

rts123
I'm in Dubai for a couple of nights right now and can confirm that Skype does not work here. As noted in an earlier post, there's no official warning that it's blocked, instead Skype just acts as though it's not connected to the Internet.
Source: <http://www.flyertalk.com/forum/archive/index.php/t-600945.html>, 23 September 2006.

jaiume_
Why not try <http://www.http-tunnel.com>

langbaurgh_
I'm afraid that tunnel.com is also blocked from UAE

WiFiGuy
personalVPN from WiTopia, <http://www.witopia.net>, should work. It's only \$39.99 a year and will yield you unrestricted Internet access. Works on Macs, PCs, or Linux machines.

Matti
Another way to do it is to use www.relakks.com. It's for free and you can use skype with it. Good Luck!!!

NOFX
<https://216.104.114.43/peacefire986296> will surpass all blocked sights, if it is not working, im restarting my computer

Tasha
One solution that works : go to <http://blockerbeater.googlepages.com> - Follow the instructions carefully.
Source: <http://forum.skype.com/index.php?showtopic=31198>, 19 September 2006.

vijark6
Try these. - This works as of today. <http://www.nettelephone.biz/> or the alternate site <http://www.callfromuae.com/>. Etisalat has blocked the original site (<http://www.nettelephone.com/>), and so these guys have opened up these two new sites. Very Happy - Don't know what Etisalat is waiting for before blocking these too.
Source: <http://www.dubaiforums.com/viewtopic.php?p=129185&sid=938271d4842982db1fd94f7fd80c94a>, 4 November 2006.