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# Non-oil Merchandise Trade

Through the Ports of Abu Dhabi Emirate

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## Introduction

This report presents statistics on the value of non-oil merchandise trade which entered or exited the territory of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi through the ports of Abu Dhabi (comprising air, sea and road ports) in February 2014. It should be noted that foreign trade data presented in this report do not cover non-oil exports and imports through ports of the other Emirates in the UAE.

The data have been sourced from the Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration, and the scope of the statistics therefore is restricted to the trade flows recorded at ports under the jurisdiction of the Customs Administration. The report highlights the relative importance of each individual component of imports, non-oil exports and re-exports.

The data are presented according to the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Revision 4, the Broad Economic Categories (BEC), the Harmonised System(HS) and by country. In addition, a monthly time series of historical data for total imports, non-oil exports and re-exports is presented.

The Explanatory Notes section at the end of this report defines the key terms and technical concepts used in the compilation of non-oil merchandise trade statistics.

Readers are encouraged to refer to that section while reading the statistics and information outlined in the report.

## Key Points

### Monthly non-oil merchandise trade, February 2014

The total value of non-oil merchandise trade in February 2014 was AED 11,775 million, with imports of AED 8,309 million (70.6% of total), non-oil exports of AED 2,258 million (19.2% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,208 million (10.3% of total).

The February 2014 total increased by AED 508 million (4.5%) compared with January 2014, with non-oil exports increasing by AED 987 million (77.6%), while the value of imports decreased by AED 442 million (-5.1%) and re-exports by AED 36 million (-2.9%) over the same period.

A year on year comparison (February 2013 to February 2014) shows an increase of AED 1,242 million (11.8%) in total trade, with non-oil exports increasing by AED 896 million (65.8%) and imports by AED 599 million (7.8%), while the value of re-exports decreased by AED 253 million (-17.3%) over the period.

### Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, February 2014

Value in million AED

	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	Change (%)	
				February 2013 to February 2014	January 2014 to February 2014
Imports	7,710	8,751	8,309	7.8	-5.1
Non-oil exports	1,362	1,271	2,258	65.8	77.6
Re-exports	1,461	1,244	1,208	-17.3	-2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,533</b>	<b>11,267</b>	<b>11,775</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration  
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### Non-oil merchandise trade from January 2014 to February 2014

An analysis of non-oil merchandise trade data by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), shown in the attached Statistical Table 1 for January 2014 to February 2014, reveals the following:

- The value of total imports decreased by 5.1%, with decreases of AED 336 million (-16.7%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 109 million (-12.0%) in “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 77.6%, with an increase of AED 775 million (171.5%) in “Chemicals and related products” (particularly plastics), AED 146 million (21.1%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 93 million (957.4%) in “Crude materials, inedible, except fuels” (particularly iron and steel waste and scrap).
- The value of re-exports decreased by 2.9%, with a decrease of AED 73 million (-8.8%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” partially offset by an increase of AED 32 million (13.3%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

## Non-oil merchandise trade from February 2013 to February 2014

An analysis of the SITC data from February 2013 to February 2014 highlights that during the period:

- The value of imports increased by 7.8%, with increases of AED 860 million (25.6%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” (particularly transport vehicles) partially offset by a decrease of AED 333 million (-16.5%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 65.8%, with increases of AED 804 million (205.3%) in “Chemicals and related products” (particularly plastics) and AED 272 million (48.1%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of re-exports decreased by 17.3%, with decreases of AED 237 million (-23.8%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 29 million (-9.8%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

## Non-oil merchandise trade by country, February 2014

An analysis of non-oil merchandise trade data by the top 5 countries for February 2014, shown in Statistical Table 4, reveals the following:

- The three main countries of origin for imports were United States of America (AED 1,099 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 868 million) and Japan (AED 855 million). These three countries represented 34.0% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were China (AED 606 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 474 million) and Singapore (AED 219 million). These three countries represented 57.5% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were Qatar (AED 265 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 226 million) and Kuwait (AED 202 million). These three countries represented 57.3% of total re-exports.

## Monthly non-oil merchandise trade historical series, January 2012 to February 2014

The following figures show the monthly historical series for imports, non-oil exports and re-exports from January 2012 to February 2014. The detailed data are shown in the attached Statistical Table 5.

The largest imports total was recorded in January 2012 (AED 11,837 million), the largest non-oil exports (AED 2,258 million) was recorded in the current month of February 2014 and the largest value of re-exports was recorded in May 2013 (AED 1,618 million).

Figure 1: Monthly imports merchandise trade, January 2012 to February 2014

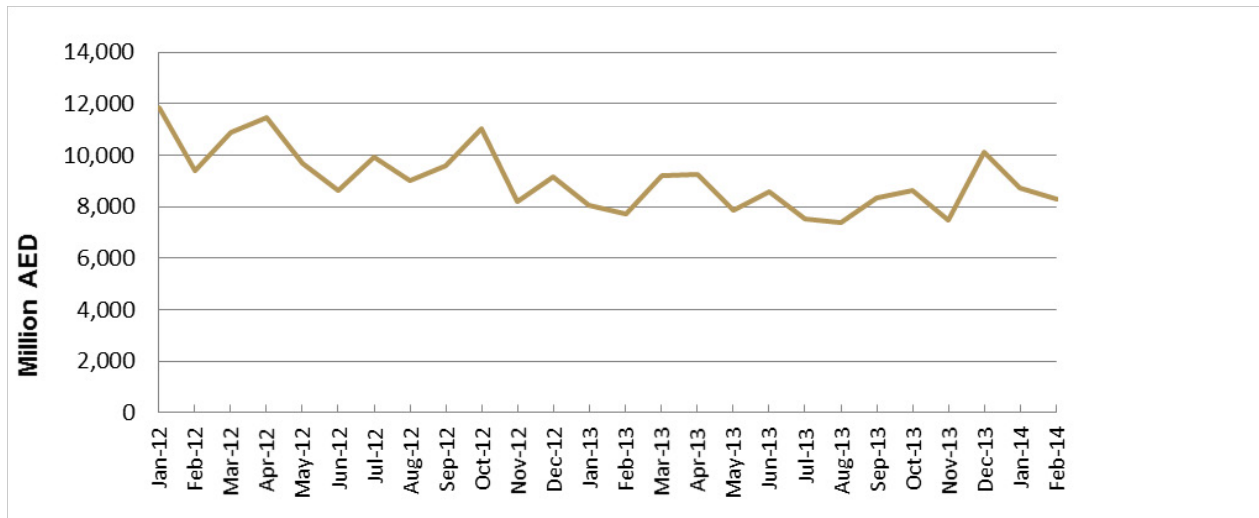


Figure 2: Monthly non-oil exports merchandise trade, January 2012 to February 2014

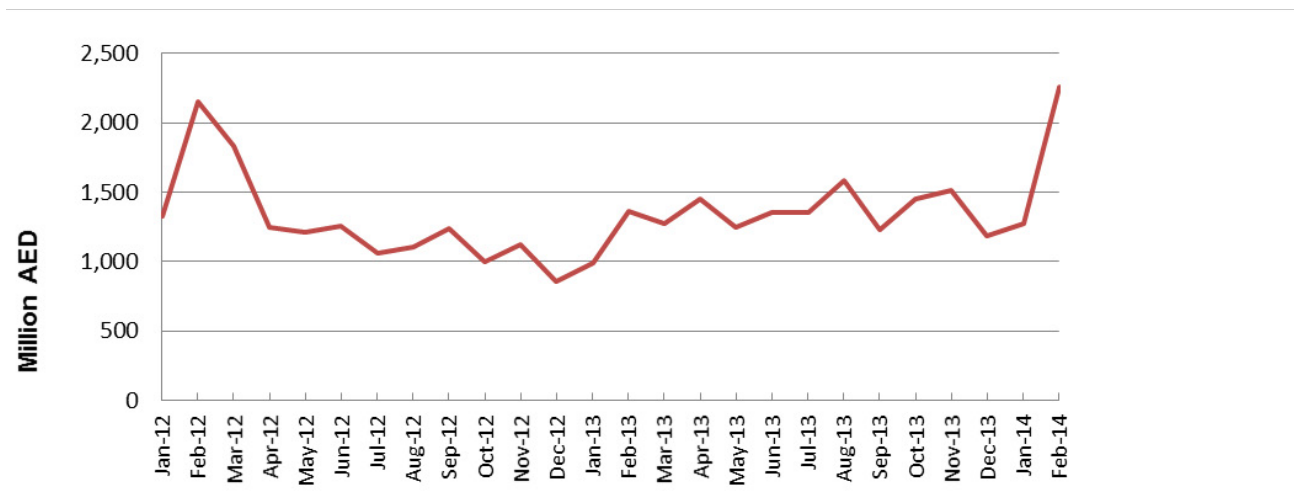
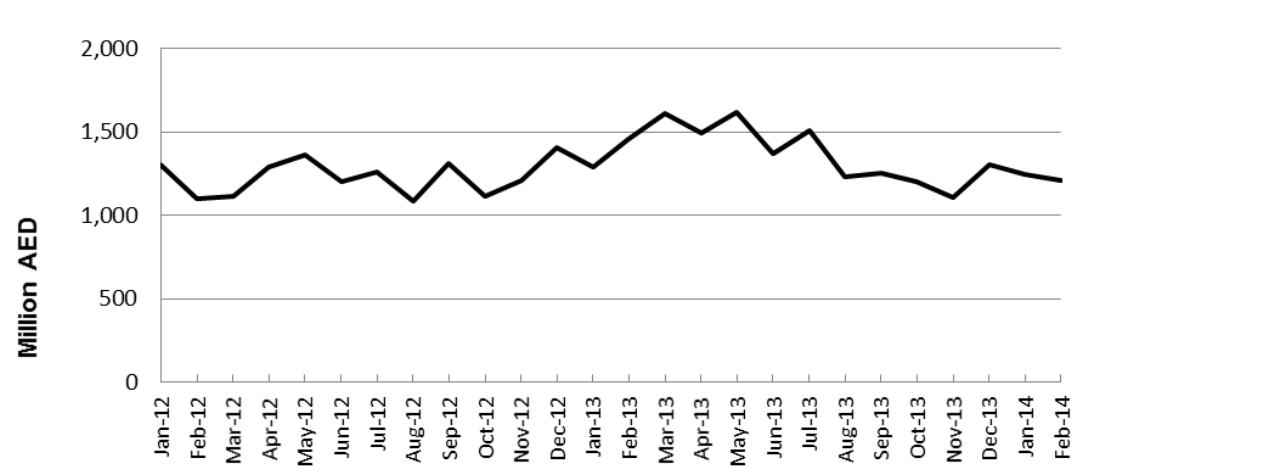


Figure 3: Monthly re-exports merchandise trade, January 2012 to February 2014



Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration  
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## Statistical Tables

**Table 1: Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), February 2014**

Value in million AED

Commodities	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	Change (%) *	
				February 2013 to February 2014	January 2014 to February 2014
<b>Imports</b>					
Machinery and transport equipment	3,361	4,194	4,221	25.6	0.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,011	2,014	1,678	-16.5	-16.7
Chemicals and related products	714	905	796	11.5	-12.0
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	483	571	595	23.3	4.2
Food and live animals	527	544	473	-10.2	-13.0
Other	615	522	545	-11.3	4.4
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>7,710</b>	<b>8,751</b>	<b>8,309</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-5.1</b>
<b>Exports</b>					
Chemicals and related products	391	440	1,195	205.3	171.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	565	691	837	48.1	21.1
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	3	10	103	2,858.8	957.4
Food and live animals	25	35	43	72.8	24.3
Machinery and transport equipment	335	50	37	-89.0	-25.8
Other	42	46	43	2.8	-6.6
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>77.6</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Machinery and transport equipment	1,000	836	763	-23.8	-8.8
Miscellaneous manufactured items	302	241	273	-9.8	13.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	64	72	68	5.6	-5.8
Chemicals and related products	62	59	65	5.5	11.3
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	21	25	25	20.9	1.2
Other	11	11	14	35.2	26.6
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>-17.3</b>	<b>-2.9</b>

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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**Table 2: Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Broad Economic Category (BEC), February 2014**

Value in million AED

Commodities	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	Change (%) *	
				February 2013 to February 2014	January 2014 to February 2014
<b>Imports</b>					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	3,165	3,379	2,998	-5.3	-11.3
Transport equipment and parts	1,671	2,291	2,354	40.9	2.7
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	1,791	1,969	1,871	4.5	-5.0
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	476	540	569	19.4	5.3
Food and Beverages	533	438	443	-17.0	1.1
Other	74	135	75	1.3	-44.2
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>7,710</b>	<b>8,751</b>	<b>8,309</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-5.1</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	944	1,118	2,093	121.8	87.2
Food and Beverages	43	55	66	53.2	20.4
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	194	36	50	-74.2	38.5
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	34	41	33	-3.4	-21.1
Transport equipment and parts	145	18	14	-90.4	-20.9
Other	3	4	3	-19.4	-28.0
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>77.6</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Capital goods (except transport equipment )	576	455	469	-18.5	3.3
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	408	324	361	-11.7	11.5
Transport equipment and parts	387	367	285	-26.3	-22.2
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	83	92	80	-3.2	-12.6
Other	6	8	13	101.7	66.5
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>-17.3</b>	<b>-2.9</b>

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**Table 3: Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Harmonised System Classification, February 2014**

Value in million AED

Commodities (HS Chapter)	February 2013	January 2013	February 2014	Change (%) *	
				Feb 2013 to Feb 2014	Jan 2014 to Feb 2014
<b>Imports</b>					
84: Machinery, mechanical appliances and parts	1,325	1,517	1,466	10.6	-3.4
87: Transport vehicles, other than railway, and parts	1,030	1,405	1,679	63.0	19.5
74: Copper and articles thereof	734	687	605	-17.6	-12.0
85: Electrical machinery, sound recorders and parts	589	624	550	-6.7	-11.8
73: Articles of iron and steel	605	621	465	-23.2	-25.1
Other	3,428	3,898	3,545	3.4	-9.1
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>7,710</b>	<b>8,751</b>	<b>8,309</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-5.1</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
39: Plastics and articles thereof	376	409	1,164	210.0	184.7
74: Copper and articles thereof	277	368	344	24.4	-6.4
72: Iron and steel	146	168	299	105.3	78.0
76: Aluminium and articles thereof	9	57	161	1,783.9	182.4
73: Articles of iron and steel	71	32	76	7.1	135.0
Other	484	237	212	-56.1	-10.3
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>77.6</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
84: Machinery, mechanical appliances and parts	488	410	372	-23.8	-9.3
87: Transport vehicles, other than railway, and parts	174	187	187	7.5	-0.4
85: Electrical machinery, sound recorders and parts	214	127	138	-35.5	8.4
61: Knitted or crocheted articles of apparel	109	104	126	16.1	21.7
33: Essential oils; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	56	48	57	1.9	18.7
Other	420	368	328	21.9-	10.7-
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>-17.3</b>	<b>-2.9</b>

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**Table 4: Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by country, February 2014**

Value in million AED

Country	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	Change (%) *	
				February 2013 to February 2014	January 2014 to February 2014
<b>Imports</b>					
United States of America	976	1,090	1,099	12.7	0.9
Saudi Arabia	1,011	901	868	-14.2	-3.7
Japan	561	750	855	52.3	14.0
Germany	522	780	529	1.3	-32.2
China	433	482	501	15.6	3.8
Other	4,207	4,747	4,457	6.0	-6.1
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>7,710</b>	<b>8,751</b>	<b>8,309</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-5.1</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
China	230	79	606	163.3	665.4
Saudi Arabia	581	488	474	-18.3	-2.7
Singapore	38	2	219	475.0	13,774.9
India	147	99	165	11.9	67.0
Qatar	55	103	127	131.0	23.3
Other	310	501	667	114.7	33.0
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>77.6</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Qatar	204	202	265	29.7	31.2
Saudi Arabia	298	313	226	-24.3	-28.0
Kuwait	143	202	202	41.3	0.4
Kingdom of Bahrain	367	177	192	-47.6	8.8
Iraq	2	2	47	1,882.5	2,207.4
Other	446	349	277	-38.0	-20.7
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>-17.3</b>	<b>-2.9</b>

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“-“ this number has been rounded to zero

**Table 5: Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi historical series**

Value in million AED

Month	Imports	Non-oil Exports	Re-exports	Total Non-oil Trade
<b>2012</b>				
January	11,837	1,327	1,301	14,465
February	9,426	2,149	1,101	12,676
March	10,878	1,834	1,115	13,827
April	11,485	1,251	1,293	14,029
May	9,705	1,209	1,360	12,274
June	8,657	1,253	1,199	11,108
July	9,924	1,057	1,260	12,241
August	9,026	1,107	1,082	11,215
September	9,586	1,242	1,309	12,137
October	11,051	999	1,112	13,161
November	8,223	1,124	1,209	10,557
December	9,173	861	1,404	11,438
<b>2013</b>				
January	8,056	987	1,288	10,331
February	7,710	1,362	1,461	10,533
March	9,218	1,276	1,607	12,101
April	9,262	1,448	1,496	12,207
May	7,878	1,251	1,618	10,747
June	8,570	1,355	1,369	11,293
July	7,546	1,353	1,509	10,408
August	7,391	1,583	1,231	10,205
September	8,361	1,230	1,254	10,845
October	8,656	1,451	1,205	11,312
November	7,464	1,517	1,110	10,091
December	10,142	1,182	1,302	12,627
<b>2014</b>				
January	8,751	1,271	1,244	11,267
February	8,309	2,258	1,208	11,775

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## Explanatory Notes

### Glossary

This report contains certain terms specific to merchandise trade and necessary when analyzing the trade statistics of Abu Dhabi Emirate. They include the following terms:

#### Merchandise Trade

Merchandise Trade statistics record goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of Abu Dhabi by entering or leaving its territory. Throughout this report, the term merchandise trade statistics refers to trade which moves through the ports of Abu Dhabi only, and do not capture inter-emirate trade activity.

#### Imports

Imports are goods that enter Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district from various parts of the world, excluding other emirates in the United Arab Emirates, and receive customs clearance. Goods are considered imports regardless of whether they enter the Emirate directly or are retrieved from customs warehouses, temporary entry areas or free zones inside the country. These goods receive customs clearance in order to become part of Abu Dhabi's merchandise balance.

#### Re-exports

Re-exports represent goods that are imported from abroad, enter Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district and become part of the Emirate's merchandise balance. These goods are then re-exported as they are, without any modification, outside the country.

#### Non-oil Exports

Non-oil exports include goods that are entirely produced locally or in whose production process local resources are used. Non-oil exports through the ports of Abu Dhabi may include goods that were produced in other Emirates in the United Arab Emirates. Oil is excluded from these goods. These goods leave Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district to the outside world, reducing the Emirate's non-oil merchandise trade deficit.

#### Classifications

The non-oil merchandise trade statistics are presented in accordance with the two main internationally recommended output classifications: Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 4 (SITC) and Broad Economic Categories (BEC).

- SITC groups goods according to their level of manufacturing or processing
- BEC groups goods according to their main end use, namely capital, intermediate consumption and consumption goods

If users require statistics by the detailed Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), these are available from SCAD on request. The HS is primarily an input classification, and is the basis on which goods are recorded with Customs by traders.

## Data source

Data are obtained from Department of Finance – Customs Administration. The data are processed and passed to Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi for further editing, compilation and reclassified according to statistical classifications for foreign trade.

## Valuation

In line with the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement on valuation:

- Exports (including re-exports) are valued free on board (fob), which represents the value at the export border, and includes inland freight costs and packaging
- Imports are valued on the cost insurance and freight (cif) basis, which represents the value at the import border, and includes the additional cost of freight and insurance in transporting the goods internationally

## Notes on Tables

Changes (levels and %) in all tables are based on unrounded numbers.

Relative importance is calculated as the ratio between the value of the sub-group and the total value for all groups, expressed as a percentage.

Totals in some tables may not add up due to rounding.

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## More information

For more information about foreign trade and other official statistics for Abu Dhabi Emirate, please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>

