

The Peering Database

The [Peering Database](#) is a freely available, user-maintained database of networks which take part in the global Internet. It is considered the authoritative source of all information relating to network operators who participate in peering around the world.

The database facilitates the global interconnection of networks at Internet Exchange Points (IXPs), data centres, and other interconnection facilities, and is the first stop in making interconnection decisions.

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Background

In the early Internet (of the 1990s) there were few network operators and interconnect points around the world that interconnections were relatively straightforward to seek out and implement (in the author's experience anyway). In March 1999 there were 4640 ASNs in the Internet with only 800 providing transit. This compares with today's total exceeding 73000 ASNs and over 10000 ASNs providing transit, never mind that almost every country in the world now has at least one Internet Exchange Point if not a datacentre facilitating commercial interconnects.


In the 1990s establishing new interconnects by attending in major Internet operations meetings (NANOG, RIPE, AfNOG, APRICOT and so on), with network information passed on by word of mouth or email or even by letter!

With the rapid growth of the Internet in the late 1990s and early 2000s, there needed to be a more scalable way for a Network Operator to get their "peering information" out to the global Internet operations community. And hence the PeeringDB was born.

What is the Peering DB

The Peering DB is a repository of the important information that network operators need to determine whether an interconnection is feasible, makes commercial sense, makes technical sense, and is even technically feasible. While the Peering DB website has much more detailed information, the Peering Toolbox is highlighting the key points.

Here are some example entries to show what is possible. The first example (publicly accessible) is of LINX, the London Internet Exchange:



PeeringDB

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Peers	Connections	Open Peers	Total Speed	% with IPv6
811	913	596	36.2T	85

Organization
LINX

Also Known As

Long Name
London Internet Exchange Ltd.

City
London

Country
GB

Continental Region
Europe

Media Type
Ethernet

Service Level
Not Disclosed

Terms
Not Disclosed

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Peers at this Exchange Point

Filter

Peer Name IPv4	ASN IPv6	Speed	Policy
(an)networks 196.96.225.115	33920 2001:7fb4::8490:1	2G	Selective
G1 Telecom IOTI 2001:7fb4::3:14cd:1	201933 195.96.227.214	10G	Open
G12 Smile Telecom 195.96.225.114	9116 2001:7fb4::239c:1	10G	Open
G12 Smile Telecom 195.96.226.90	9116 2001:7fb4::239c:2	10G	Open
I&T Versandel Deutschland GmbH 2001:7fb4::22b1:1	6081 195.96.224.245	100G	Selective
100 Percent IT 195.96.225.213	20915 2001:7fb4::51b3:1	1G	Open
ZSM GmbH 2001:7fb4::b95f:1	47447 195.96.227.70	10G	Open
Z4Shells Inc 2001:7fb4::d729:1	55061 195.96.227.116	10G	Open
31173 Services AB 2001:7fb4::99b7:1	38351 195.96.226.62	10G	Open
4D Data Centres Ltd 2001:7fb4::24f:24f	31463 2001:7fb4::24f:24f	10G	Selective

Contact Information

Company Website	https://www.linx.net/
Traffic Stats Website	https://portal.linx.net/
Technical Email	support@linx.net
Technical Phone	
Policy Email	info@linx.net
Policy Phone	
Sales Email	
Sales Phone	
Health Check	

LAN

MTU	1500
IX-F Member Export URL Visibility	Private

The second example below shows that of a *AWS* (Amazon Web Services), one of the major content networks on the Internet:

<https://www.bqp4all.com.au/pfs/>

This one shows the Public peering and Private peering facilities AWS is present at. So a potential peer can check which locations they share with AWS, and then contact them about peering. The page for AWS contains data about number of prefixes, traffic ratios, etc, plus the IP addressing used at the various public Internet connect points. All this is designed to make it easier for prospective peers to assess and reach out to AWS for peering.

And the final example shows Arelion (formerly Telia Carrier), the operator of AS1299, one of the international transit carriers serving the global Internet:

PeeringDB Search here for a network, IX, or facility. [Advanced Search](#)

Twelve99

Organization	Arelion
Also Known As	Arelion, (via Telia Carrier)
Long Name	
Company Website	https://www.arelion.com/
ASN	1299
IRR as-set/route-set	RIPE::AS-TELIANET RIPE::AS-TELIANET-V8
Route Server URL	
Looking Glass URL	https://lg.twelve99.net/
Network Type	NSP
IPv4 Prefixes	550000
IPv6 Prefixes	100000
Traffic Levels	100+Tbps
Traffic Ratios	Balanced
Geographic Scope	Global
Protocols Supported	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unicast IPv4 <input type="checkbox"/> Multicast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPv6 <input type="checkbox"/> Never via route servers
Last Updated	2022-02-04T13:28:51Z
Public Peering Info Updated	
Peering Facility Info Updated	2022-04-28T18:22:56
Contact Info Updated	2021-09-09T14:07:44

Notes

AS1299 is matching RPKI validation state and reject invalid prefixes from peers and customers. Our looking-glass marks validation state for all prefixes. Please review your registered RQAs to reduce number of invalid prefixes.

All trouble ticket requests or support related emails should be sent to support@arelion.com.

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Public Peering Exchange Points [Filter](#)

Exchange	ASN	Speed	RS Peer
IPv4	IPv6		
No filter matches. You may filter by Exchange, ASN or Speed.			

Private Peering Facilities [Filter](#)

Facility	Country
ASN	City
123.NET - DC1 - 24700 Northeastern Hwy, 1299	United States of America Southfield
1530 Swift 1299	United States of America North Kansas City
1623 Farnam 1299	United States of America Omaha
365 Data Centers Buffalo (BU1) 1299	United States of America Buffalo
365 Data Centers Detroit (DT1) 1299	United States of America Southfield
365 Data Centers Nashville (NA1) 1299	United States of America Nashville
365 Data Centers Tampa (TA1) 1299	United States of America Tampa
361 Rechenzentrum Berlin 1299	Germany Berlin
910Telecom Denver 1299	United States of America Denver
stet Frankfurt 1299	Germany Frankfurt
Arelion Düsseldorf DDF/B 1299	Germany Düsseldorf
Arelion London HEX 1299	United Kingdom London
Arelion Moscow MSK/O1 1299	Russia

again showing the type of data that are published in the PeeringDB.

Creating a PeeringDB Entry

The Peering Toolbox recommends (strongly) that any entity with their own AS Number and address space should create an entry in the Peering DB. There is no cost to doing so.

A tutorial on how to create an entry is currently beyond the scope of the Peering DB - but the best advice is to look at other PeeringDB entries and use what those entries have to guide what is needed for your own one.

Simply create an account, and populate it with the mandatory entries - and place as much information there as you possibly can. This should minimally be:

- Organisation name
- Organisation website
- ASN
- IRR as-set (you created one earlier)
- Network Type
- Number of IPv4 prefixes

- Number of IPv6 prefixes
- Traffic Levels
- Traffic Ratios (inbound to your network, or out from your network)
- Geographic Scope (ie what locations do you serve)
- Protocols supported (IPv4 and IPv6 are common)
- Peering Policy (Open, Selective, Restricted)
- Contact information (NOC, Policy/Admin, Technical)
- Public Peering Points (if applicable)
- Private Peering Facilities (if applicable)

Why a PeeringDB entry

Today very few network operators will considering peering with an entity that has no PeeringDB entry. In fact, many will make it a requirement before they will even respond to a peering request. Indeed, some operators will go as far as using information in the PeeringDB for configuring peering sessions with their peers, making it essential that the entries are kept up to date.

Therefore, the Peering Toolbox recommendation is that all Network Operators with their own Internet Resources and who wish to take part in the global peering community must create and maintain their PeeringDB entry.

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