What is Peering

Peering is the connection of one network operator to another network operator to exchange traffic originated by each network operator.

The vast majority of peering does not attract traffic charges - it is known as “settlement-free peering”.

Peering takes place in two forms:

1. **Private peering**
2. **Public peering**

Private Peering

Private peering is where there is a private connection between the two network operators for the purpose of exchanging traffic.

Public Peering

Public peering takes place at a public peering point, commonly known as an Internet Exchange Point (IXP).

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