

The Peering Toolbox

Traditional Transit vs Peering

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Traditional Transit



20+ years ago

- ISPs provide Internet transit to organisations (content providers and end-users)
- Enterprise networks changed their Internet access to access and transit providers



What has happened?

- Internet has become an essential part of every organisations services, so they are taking more control over it
- Businesses needed to optimise their services

What's the Problem?

 Growth in the importance of Internet to business operations is driving enterprise networks to manage their own connection to the internet

Managing this comes with risk

 Now there's more than one vendor i.e. IXPs but you also have a bunch of peers



What's the Problem?

- Taking responsibility of the role of the ISP...
 - Having the right resources, IP Addresses, ASNs
 - How do you manage your peers, increase in cost?
 - With who and how are you going to peer? Community, what's that?
- There's A LOT to learn...
 - Where to start.. Who to speak to?
 - What are the best practices?
 - How do you deal with outages?
- Solution?





Peering Toolbox

Community Focused Learning Tool

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What is the Peering Toolbox?



By the Community

- Community focused Euro-IX project
- Organisations involved include LINX, NAPAfrica, Microsoft, Amazon, INEX



Aims

 Provide a learning structure and best practice information for new entrants into the interconnection community



Aims

 The toolbox will act as a reference/guide that IXPs and networks can point others to for best practice information and learn how meet the IXP and peers requirements



Peering Toolbox

- There's already a lot of good work done by the community
 - We want to pull it together and make it available in one place
 - We are not creating a "peering bible" but it will act as a reference point for best practice information.
- The Peering Toolbox can reference your documents, get in touch, so we can link your materials peeringtoolbox@lists.euro-ix.net



Peering Toolbox - Coming Soon!

- Peering Academy
 - We're going to create a learning structure that's easy for new entrants to follow and discover what they need to learn to make the best decisions for their network.
 - The learning will be broken down into small pieces to make it easy, e.g. beginner, intermediate and expert to learn the community best practices
 - Using the IXPDB to see the types of networks connected will help give some insight into their knowledge
 - We're looking to build the team up, if you're interested in getting involved contact us - peeringtoolbox@lists.euro-ix.net



