



# What is needed for Peering

This section of the Toolbox describes what a network operator needs before embarking on their peering journey.

## Next Steps

The next steps for any aspiring member of the peering community is to lay the ground work so that their infrastructure is operationally prepared to be able to peer with other Network Operators.

The following sections cover the background of the eight essential topics:

1. [Router Hardware](#)
2. [Internet Resources](#)
3. [Internet Routing Registry](#)
4. [Route Origin Authorisation](#)
5. [Peering Policies](#)
6. [Peering Database](#)
7. [Peering Agreement](#)
8. [Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security](#)

Aspiring members of the peering community (network operators who are interested in peering!) are recommended to complete each of these sections. Once completed, they will be ready to take part in full in the Internet ecosystem.

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