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 can take place in two forms:

1. **Private peering** is where there is a private connection between the two network operators for the purpose of exchanging traffic.
2. **Public peering** takes place at a public peering point, commonly known as an Internet Exchange Point (IXP).

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