



Open IX Update

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Founding Principles

OBSERVATION

Peering is easier in Europe where there are established, cooperative exchanges and this creates a healthy ecosystem to promote growth of new technology.

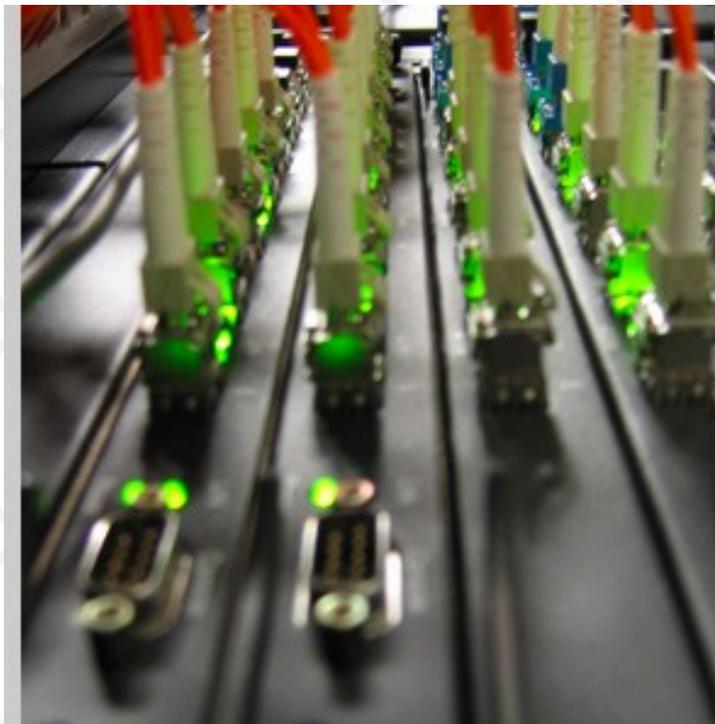
CHALLENGES

- The European exchanges evolved to where they are today over many years, with many adjustments in direction – they didn't start where they are today.
- Legal requirements, commercial interests and government regulation make it hard, if not impossible, to replicate the European model exactly in other locations.
- The world needs a new roadmap to guide creation of optimal exchange platforms.



Interconnection for Data Centers

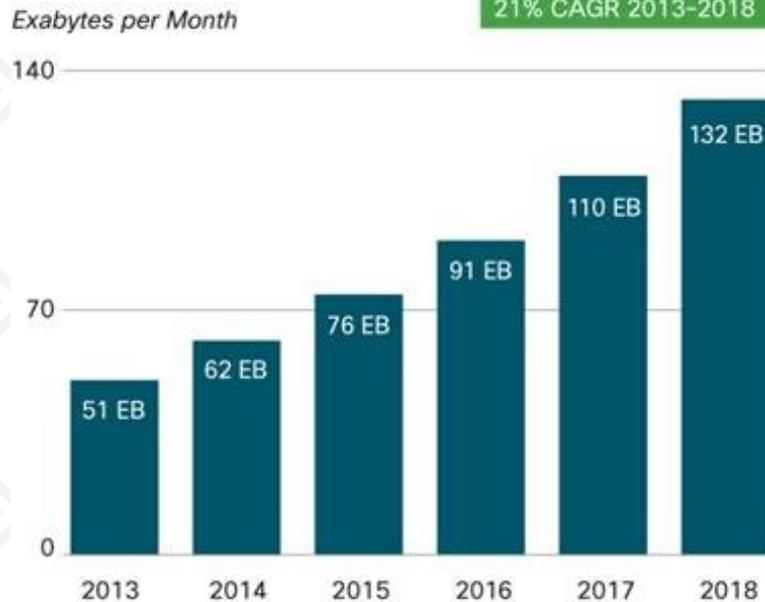
- The Internet: a network of networks
- Peering and Interconnection
 - Agreements between networks to exchange data
 - A variety of motivations and business terms
 - Can occur over a private or public exchange fabric but Interconnection almost always happens within Data Centers
- Internet Exchanges offer a neutral local network where operators can exchange traffic.





Interconnection

- Network interconnection and exchange (peering) are critical to handle massive growth in traffic across enterprise, mobile and broadband networks
- Passing traffic at the edge improves service quality by reducing congestion or other possible network bottlenecks
- OIX seeks improve the environment for Interconnection
- Standards help create more resiliency and better reliability



Source: Cisco VNI, 2014



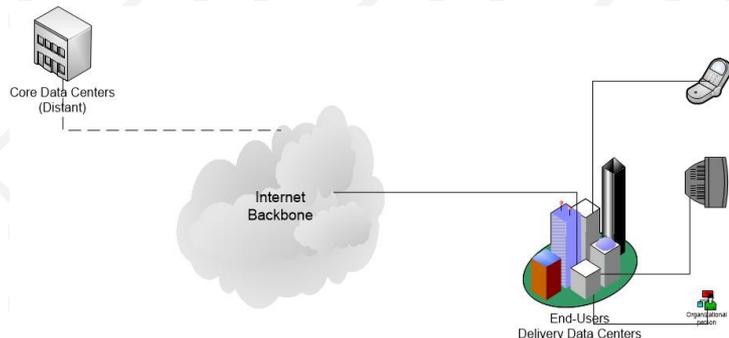
Data Centers

Mega Data Centers

- Large footprint ~250,000 – 1,000,000 sq. ft.
- Low cost of power
- Favorable cooling options
- Remote locations tethered by long-haul fiber
- Data storage
- Non-latency sensitive / low bandwidth applications
- Delivery of last resort

Delivery Data Centers

- Typical footprint <10,000 sq. ft. to 100,000 sq. ft.+
- Located proximate to population centers
- Highly connected
- Content delivery networks
- Latency / jitter sensitive applications
- Reduce / manage backbone traffic





About Open-IX Association

MISSION

To build community and consensus that foster data center and Internet Exchange Point (IXP) standards, ultimately improving the landscape of Internet peering and interconnect.

OPEN-IX®

The Open-IX Association* is a self-regulated community that fosters the development of critical data center and IXP technical and operating standards to:

1. Promote uniform specifications for data transfer and physical connectivity.
2. Create resiliency to improve reliability.
3. Certify IXPs and data centers that meet the community-developed standards.

*Open-IX is a 501(c)(6) non-profit Trade Association





Why Open-IX?

➤ Before Open-IX

- Few choices in the IXP market.
- Significant concentration in single facilities in many markets.

➤ With Open-IX

- Multiple IXPs being certified, offering choice.
- Multiple data centers being certified, decreasing concentration.
- Competitive response from incumbent exchange / interconnect providers.

➤ Benefits of Open-IX

- Less density, more choice, increased resiliency and decreased cost.
- Better performance and uptime for all.



Membership

Open to anyone with an interest in IXPs, data center infrastructure, interconnect engineering or research, and who wishes to participate in shaping the operations and engineering of the future of Internet interconnect.

Members:

- Vote in all Open-IX elections.
- Nominate and elect the Board of Directors.
- Serve on volunteer standards committees.
- Provide input on Certification Applications.
- \$50 per year

Application process:

- One class of membership for all.
- 12-month term



Certification

Any company can adopt Open-IX standards and apply for certification.

Certification signifies that your company will adopt the OIX standards, indicates that your operations comply with these standards and provides you the ability to use the certification marks publicly.

OIX-1 IXP Technical Requirements

For organizations that operate a physical network infrastructure with the purpose to facilitate the exchange of Internet traffic between Autonomous Systems (AS).

OIX-2 Data Center Technical Requirements

For building owners, Meet-Me-Room (MMR) operators, and data center providers.

Certification is \$5,000 per market for ISPs or per data center, per year.

Open-IX is a standards organization, so companies may choose to be compliant without being certified.





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OIX-1 & OIX-2 Standards

OIX-1 IXP

- Infrastructure: switching platform, IP space, route server
- Standard physical interface
- Best practices for traffic forwarding
- Clear customer interface demarcation points
- Operational: NOC, monitoring & statistical reports
- Current in peering contact and config. Directory
- Accessible information on public website

OIX-2 Data Center

- Infrastructure: utility feeds, transformers, water sources, network access, MMR, interconnection
- Operational: rules, licensing, commissioning, maintenance, operating procedures, change management
- Service levels for generator(s), UPS, cooling, interconnect delivery, electrical circuit
- Open, non-discriminatory access and pricing
- Accessible information on public website



OIX-1 Certification

- Completed: Five (5) IXPs
- Pending: One (1) IXP; three (3) MSAs



Amsterdam Internet Exchange

1. NY/NJ (Completed)
2. SF Bay Area (Completed)
3. Chicago (Announced)
4. Amsterdam (Completed)



1. VA/MD/DC



Florida Internet Exchange

1. Miami (Pending)



1. Omaha (Announced)



Deutscher Commercial Internet Exchange

1. New York (Completed)



1. Phoenix (Announced)

Pending: Currently going through certifications process

Announced: Intend to certify





OIX-2 Certification

- Completed: 22 Data Centers, Ten (10) Companies
- Pending: Six (6) Data Centers, Five (5) Additional Companies



- Dallas, TX
- Houston, TX
- Austin, TX
- Cincinnati, OH
- Cincinnati, OH
- Phoenix, AZ



- Los Angeles, CA
- San Francisco, CA
- Dallas, TX
- New York, NY



- Atlanta, GA
- Suwanee, GA
- Richmond, VA



- Ashburn, VA
- Piscataway, NJ



- Durham, NC
- Somerset, NJ



- Santa Clara, CA



- Chicago, IL



- Manassas, VA



- Houston, TX



- Atlanta, GA

Pending Data Centers:



- Miami, FL



- Phoenix, AZ



- Richardson, TX



- New York, NY



- Middletown, VA



- Marseilles, France





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About Open-IX Association

The Open-IX Association (OIX) is a non-profit organization, tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(6), created to improve the landscape of Internet peering and massive-scale interconnection. OIX encourages the development of neutral and distributed Internet exchanges while promoting uniform standards of performance for interconnections backed by the Internet community. The Association aims to promote common and uniform specifications for data transfer and physical connectivity and improve overall Internet performance by developing criteria and methods of measurement to reduce the complexity that restricts massive scale interconnection in fragmented markets.

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