



IX-F Database, JSON Schema Automation & IXP Maintenance Windows

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IX-F Database

IXP Database Project

- There are many IXP Databases...

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Search Public Exchange Points

Exchange Name: City:

IP Block: Country:

Media Type: Continental Region:

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List of Public Exchange Points

Exchange Name	Long Name	City/Region	Country	Continental Region	Media Type	Participants
AIX	Alps AIX Internet Exchange	Klagenfurt	AT	Europe	Ethernet	4
ACTIX	ACT Internet Exchange	Canberra, ACT	AU	Australia	Ethernet	11
ADN-IX		Valence	FR	Europe	Ethernet	0
AlbertaIX	AlbertaIX	Calgary	CA	North America	Ethernet	4
AMPATH	AMPATH - Florida International University/CISRA	Miami	US	North America	Multiple	0
AMS-IX	Amsterdam Internet Exchange	Amsterdam	NL	Europe	Ethernet	1229
AMS-IX Caribbean	Amsterdam Internet Exchange Caribbean	Curacao	CW	South America	Ethernet	11
AMS-IX Hong Kong	Amsterdam Internet Exchange Hong Kong	Hong Kong	HK	Asia Pacific	Ethernet	27
AMS-IX NY	AMS-IX New York	New York	US	North America	Ethernet	14
Angola-IXP / ANG-IXP	Angola Internet Exchange point	Luanda	AO	Africa	Ethernet	3
APX	Auckland Peering Exchange	Auckland	NZ	Asia Pacific	Ethernet	56
ArmIX	Armenian Internet Exchange	Yerevan	AM	Europe	Ethernet	0
ASIX6	Academia Sinica Internet Exchange 6	Taipei	TW	Asia Pacific	Multiple	1
ASSOCIQ	mpls ASSOCIQ	Tokyo, Nation wide	JP	Asia Pacific	Multiple	0
AZIX	Arizona Internet Exchange	Phoenix, Arizona	US	North America	Ethernet	10
B-IX	Balkan Internet Exchange	Sofia	BG	Europe	Ethernet	13

www.datacentermap.com/ixps.html

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Internet Exchange Points
→ IXPs

On the map below you can see an overview of internet exchange points (IXPs) around the world, zoom in and click on a city marker to see the internet exchange points available in the city.

Map | Satellite

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Help

- Show inactive IXPs
- Hide inactive IXPs
- Show summary views
- Submit a change
- Featurebug report

World map showing Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) worldwide.

Region	Country	City	Internet Exchange Name	Participants	Traffic	Peering	Established	URL
Asia-Pacific	Alghanistan	Kabul	National Internet Exchange of Afghanistan	5	5	5	May 2011	
Algeria	Algeria	Algiers	Algeria Internet Exchange	5	5	5	2013	
Angola	Angola	Luanda	Angola Internet Exchange	10	13M	5	2008	
		Luanda	Ponto de Interconexão Internet Angola	5	5	5	5	
Latin America	Argentina (10)	Bahia Blanca	NAP CABASE Bahia Blanca	12	180M	5	2013	
		Buenos Aires	NAP CABASE Buenos Aires	79	7.04G	100	Aug 2006	
		Cordoba	NAP CABASE Cordoba	5	100M	5	Aug 2012	

➤ Existing database issues

- No single trusted data source
- Poor quality & no or very little APIs / automation
- “We’ll only peer with you, if you’re in PeeringDB”
- Databases are updated manually
- We’re moving into a world of automation
- ...IXPs hold accurate information but lack automation

> Historical Problem



PeeringDB - Database for networks and data centres

IX-F Database

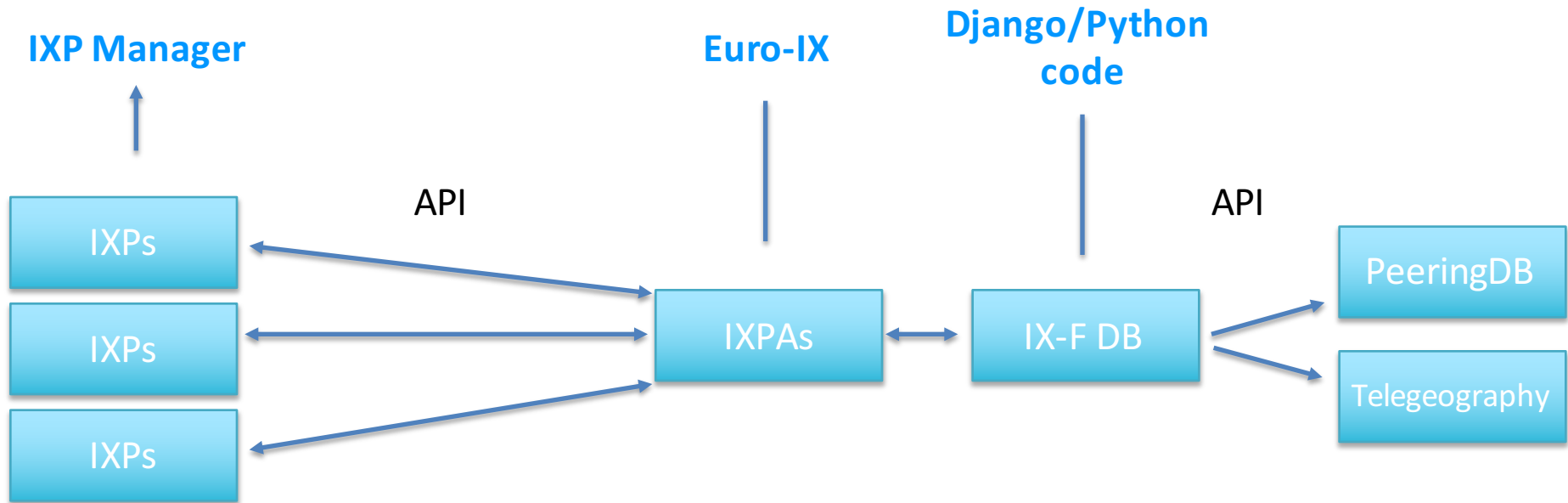
IX-F DB API server written using Python / Django, which can:

- get / create / update / delete IXP, organisation, IP addressing and network information
- all interaction is JSON
- all non-sensitive information will be publicly available
- Members of IXPA's will be able to create, update and delete IXPs from the databases.
- <https://db.ix-f.net/api/ixp>

➤ IX-F Database

- We have a proof of concept client to interact with this database in Python including unit test code at:
<https://github.com/euro-ix/ixf-client-py>
- The PHP version of this with unit tests also available at:
<https://github.com/euro-ix/ixf-client-php>

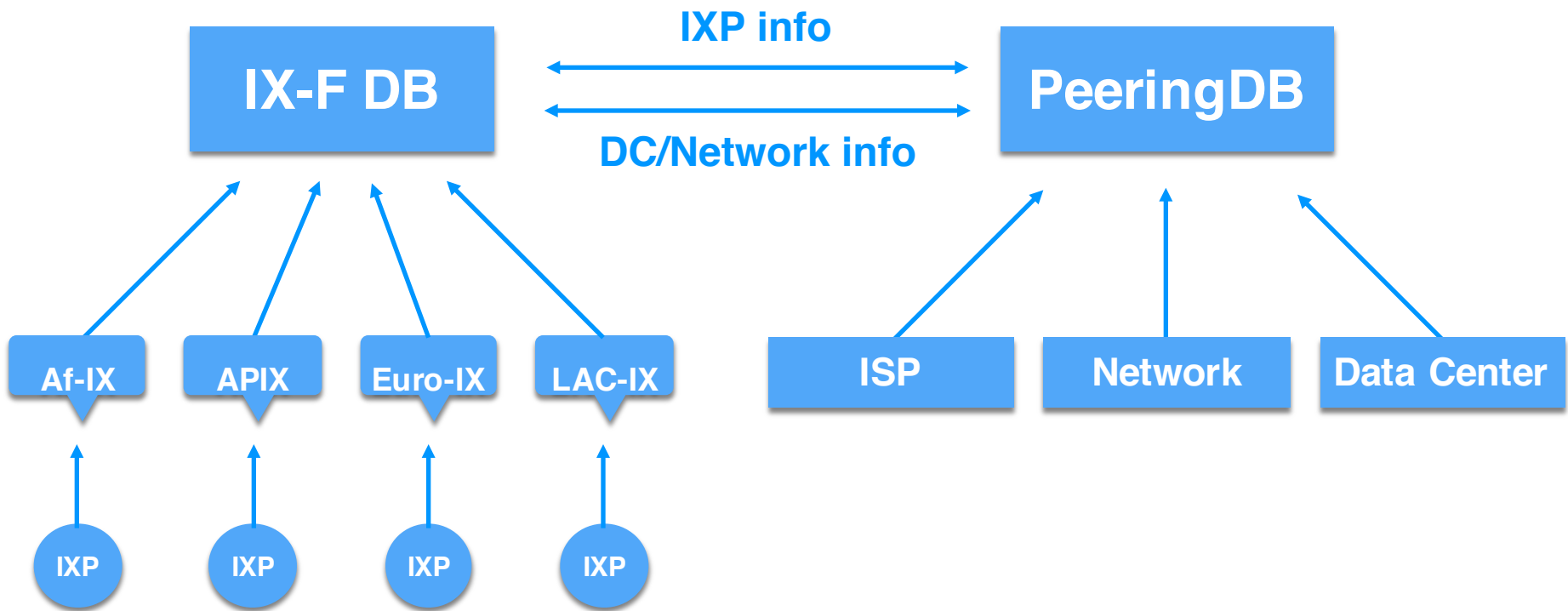
> Where we are...



IX-F Database

Where are we..

- Designed for IXPs to export (push) data with minimal intervention
- Simple modifications can be used for IXP to IXPA or to PeeringDB
- At present Euro-IX is the only IXPA interface ready to talk with PeeringDB - we encourage **ALL** IXPs to use the Euro-IX website while others are being worked on.
- APIX started work, LAC-IX and AFIX to come..



➤ A real life example..

“Who am I not peering with at LONAP?”

- You have a script which load direct adjacencies into an array.
- You need a complete and canonical list of peers to compare differences

IX-F Database

- <https://db.ix-f.net/api/ixp>

Very very easy mate

```

{
  "ixp_info": {
    "status": "active",
    "updated": "2014-02-17T10:07:51Z",
    "name": "London Network Access Point",
    "created": "2011-08-16T13:26:26Z",
    "shortname": "LONAP",
    "ixp_id": "IX-F#18"
  },
  "timestamp": "2015-09-16T08:17:31.116Z",
  "version": "2014110401",
  "member_list": [
    {
      "asnum": 20915,
      "name": "100 Percent"
    },
    {
      "url": "http://www.2connectbahrain.com/",
      "asnum": 51406,
      "name": "2Connect"
    },
    {
      "url": "http://www.34sp.com",
      "asnum": 41357,
      "name": "34SP.com Ltd"
    },
    {
      "url": "http://4d-dc.com/",
      "asnum": 31463,
      "name": "4D Data Centres"
    },
    {
      "url": "http://www.afilias.info",
      "asnum": 12041,
      "name": "Afilias"
    },
    {
      "url": "http://www.akamai.com",
      "asnum": 20940,
      "name": "Akamai Technologies"
    },
    {
      "url": "http://www.alentus.com",
      "asnum": 21321,
      "name": "Alentus UK Ltd"
    },
    {

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ewP Switc Ports ports impo ports admin Circu circu VXCn instal db_sc apiw€ switc test_

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import urllib, json

url = "http://db.ix-f.net/api/ixp/18/member-list"
response = urllib.urlopen(url)

ixpdata = json.loads(response.read())

my_peers = [8916,20940,20915, 51406, 41357, 31463, 12041, 21321, 12536, 16509, 20712, 33920, 4

for member in ixpdata["member_list"]:
    if member["asnum"] not in my_peers:
        print "Get some peering with " + str(member["asnum"]) + " (" + member["name"] + ")"
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```
enigma:Desktop andy$  
enigma:Desktop andy$ python ixp.py  
Get some peering with 6871 (PlusNet)  
Get some peering with 8689 (PowerGroup (Power Internet Ltd))  
Get some peering with 8676 (PRT Systems)  
Get some peering with 28792 (Public Internet Limited)  
Get some peering with 31402 (Rank Interactive (Blue Square Limited))  
Get some peering with 35662 (Redstation)  
Get some peering with 5552 (Redstone Communications Ltd)  
Get some peering with 5503 (RM Education Plc)  
Get some peering with 51409 (Sectorsix)  
Get some peering with 50056 (Advantage Interactive Ltd)  
Get some peering with 29550 (Simply Transit Ltd.)  
Get some peering with 48961 (Warwicknet Ltd)  
Get some peering with 20738 (Webfusion)  
Get some peering with 44444 (Websense Hosted R&D Ltd. (UK))  
Get some peering with 49158 (Wifinity)  
Get some peering with 13037 (Zen Internet)  
enigma:Desktop andy$
```

➤ Why not just use the IXPs own data?

- This gives you a single API for many IXPs
- Get the same format for all IXPs, it's standard - wohoo!
- Data is fed from the IXP - IXPs have accurate data!
- Portable, supportable and scaleable!

➤ In search of accurate information

- Give network operators the choice of getting accurate information from either IX-F or PeeringDB
- This data can be obtained using APIs
 - PeeringDB & Telegeography
- Increases use of automation
 - saves time, saves money, increases accuracy.



JSON Schema

➤ Euro-IX IXP JSON Schema

- Contains both IXP data & IXP Participant data
 - ASN (member list), locations, switch, IXP info
- Open, consistent & an atomic design
- Currently 12 IXP independent implementation
- Open source implementation in IXP Manager
- Source available on github:
<https://github.com/euro-ix/json-schemas>



Thank you!

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