

White Paper

Internet Exchanges

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Internet Exchanges in Colt DCS Data Centres

Colt DCS carrier-neutral data centres hosts many internet exchanges at sites in Europe and Asia, providing ideal options for network owners to peer, meaning exchange traffic, with others making the internet faster, more efficient and cost-effective for exchange participants.

What is an Internet Exchange?

An internet exchange is networking infrastructure where carriers, internet service providers and content providers exchange traffic. The internet is a network of networks, and Internet exchanges are a vital element helping traffic move between those networks. Internet exchange providers (IXPs) make this traffic exchange a lot easier by providing a physical point where participants can exchange their traffic, or peer through a single interface, rather than individually with every single network. Simply put, IXPs provide network interconnection services. Internet Exchange IXPs help minimize the part

Transit \$\$\$

of internet traffic that without them had to go through an upstream provider and hence provide faster access to local destinations and reduce the cost of buying third-party transit services.



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The Benefits of Internet Exchanges

✓ Improved latency

IX peering provides a path at the lowest possible latency to a participant's web site or application, which can greatly enhance the end-user experience.

✓ Transit cost savings and simplicity

By eliminating the need to put all traffic through expensive transit routes. A single connection to an IX platform can help organisations reach hundreds of networks.

Efficient local access

IXs provide the shortest route to IP networks in the metro region. More bandwidth becomes available for local users because of the lower local capacity costs. Local links are often up to 10 times faster because of the reduced traffic latency, which means fewer hops to get to its end destination.

Access more ISPs

Improved choice of internet providers to send upstream traffic to the rest of the Internet are offered.

✓ Increased resilience

Connecting to an internet exchange improves the resiliency of your network by providing access to multiple network providers.

✓ Additional security

An internet exchange connection can provide DDOS (Distributed Denial of Services) mitigation.

What Type of Organisation Connects to an IX?

Data services providers that want to exchange traffic with other networks typically connect to internet exchanges. Typical IX users are internet service providers, content providers, network service integrators, telecom carriers, enterprises using cloud services, enterprises with large web presences as they exchange traffic with other networks.

Service Options Delivered by Most Internet Exchanges

Colt DCS hosts various regional IXs at its sites. The IXs offer several different products including:

- **Public Peering** Public VLAN for access to all peering participants.
- Support for industry standard IEEE 802.1Q Trunking encapsulation.

Private internet Private VLAN (required) Unicast peering VLAN enabled) for direct bilateral peering or communities of interest.

Support for remote-triggered blackholing (RTBH) To mitigate distributed denialof-service (DDoS) attacks.

- Access to an IX portal
- ☑ 24x7 Network Operations Centre for issue resolution at every site
- ✓ >99.99999% uptime guarantee for individual ports
- \blacksquare Best practice information on peering and interconnection

For individual offerings from each internet exchange, please visit their websites.



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Internet Exchange Availability in Colt DCS Data Centres

World-leading internet exchanges are hosted in Colt DCS data centres.

Internet Exchange		Colt DC Location	Public Peering 1G 10G 100G		Private Interconnect 1G 10G		
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What if an IX is Not Available in a Desired Location?

Colt DCS can provide high capacity, low cost 1 Gbps, 10 Gbps and 100 Gbps connectivity to other data centres in the same metro, which will enable remote connectivity to any local internet exchange not located within our data centre at cost-effective rates.



About Colt DCS

Colt Data Centre Services is a leading carrier-neutral data centre operator. We are trusted by our globally recognised customers to provide unparalleled service and security. Our operational excellence is verified by achieving one of the highest possible scores in the Uptime Institute's Management and Operations award. Colt DCS has designed, built and operated large-scale data centres and provided data centre colocation services for more than 20 years at our 24 carrier-neutral data centres across Europe and Asia.



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