IXP Manager

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What is IXP Manager?

Full stack management system for IXPs

- Admin & Member Portal
- End to end provisioning system
- Teaches, implements and ensures best practice
- Fully loaded with IXP specific tools and features

Configures everything but the port. For now…

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- Goal: Zero touch provisioning and configuration
- Goal: Do more with less
- Goal: Provide excellent service to our members

  (who are also our masters!)

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- Started with a robust flexible database schema
- From which we created:
  - A simple CRUD interface
  - Provisioning scripts including: route collector, route servers, AS112, reverse DNS, RIPE objects, monitoring systems, graphing systems, etc.

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- No significant traction – FOSS requires effort!
  - Documentation, installation ease, evangelism, de-INEX-ification, out reach / time.

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  - Our neighbors in LONAP (close collaboration)
  - Euro-IX members: INEX, LONAP, BCIX, ...
  - Africa: Gambia, Kenya, ...
  - APIX: Multiple IXPs in Australia
  - North America: Chicago, Portland, Texus, ...
- Great feedback, great recognition

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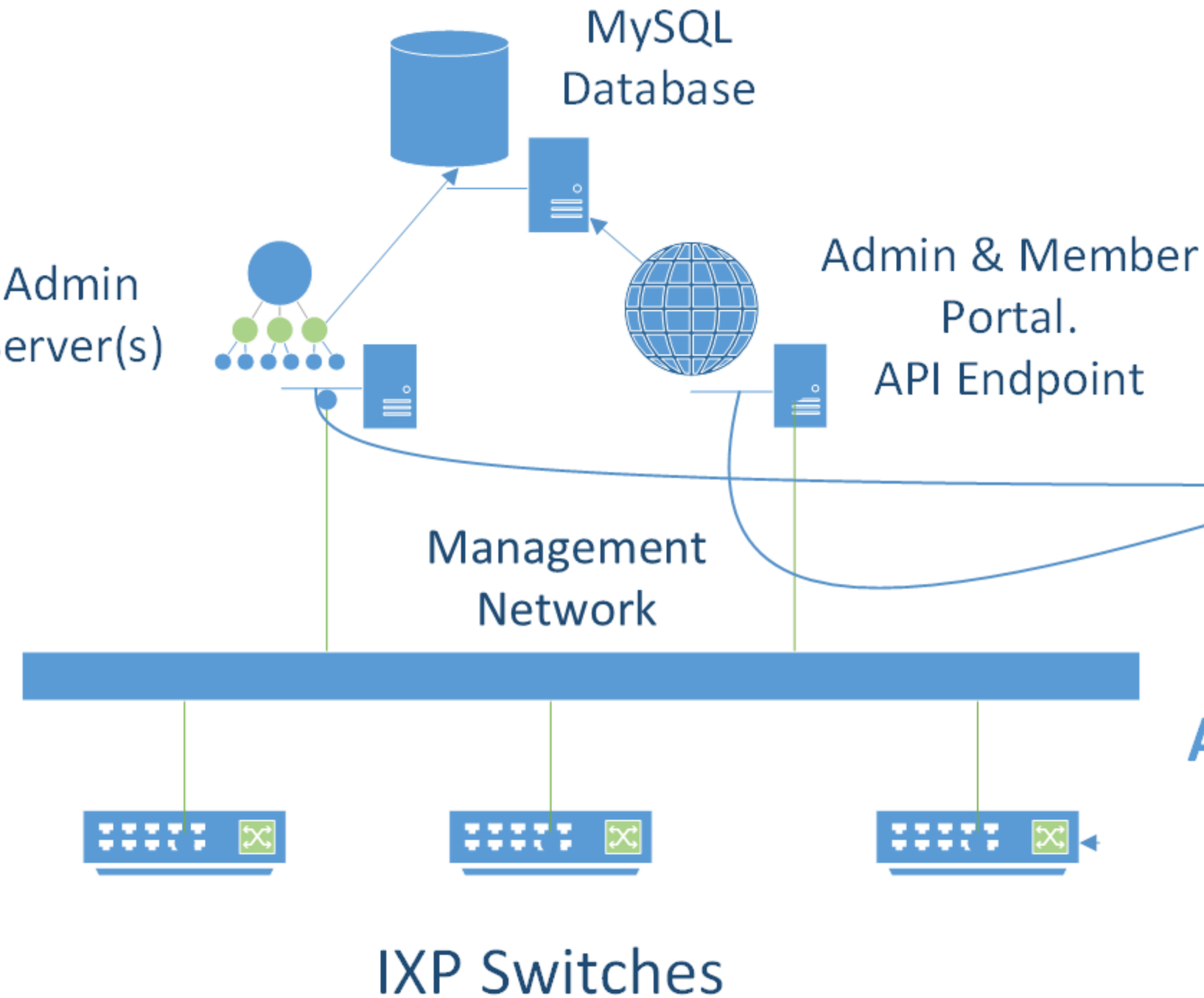

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Route Collector(s)
Route Server(s)
AS112, MRTG, sflow
Nagios, Smokeping
TACACS+, RADIUS
DNS, RIR DB

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IXP STATISTICS
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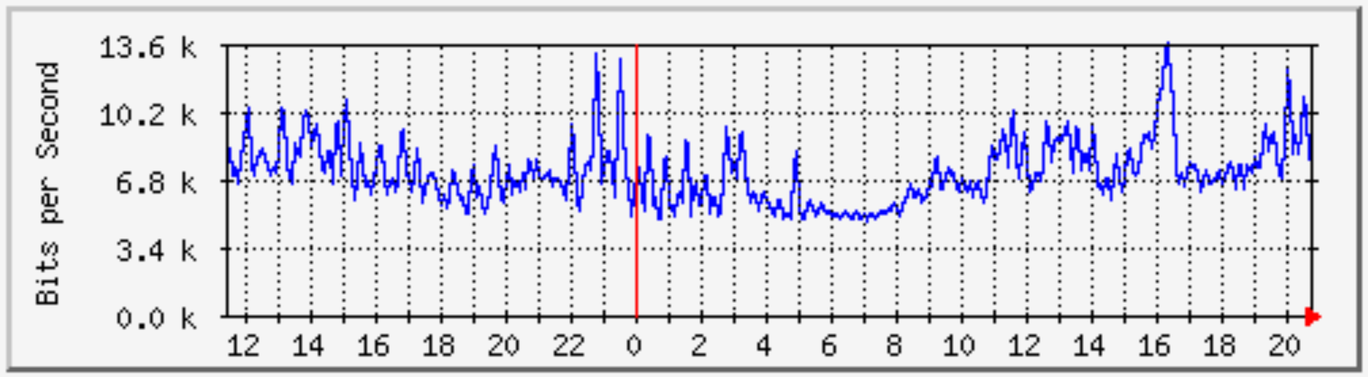
AS112 Reverse DNS PROBONO MEMBER

Overview | Ports | Users | Contacts | Notes | RS Prefixes » | P2P »

Aggregate Traffic Statistics



Corporate Site	http://www.as112.net/	**Peering Email**
Status	Normal	**Joined**
Type	Pro-bono	**Left**
Peering Policy	open	**ASN**
PeeringDB		**AS-SET**

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Virtual Interface Details

Customer: BT Ireland

☐ Is 802.1q Trunk?

Type: PEERING

Save Changes | Return to Customer Overview | Advanced Options

Physical Interfaces +

Location	Peering Port	Fanout Port	Speed/Duplex	
Telecity Citywest	swi1-tcy1-2::ethernet10		10000/full	
Telecity Citywest	swi1-tcy1-2::ethernet12		10000/full	

VLAN Interfaces +

VLAN Name	VLAN ID	IPv4 Address	IPv6 Address	
Peering VLAN #1	10	193.242.111.17	2001:7f8:18::2:0:1	

Sample Member Interface

INEX IXP Manager | Home | Member Information | Peering | Documentation | Statistics | Support

Overview | My Details | Ports | Prefixes » | Peering Manager » | Statistics » | Peer to Peer Traffic »

Connection 1

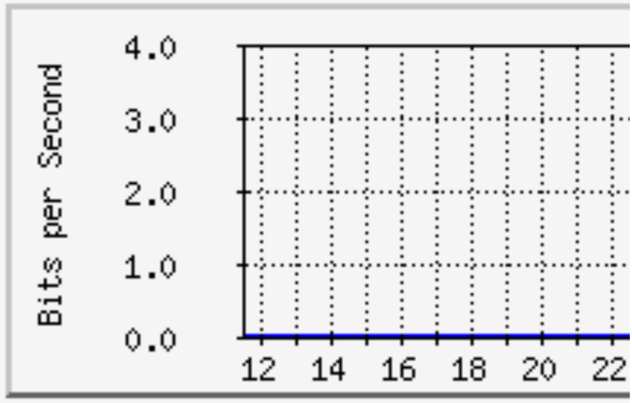
Infrastructure #1

Switch:	swi1-deg1-3.inex.ie	**Switch Port:**	GigabitEthernet44
Speed:	1000 Mbps	**Duplex:**	full
Location:	Telecity Kilcarbery	**Colo Cabinet ID:**	INEX-DEGK-1

Peering VLAN #1:

IPv6 Address:	IPv6 not enabled.	**IPv4 Address:**	193.242.111.6/25
Multicast Enabled:	No		
Route Server Client:	Yes	**AS112 Client:**	No

Day Graph for swi1-deg1



Connection 2

Member Features

- Traffic graphs and P2P graphs
- Mailing list management
- NOC / peering / contact details update
- Peering Manager
- Peering matrices
- Other member details
- Documentation
- User management
- Route Server Prefix Analysis Tool

Peering Manager

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IXP Manager | Dashboard | Member Information | Peering | Documentation | Statistics | Support | Profile | About | Switch Back

Potential Peers | Potential Bilateral Peers | Peers | Rejected / Ignored Peers

You currently do not exchange any routes in any way with the following members of the exchange **over the highlighted - in red - protocol(s) and LAN(s)** because:

- either you, they or both of you are not route server clients; and
- you do not have a bilateral (direct) peering session that we have detected with them.

Member	ASN	Policy	LAN 1	LAN 2	
3 Ireland	21327	open	IPv4		Request Peering Notes
BT Ireland	2110	open	IPv4	IPv4	Request Peering Notes
Cable & Wireless Worldwide	1273	selective	IPv4		Request Peering Notes
Colt Technology Services	8220	selective	IPv4		Request Peering Notes
Interfusion Networks	34912	open	IPv4	IPv4	Request Peering Notes
Limelight Networks	22822	selective	IPv4		Request Peering Notes

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- We use MRTG to create all traffic graphs:
  - Individual member port graphs (bits, pkts, errs, discs)
  - Aggregate member LAG graphs
  - Aggregate member graphs
  - Aggregate switch graphs
  - Inter-switch trunk graphs (*)
  - Aggregate infrastructure graphs
  - Overall peering graphs

MRTG Configuration

- Automated configuration of MRTG configuration file compatible with IXP Manager.
- It's documented and easy!
  - https://github.com/inex/IXP-Manager/wiki/MRTG---Traffic-Graphs

- apt-get install … mrtg
- mkdir –p /home/mrtg/members
- Set a couple options in application.ini and IXP Manager

- Set a cronjob to run: ixptool.php statistics-cli.gen-mrtg-conf

Auto Provisioning

- When a interface is added to IXP Manager, you get:
  - Route Collector BGP session auto-provisioned
  - Route Server BGP session auto-provisioned
  - MRTG auto-provisioned
  - Peer to peer graphs auto-provisioned
  - Nagios monitoring of member's interface
  - Smokeping target for member's interface
  - AS112 BGP session
  - ARPA DNS for IXP assigned address
  - RIR AS-SET / ASN objects

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```
martians = [
        ::/0,                       # Default (can be advertised as a rc
        ::/96,                      # IPv4-compatible IPv6 address <E2><
        ::/128,                     # Unspecified address
        ::1/128,                    # Local host loopback address
        ::ffff:0.0.0.0/96+,         # IPv4-mapped addresses
        ::224.0.0.0/100+,           # Compatible address (IPv4 format)
        ::127.0.0.0/104+,           # Compatible address (IPv4 format)
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        169.254.0.0/16+,
        172.16.0.0/12+,
        192.0.0.0/24+,
        192.0.2.0/24+,
        192.168.0.0/16+,
        198.18.0.0/15+,
        198.51.100.0/24+,
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    - 0:peer-as Prevent announcement to a peer
    - 43760:peer-as Announce to a certain peer
    - 0:43760 Prevent announcement to all peers
    - 43760:43760 Announce to all peers

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- Quagga and Bird currently implemented.

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Route Server Prefix Analysis Tool

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Limit to Protocol...

Advertised but Not Accepted (0) | Advertised & Accepted (25) | Not Advertised but Acceptable (12)

Help

Show 10 entries

Search: 2128

Prefix	Protocol	First Seen	Origin AS
193.242.111.0/24	IPv4	2012-05-28 01:11:25	2128
194.88.240.0/23	IPv4	2012-05-28 01:11:25	2128
2001:7f8:18::/48	IPv6	2012-05-28 01:12:12	2128

Showing 1 to 3 of 3 entries (filtered from 25 total entries)

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…,0013136f2fc0,0010a52f261f,0x0800,…,179,1024

Protocol
(IPv4)

Traffic = Packet Size *
Sample Rate

Source / Destination MAC
Address

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- Atomic script to dynamically learn each member's MAC
- Script to process sflow packets to RRD files

RIPE Objects

- INEX maintains the following RIPE objects:
  - AS2128 – our ASN
  - AS43760 – our route server ASN
  - AS-INEXIE – our AS macro
  - AS-SET-INEX-RS

RIPE Object – AS43760

```
import:        from AS42 193.242.111.60 at 193.242.111.8
               accept AS-PCH  # Packet Clearing House DNS
export:        to AS42 193.242.111.60 at 193.242.111.8
               announce AS-SET-INEX-RS
import:        from AS42 193.242.111.60 at 193.242.111.9
               accept AS-PCH  # Packet Clearing House DNS
export:        to AS42 193.242.111.60 at 193.242.111.9
               announce AS-SET-INEX-RS
mp-import:     afi ipv6.unicast
               from AS42 2001:7f8:18::60 at 2001:7f8:18::8
               accept AS-PCH  # Packet Clearing House DNS
```

RIPE Object – AS-SET-INEX-RS

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```
members:        AS-PCH
members:        AS112
members:        AS-HEANET
members:        AS-BTIRE
members:        AS-INEXIE
members:        AS-NFLX
members:        AS3856
members:        AS-EIRCOM
members:        AS-REDSTONE
members:        AS-MICROSOFTEU
members:        AS12388
```

Planning for v4

- Decoupling of front / back end
  - “Everything is an API”
- Switch from Zend / Smarty to Laravel / Twig
- Proof of concept: decoupled member interface with new features; 100% API and Ember.js
- Introduction of composer, bower, Grunt, etc.
- Job queues and event based processing:
  - On demand provisioning
  - Custom functionality per IXP

Thanks for Listening!

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