



Workshop // Track 2

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# Agenda

Please always use the tutorial DB at <a href="https://tutorial.peeringdb.com">https://tutorial.peeringdb.com</a>

- Introduction
- jq
- JSON
- HTML Operations
- Record Types
  - Basic Records
  - Derived Records



### Introduction

- Why API (Application Programming Interface)?
  - The GUI is nice for human beings
  - Automation needs structured data
- Makes it easy to integrate PeeringDB in your environment

# jq

- Light-weight and flexible command-line processor
- awk, sed and grep equivalent to JSON data
- A jq program is a filter
  - Needs an input and produces anoutput
  - Maybe piped
  - Looks weird sometimes, like "add/length" produces average of an array
  - Simplest filter is "." which is the Identity
    - Maybe used to pretty print JSON output
- See <a href="https://stedolan.github.io/jq/manual">https://stedolan.github.io/jq/manual</a> for an introduction
- Ex: curl -sG https://peeringdb.com/api/org --data-urlencode fields=id | jq -c '[.data[] | .id] | length'

### **JSON**

- Open standard file format
- Short for JavaScript Object Notation
- Filenames use the extension .json
- Language independent data format
- Basic data types
  - Number
  - String
  - Boolean
  - Array
  - Object
  - null

```
"firstName": "John",
"lastName": "Smith",
"isAlive": true,
"age": 27,
"address": {
  "streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",
  "city": "New York",
  "state": "NY",
  "postalCode": "10021-3100"
"phoneNumbers": [
    "type": "home",
    "number": "212 555-1234"
    "type": "office",
    "number": "646 555-4567"
    "type": "mobile",
    "number": "123 456-7890"
"children": [],
"spouse": null
```

### Basics

- In general <a href="https://peeringdb.com/api/OBJ">https://peeringdb.com/api/OBJ</a>
  - OBJ is case insensitive
  - So called endpoint: /api/OBJ
- Output always fits in one object
  - Meta is optional
  - Data always an array

```
meta:
  status:
  message:
data:
```

### Authentication

- Authentication via basic HTTP authorization
- Guest access does not need any authentication
- Examples
  - curl -sG <a href="https://username:password@peeringdb.com/api/poc">https://username:password@peeringdb.com/api/poc</a>
  - curl -u username:password <a href="https://peeringdb.com/api/poc">https://peeringdb.com/api/poc</a>
  - Put credentials in ~/.netrc
    - machine peeringdb.com login username password password
- Recap: only access to contact information may be restricted
  - Endpoint /api/poc
  - You need to be authenticated for view "user"

# Operations

- All HTML operations are supported
  - GET
    - Requests a representation of the specified resource
  - POST
    - Used to submit an entity to the specified resource
  - PUT
    - Replaces all current representations of the target resource with the request payload
  - DELETE
    - Deletes the specified resource



### GET

- GET
  - Multiple objects
    - Endpoint /api/OBJ
  - Single object
    - Endpoint /api/OBJ/id



# Optional URL parameters for GET

- limit
  - Integer value
  - Limits to n rows in the result set
- skip
  - Integer value
  - Skips n rows in the result set
- depth
  - Integer value
  - Nested sets will be loaded
  - See Nesting slide



# Optional URL parameters for GET

#### • fields

- String value
- comma separated list of field names
- only matching fields will be returned in the data

#### • since

- Integer value
- Retrieve all objects updated since specified time
- Unix timestamp in seconds

#### fieldname

- Integer or string value
- Queries for fields with matching value



## Nested Data / Depth

- Of type OBJ\_set
- Example: net\_set will hold network objects
- Depth (for endpoint /api/OBJ)
  - 0: don't expand anything (default)
  - 1: expand all first level sets to ids
  - 2: expand all first level sets to objects
- Depth (for endpoint /api/OBJ/id)
  - 0: don't exand anything
  - 1-4: expand all sets and related objects according to level of depth specified
  - 2 is default



## Nested Data / Depth

https://peeringdb.com/net/947?pretty



https://peeringdb.com/net/947?pretty&depth=0

```
"meta": {},
"data": [
   "id": 947,
   "org id": 1187,
    "name": "DE-CIX Frankfurt Route Servers",
   "aka": "DE-CIX",
   "website": "https://fra.de-cix.net",
   "asn": 6695,
   "looking glass": "https://lg.de-cix.net",
   "route server": "https://www.de-cix.net/en/locations/germany/frankfurt/routeserver-gu
   "irr as set": "AS-DECIX",
   "info type": "Route Server",
   "info prefixes4": 240000,
   "info prefixes6": 50000,
   "info traffic": "1 Tbps+",
    "info ratio": "Balanced".
```

```
"meta": {},
"data": [
    "id": 947,
    "org id": 1187,
    "org": {
      "id": 1187,
      "name": "DE-CIX Management GmbH",
      "website": "https://de-cix.net",
      "notes": "",
      "net_set":
        947,
        5547,
        6978,
        6979,
        8383,
        8703,
        8919,
        8920,
        9840,
        9841,
        10018,
        13190,
        13251,
        19331,
        20739
       "fac_set": []
       'ix set": [
        31,
        74,
        248,
        804,
        1131,
        1149,
        1150,
        1214,
        1249,
        1277,
        2531
      "address1": "Lindleystr. 12",
```

# Query modifiers

#### numeric fields

- \_lt: less than
- \_\_lte: less than equal
- \_gt: greater than
- \_gte: greater than equal
- \_\_in: value inside set of values (comma separated)

#### string fields

- \_contains: field value contains this value
- \_startswith: field value starts with this value
- \_in: value inside set of values (comma separated)



#### **POST**

- Used to create an object
- Endpoint /api/OBJ
- Required parameters
  - Depending on OBJ
  - For *org* you need the *name*
  - For fac, ix, net you need the org\_id
  - for fac you need the name
  - For ix you need the name
  - For net you need the asn
- Example
  - curl -sn -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d @22106.json \ https://tutorial.peeringdb.com/api/org

```
{
    "name": "Org-22106"
}

File 22106.json
```

#### PUT

- Used to edit object
- Endpoint /api/OBJ/id
- Updates data in OBJ/id

```
{
    "name": "Org-22106",
    "address1": "23 Mulholland Drive",
    "city": "Los Angeles",
    "country": "US"
}
File 22106.json
```

- Example
  - curl -sn -X PUT -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d @22106.json \ https://tutorial.peeringdb.com/api/org/22114
- Operation of PUT is idempotent

### DELETE

- Used to delete objects
- Endpoint /api/OBJ/id
- Example
  - curl -sn -X DELETE -H "Content-Type: application/json" \ https://tutorial.peeringdb.com/api/org/22114



# Object Types

- Basic Objects
  - org, fac, ix, net, poc, as\_set
- Derived Objects
  - ixlan, ixpfx, netixlan, netfac



# Basic Objects

- org
  - Root object for fac, ix, net
  - Holds information about organisation
- fac
  - Describes a facility / colocation record
  - More useful information are in derived records netfac
- ix
  - Describes an Internet Exchange
  - More useful information are in derived records ixlan, ixpfx and netixlan
- net
  - Describes a network / ASN
  - More useful information are in netfac and netixlan
- poc
  - Describes various role accounts (point of contact)
  - Currently only for net objects
- as\_set
  - Array of all AS-SETs corresponding to a network / ASN
  - Only introduced recently



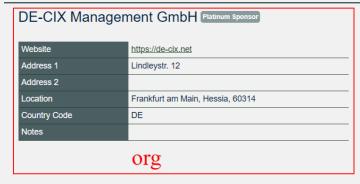
# Derived Objects

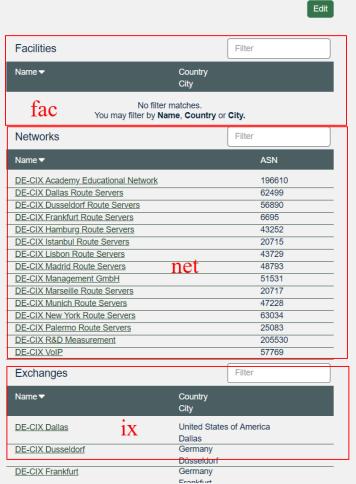
- ixlan
  - Describes the LAN of an IX
  - One IX may have multiple ixlan
  - May go away with PeeringDB 3.0
- ixpfx
  - Describes the IP range (IPv4 and IPv6) for an ixlan
  - One ixlan may have multiple ixpfx, both for IPv4 and IPv6
- netixlan
  - Describes the presence of a network at an IX
- netfac
  - Describes the presence of a network at a facility



## GUI to API // org

- https://peeringdb.com/org/1187
- Add pretty and depth for human friendly output
- https://peeringdb.com/api/org/1187
- https://peeringdb.com/api/fac?org\_id=1187
- https://peeringdb.com/api/net?org\_id=1187
- https://peeringdb.com/api/ix/org\_id=1187







### GUI to API // fac

https://peeringdb.com/fac/752

Add pretty and depth for human friendly outputorganization

- https://peeringdb.com/api/fac/752
- https://peeringdb.com/api/ixfac?fac\_id=752
- https://peeringdb.com/api/netfac?fac\_id=752

#### euNetworks Colocation Hamburg

Exchange ▼

**ECIX-HAM** 

**DE-CIX Hamburg** 

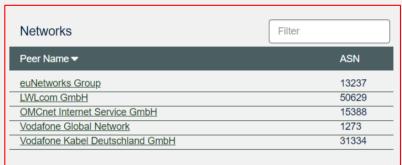


**Deutscher Commercial Internet** 

European Commercial Internet

Exchange Hamburg

Exchange Hamburg



netfac

ixfac

Networks

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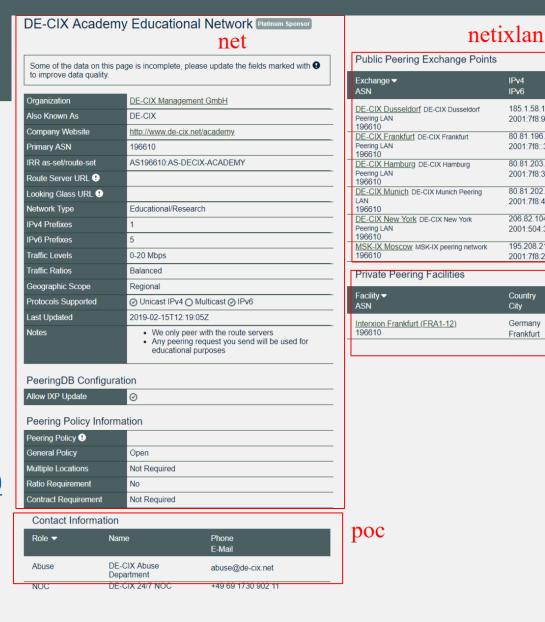
60



Long Name

## GUI to API // net

- https://peeringdb.com/net/13251
- Add pretty and depth for human friendly output
- https://peeringdb.com/api/net/13251
- https://peeringdb.com/api/poc?net\_id=13251
- https://peeringdb.com/api/netixlan?net\_id=31
- OR <a href="https://peeringdb.com/api/netixlan?asn=196610">https://peeringdb.com/api/netixlan?asn=196610</a>
- https://peeringdb.com/api/netfac?net\_id=13251
- OR https://peeringdb.com/api/netfac?local\_asn=196610





Filter

Speed

100M

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1G

100M

100M

100M

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netfac

IPv4

IPv6

185.1.58.105

80.81.196.61

80.81.203.11

80.81.202.115

206.82.104.220

195.208.210.43

Country

Germany

Frankfurt

City

2001:7f8::3:2:0:1

2001:7f8:9e:0:3:2:0:1

2001:7f8:3d:0:3:2:0:1

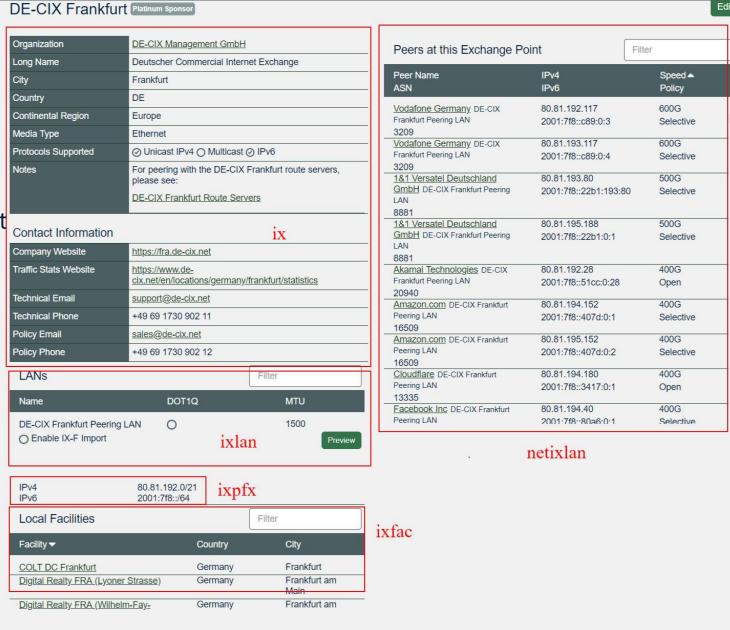
2001:7f8:44:0:3:2:0:1

2001:504:36:0:3:2:0:1

2001:7f8:20:101::210:43

### GUI to API // ix

- https://peeringdb.com/ix/31
- Add pretty and depth for human friendly output
- https://peeringdb.com/api/ix/31
- https://peeringdb.com/api/ixlan?ix id=31
- https://peeringdb.com/api/ixpfx?ixlan\_id=31
- https://peeringdb.com/api/ixfac?ix\_id=31
- https://peeringdb.com/api/netixlan?ix\_id=31





## Basic records in detail // ix and org

```
"data": [
   "id": 31,
   "org id": 1187,
    "name": "DE-CIX Frankfurt",
   "name long": "Deutscher Commercial Internet Exchange",
   "city": "Frankfurt",
   "country": "DE",
   "region continent": "Europe",
   "media": "Ethernet",
   "notes": "For peering with the DE-CIX Frankfurt route servers, please see:\n\n[DE
   "proto_unicast": true,
   "proto multicast": false,
   "proto ipv6": true,
   "website": "https://fra.de-cix.net",
   "url stats": "https://www.de-cix.net/en/locations/germany/frankfurt/statistics",
   "tech email": "support@de-cix.net",
   "tech phone": "+49 69 1730 902 11",
   "policy email": "sales@de-cix.net",
    "policy phone": "+49 69 1730 902 12",
    "net count": 805,
    "created": "2010-07-29T00:00:00Z",
    "updated": "2018-06-19T11:53:46Z",
    'status": "ok"
```



## Basic records in detail // fac

```
"data": [
    "id": 752,
    "org_id": 8540,
    org name": "euNetworks Group",
    "name": "euNetworks Colocation Hamburg",
    "website": "http://www.euNetworks.com",
    "clli": "",
    "rencode": ""
    "npanxx": ""
    "notes": "".
    "net_count": 5,
    "latitude": null,
    "longitude": null,
    "created": "2010-07-29T00:00:00Z",
    "updated": "2019-09-25T22:00:34Z",
    "status": "ok",
    "address1": "Wendenstra\u00dfe 408",
    "address2": "",
    "city": "Hamburg",
    "country": "DE",
    "state": "",
    "zipcode": "20537"
```



# Basic records in detail // net and poc

```
"data": [
   "id": 13251,
                                                                                                    "id": 25826,
   "org id": 1187,
   "name": "DE-CIX Academy Educational Network",
                                                                                                     role": "Policy",
   "aka": "DE-CIX",
   "website": "http://www.de-cix.net/academy",
                                                                                                    "visible": "Users",
   "asn": 196610,
                                                                                                    "name": "Wolfgang Tremmel",
   "looking glass": "",
   "route_server": "",
                                                                                                    "phone": "",
   "irr as set": "AS196610:AS-DECIX-ACADEMY",
                                                                                                    "email": "academy@de-cix.net",
   "info type": "Educational/Research",
                                                                                                    "url": "",
   "info prefixes4": 1,
   "info prefixes6": 5,
                                                                                                   "created": "2018-07-24T09:26:21Z",
   "info_traffic": "0-20 Mbps",
                                                                                                    "updated": "2018-07-24T09:26:21Z",
   "info_ratio": "Balanced",
   "info scope": "Regional",
                                                                                                    "status": "ok"
   "info unicast": true,
                                                                                                 },
   "info multicast": false,
   "info ipv6": true,
   "notes": "* We only peer with the route servers\n* Any peering request you send will be used for educational purposes",
   "policy_url": "",
   "policy general": "Open",
   "policy locations": "Not Required",
   "policy ratio": false,
   "policy_contracts": "Not Required",
   "created": "2017-04-20T19:44:59Z",
   "updated": "2019-02-15T12:19:05Z",
   "status": "ok"
```



## Basic records in detail // as\_set

```
"meta": {},
"data": [
   "196610": "AS196610:AS-DECIX-ACADEMY",
   "262150": "AR-EPEC2-LACNIC",
    "393223": "AS-CWICA",
    "32780": "AS-HSI",
    "196621": "AS196621:AS-CUSTOMERS",
    "327698": "AS-327698",
    "32787": "AS-PROLE",
   "327700": "AFRINIC",
    "32798": "RS-USCS-ALL",
    "5467": "AS-MIPT",
    "32806": "AS27822",
    "32808": "AS-UTBB",
    "42": "AS-PCH",
    "262189": "LACNIC",
    "46": "AS-RUTGERS",
    "262195": "AS-ITXAR1",
    "393269": "AS-DAILYMOTIONUS",
    "57": "AS-NLG-PARTICIPANTS",
    "327740": "ORG-TA38-AFRINIC",
    "62": "AS-C1",
    "393280": "AS393280 in Level3",
    "72": "AS-SLB",
    "327754": "AS-RMS-Powertronics",
    "327693": "AfriNIC::AS-ECHOSP/RS-ECHOSP",
```

```
{
   "meta": {},
   "data": [
        {
            "42": "AS-PCH"
        }
   ]
}
```

https://peeringdb.com/api/as-set/42

https://peeringdb.com/api/as-set

### Derived records in detail // ixfac, ixlan and ixpfx

```
"id": 31,
"ix_id": 31,
"name": "DE-CIX Frankfurt Peering LAN",
"descr": "",
"mtu": 1500,
"dot1q_support": false,
"rs_asn": 0,
"arp_sponge": null,
"created": "2010-07-29T00:00:002",
"updated": "2018-07-08T10:22:35Z",
"status": "ok"
}
```

```
"id": 312,
"ixlan_id": 31,
"protocol": "IPv6",
"prefix": "2001:7f8::/64",
"created": "2011-06-22T00:00:00Z",
"updated": "2016-03-14T21:57:28Z",
"status": "ok"
}
```

### Derived records // netfac and netixlan

```
"id": 30451,
"name": "Interxion Frankfurt (FRA1-13)",
"city": "Frankfurt",
"countrv": "DE",
"net_id": 13251,
"fac_id": 58,
"local_asn": 196610,
"created": "2018-07-24T09:25:24Z",
"updated": "2018-07-24T09:25:24Z",
"status": "ok"
}
```

```
"id": 163,
"net_id": 5
"ix id": 31

"name": "DE-CIX Frankfurt: DE-CIX Frankfurt Peering LAN",

IXIan_id": 31,
"notes": "",
"speed": 20000,
"asn": 3303,
"ipaddr4": "80.81.193.183",
"ipaddr6": "2001:7f8::ce7:0:2",
"is_rs_peer": true,
"created": "2010-07-29T00:00:00Z",
"updated": "2019-01-18T11:19:59Z",
"status": "ok"
},
```