

# Philippine Open Internet Exchange

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# Outline

- What are internet exchanges (IX)?
- Why do we need an IX in the country?
- What are the existing IXs?
- Why make another one?
- What is PHOpenIX?
- Who are its members?
- Who are its “future” members?

# What are IXs?

## Wikipedia's definition

- An Internet exchange point (IX or IXP) is a physical infrastructure that allows different Internet service providers (ISPs) to exchange Internet traffic between their networks (autonomous systems) by means of mutual peering agreements, which allow traffic to be exchanged **without cost**.

# Why do we need an IX in the country?

- IXPs reduce the portion of an ISP's traffic which must be delivered via their upstream transit providers (monetary savings)
- Furthermore, the increased number of paths learned through the IXP improves **routing efficiency** and **fault-tolerance**

# Why do we need an IX in the country?

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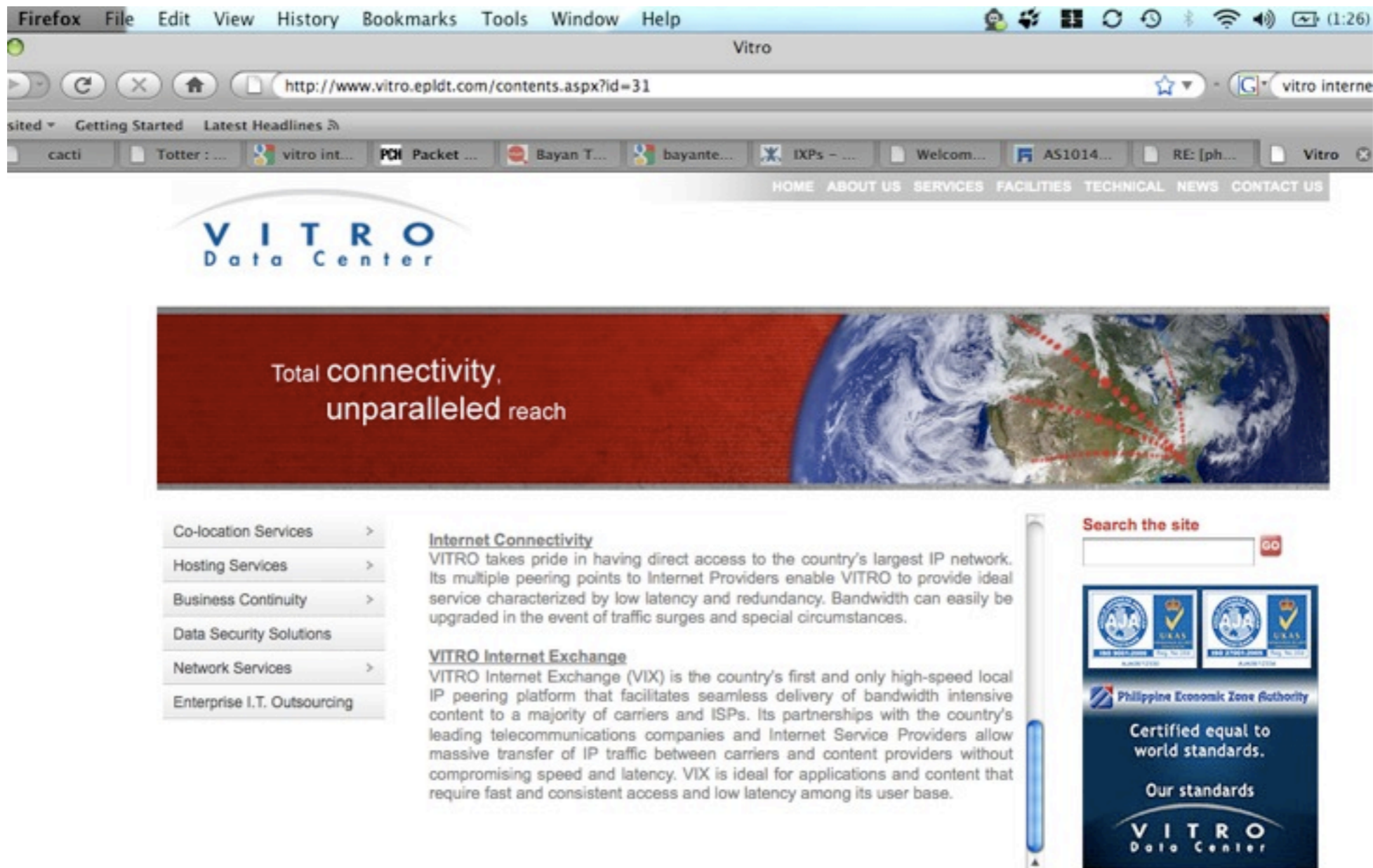
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# What are the existing IXs?

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "PhIX - Philippine" and the URL "http://www.phix.net.ph/". The browser's address bar and navigation buttons are visible. Below the browser window, the website content is displayed. At the top, a black banner reads "The First Internet Exchange in the Philippines". The main content area features a large, stylized logo for "PhIX" in the center, with the word "EXCHANGE" written vertically on the left. To the right of the logo, a list of member networks is shown: INFOCOM, IPHIL, MOSCOM, VIRTUALINK, WORLDEL, TRIDEL, EVOSERVE, and PACIFIC INTERNET. A sidebar on the left contains a navigation menu with links: Home, About us, F A Q, PhIX Updates, PhIX Network, How to Join, and Contact us. Below the menu, it states "Established by:" followed by the PLDT logo. At the bottom of the sidebar, it says "For more information e-mail the webmaster" and "COPYRIGHT© 1997 PHIX". A footer at the bottom of the page contains a list of links: About us | FAQ | PhIX Updates | PhIX Network | How to Join | Contact us | Site Map | Home.



# What are the existing IXs?



The screenshot shows a Firefox browser window displaying the Vitro Data Center website. The address bar shows the URL <http://www.vitro.epldt.com/contents.aspx?id=31>. The website features a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT US, SERVICES, FACILITIES, TECHNICAL NEWS, and CONTACT US. The main content area includes the Vitro Data Center logo, a banner with the text "Total connectivity, unparalleled reach" over a globe, and a sidebar with a search box and a list of services: Co-location Services, Hosting Services, Business Continuity, Data Security Solutions, Network Services, and Enterprise I.T. Outsourcing. The main text describes "Internet Connectivity" and "VITRO Internet Exchange (VIX)", highlighting its role as a high-speed local IP peering platform. A vertical scroll bar is visible on the right side of the page.

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Vitro

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Data Center

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unparalleled reach

Co-location Services >

Hosting Services >

Business Continuity >

Data Security Solutions

Network Services >

Enterprise I.T. Outsourcing

**Internet Connectivity**  
VITRO takes pride in having direct access to the country's largest IP network. Its multiple peering points to Internet Providers enable VITRO to provide ideal service characterized by low latency and redundancy. Bandwidth can easily be upgraded in the event of traffic surges and special circumstances.

**VITRO Internet Exchange**  
VITRO Internet Exchange (VIX) is the country's first and only high-speed local IP peering platform that facilitates seamless delivery of bandwidth intensive content to a majority of carriers and ISPs. Its partnerships with the country's leading telecommunications companies and Internet Service Providers allow massive transfer of IP traffic between carriers and content providers without compromising speed and latency. VIX is ideal for applications and content that require fast and consistent access and low latency among its user base.

Search the site

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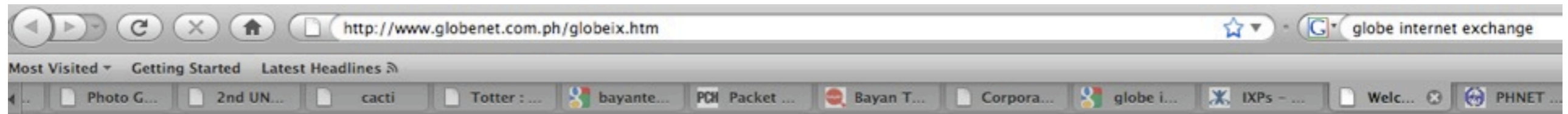
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Data Center

# What are the existing IXs?



## internet access

- dial up access
- direct access
- globeIX
- globenet DSL

## globeIX access

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The Globe Internet Exchange (GlobeIX) service offers direct connectivity to the Internet via high-speed dedicated lines. GlobeIX provides the ideal solution for Internet Service Providers who want to save themselves the burden of acquiring international facilities. Our access speeds vary to suite your present bandwidth needs and all are easily upgraded on demand. GlobeIX port speeds can go from 64Kbps all the way to an E1 connection and because we are riding on Globe Telecom's extensive infrastructure, we'll connect you wherever you are using the most appropriate data services.

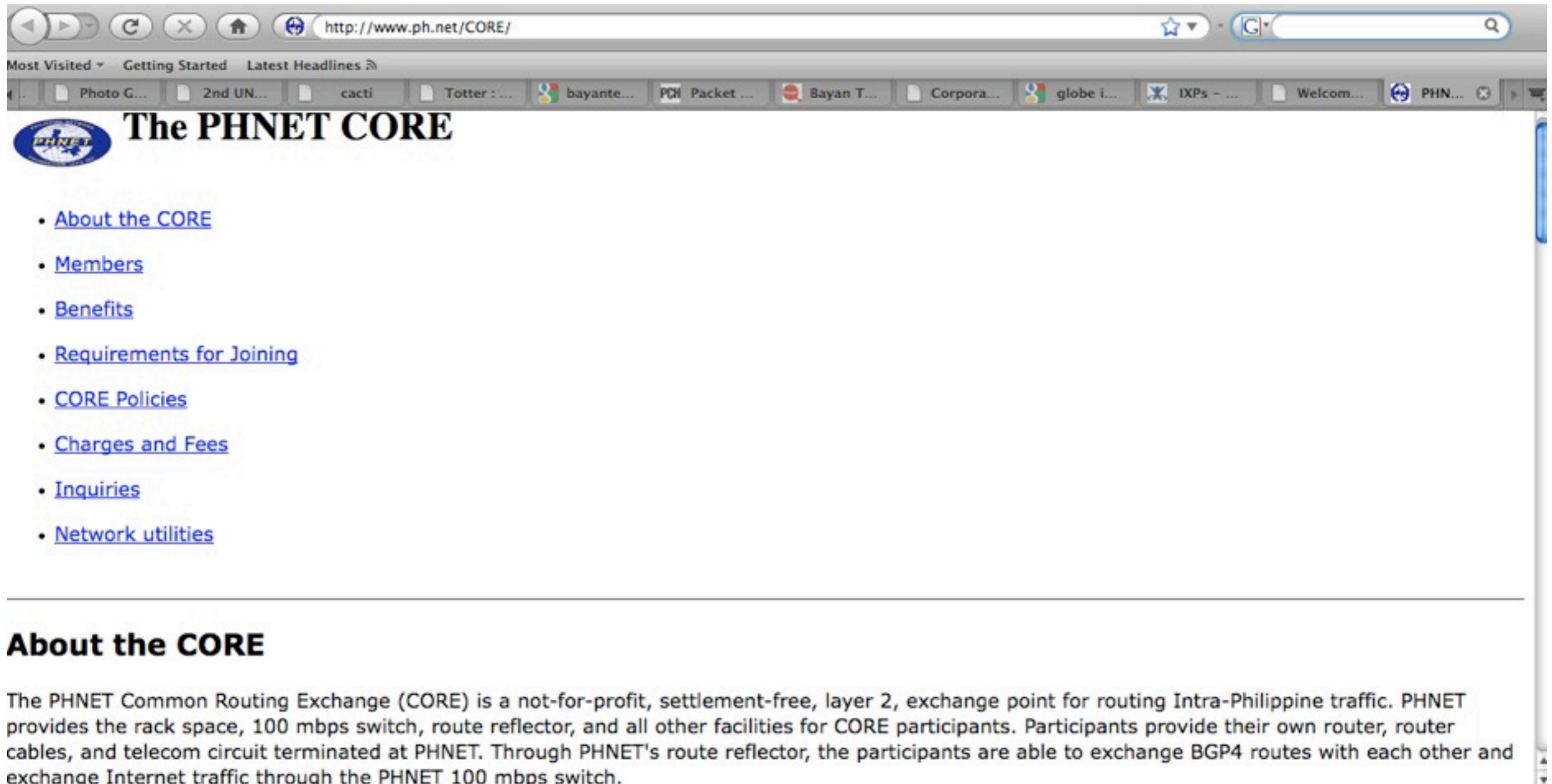
A key differentiating factor of GlobeIX is the ability to offer grades of service that can be unique from customer to customer. GlobeIX uses a technology called Committed Access rates or CAR to offer guaranteed levels of Internet access on the International gateway.

The service is provided to the customer 24 hours a day regardless of the state of the network. Aside from this, users can maximize the use of their Internet port if there is enough capacity in the network by bursting all the way to their port speed.

Another feature of the service is that it can prioritize packets of data from different customers coming through the network. This ensures the customer that in the event of network congestion, their data can be prioritized and thus pass through the network with ease. Packets of all the other customers are not discarded but queued to be transmitted at a later time. As a consequence, we are able to shape our traffic better and avoid network congestion, providing everybody with the throughput that they availed of.



# What are the existing IXs?



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the PHNET CORE website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.ph.net/CORE/>. The browser's tab bar contains several open tabs, including "Photo G...", "2nd UN...", "cacti", "Totter : ...", "bayante...", "PCI Packet ...", "Bayan T...", "Corpora...", "globe i...", "IXPs - ...", "Welcom...", and "PHN...". The website's header features the PHNET logo and the text "The PHNET CORE". Below the header is a navigation menu with the following links:

- [About the CORE](#)
- [Members](#)
- [Benefits](#)
- [Requirements for Joining](#)
- [CORE Policies](#)
- [Charges and Fees](#)
- [Inquiries](#)
- [Network utilities](#)

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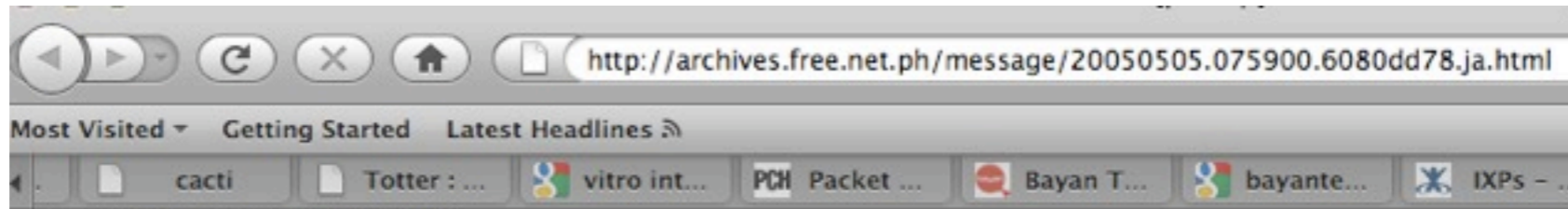
## About the CORE

The PHNET Common Routing Exchange (CORE) is a not-for-profit, settlement-free, layer 2, exchange point for routing Intra-Philippine traffic. PHNET provides the rack space, 100 mbps switch, route reflector, and all other facilities for CORE participants. Participants provide their own router, router cables, and telecom circuit terminated at PHNET. Through PHNET's route reflector, the participants are able to exchange BGP4 routes with each other and exchange Internet traffic through the PHNET 100 mbps switch.

# What are the existing IXs?



# Why make another one?



-----Original Message-----

From: ph-isp-bounces@???

[mailto:ph-isp-bounces@???] On Behalf Of Rommell Barcelá

Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2005 3:48 PM

To: PH-ISP Mailing List

Subject: Re: [ph-isp] Vitro Internet Exchange ("VIX")

Hi Maloy,

PLDT = PHIX

ePLDT = VIX

Maybe the gov't should take over this IX craze.

Cheers.

Mar Loreto Apuhin wrote:

> *Rommel, ano ang IX name ng PLDT?*

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# Why make another one?

- Each “big” telco is putting up its own IX and nobody is making sure that these facilities are maximized in terms of improving routing of local traffic.

# What is PHOpenIX?

- Carrier-neutral IPv4 and IPv6 Multilateral Peering Exchange
- Layer 2 exchange (supports 10/100/1000 BaseT interconnect)
- BGP Peering (member needs own AS number)

# What is PHOpenIX?

- Managed and operated by ASTI
- First come, first connect policy
- Open to all networks
- Non-profit membership based exchange
- No financial model as of now

# What is PHOpenIX?

- About ASTI
  - ICT and Electronics research arm of Department of Science and Technology
  - manages and operates the Philippine Research, Education and Government Information Network (PREGINET)
  - operates and maintains the gov.ph registry



# What is PHOpenIX?

Supported by:

- PH Network Operators Group (PHNOG)
- Asia Pacific Network Information Center
- Globe/Innove
- Packet Clearing House
- EP.Net (Bill Manning)
- Netnod/Autonomica (I-Root operators)
- Cisco

# Who are its members?

- January 2007 - the launch of the IX during the Manila hosting of the APAN meeting
- April 2007 - PREGINET and Bistop are the first networks to join the IX

# Who are its members?

- May 2007 - installation of the the core switch, monitoring servers, PCH ccTLD and looking glass with the help of Gaurab Raj Upadhaya (PCH) and Amante Alvaran (APNIC)
- August 2007 - I-Root DNS anycast instance goes is operational

# Who are its members?

- August 2007 - Globe/Innove joins the IX
- December 2007 - International Rice Research Institute and Bell Telecom joins the IX
- February 2008 - PhilCom Inc. joins the IX



Who are its “future”  
members

From: Amante Alvaran ▾  
Reply-To: amante@apnic.net ▾  
Date: 9/20/07 1:36 PM  
To: Gaurab Raj Upadhaya ▾  
Cc: Steve Gibbard <scg@pch.net> ▾, Denis F. Villorente ▾, bani ▾, Ceejay Dideles <ceejay@asti.dost.gov.ph> ▾

-----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----

Hash: SHA1

Hi Mants,

can u get bani, ceejay and dennis in the loop here. Steve Gibbard, my colleague at PCH does this analysis every month.

It may even be interesting to show that what number of DNS queries they can send locally by coming to PhOpenIX. which otherwise they seem to be sending to Hongkong.

this is the query pattern to our own anycast server with 18 ccTLDs, hosted in Manila.

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Here are DNS query distribution maps from Tuesday, September 11.

<snip>

We're getting no significant amount of traffic into the node in Manila. The big Philippine query sources. The big Philippine networks that it would be useful to have connect to the exchange and peer with us are:

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2888	AS7629	INFOCOM-AS-AP INFOCOM Technologies, Inc.
1845	AS10139	SMARTBRO-PH-AP Smart Broadband, Inc.
1729	AS9497	DIGITELONE Digital Telecommunications Philippines Inc.
1479	AS18233	PTT-AS-AP Philippine Telegraph and Telephone Corporation,
1390	AS7491	PI-PH-AS-AP PI-PHILIPINES
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# Services at the IX

- PHOpenIX operates its services as part of AS4779
- Services available are:
  - DNS Root Instance
  - Route server
  - Time servers
  - Statistics
  - BPG Visualization

# Root DNS

- Operated by Netnod and Autonomica based in Stockholm, Sweden
- Only instance of a root DNS in the Philippines

# Route Server

- A route server will be available for IX partners free of charge
- Optional multilateral peering to the route server

# Looking Glass

- Looking glass are publicly accessible servers for performing routing queries and used to troubleshoot routing issues across the internet
- The PHOpenIX looking glass does not show the full internet routing table, just its peering routes

# NTP Server

- The IX is hosting a stratum 2 NTP server
- This is synchronized from the PAGASA Time Service Unit Stratum 1 GPS NTP PST
- [ntp.phopenix.net](http://ntp.phopenix.net)



# IPv6 Transit

- PHOpenIX will be the first IX in the country to support IPv6
- PREGINET will provide commodity transit for IPv6 traffic from “IPv6-bilateral-peers”
- This is made possible thru PREGINET’s APAN and TEIN3 links

# Hardware

- Core Switch
  - Cisco Catalyst 3560 with 48 Ethernet 10/100/1000 ports and 4 “vacant” SFP ports
  - 46 ports to go before we request for another switch from PCH :-)

# Hardware

- Router server
  - Cisco 2600
  - Quagga with IRRD
- FreeBSD netmon
  - Cacti

# Configuration

- Partners at the IX will install and operate their own routing infrastructure
- There will be several mandatory BGP peering requirements for every new partner to maintain and monitor the IX routing plane

# Configuration

- The Philippine Open Internet Exchange encourages each participants to establish bilateral BGP peering with other parties they are interested in

# BGP Peering Policy

- All partners are required to establish BGP peering to the following:
  - peering with the IX routeserver
  - peering with PCH Looking Glass
  - peering with the I-Root DNS anycast instance

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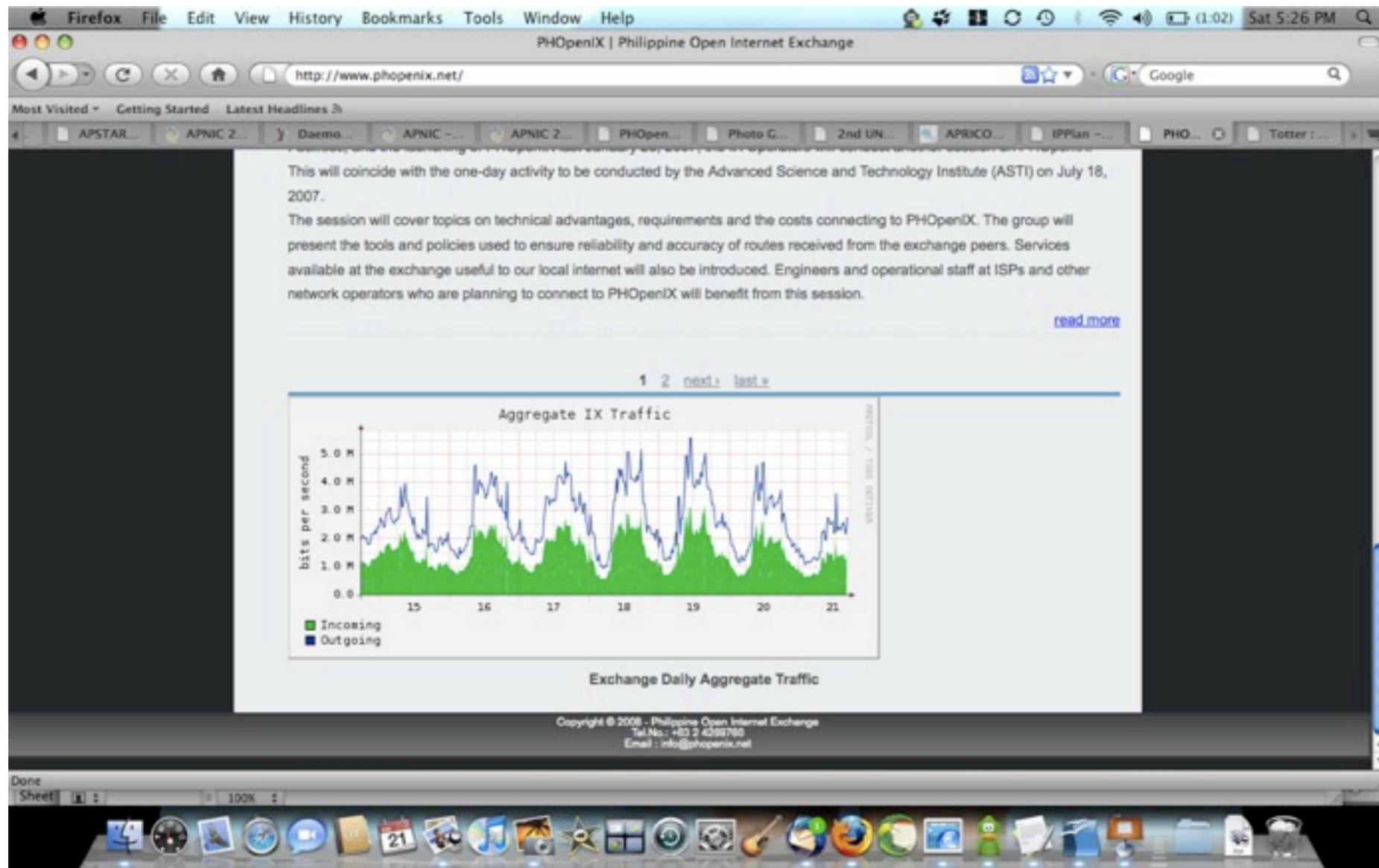
- Optional bilateral peering with other IX partners
- We are still working on the Internet Routing Registry IX driven model based on data from APNIC IRRd
- As an interim solution, manual updates of advertised and received routes will be announced at the members mail list



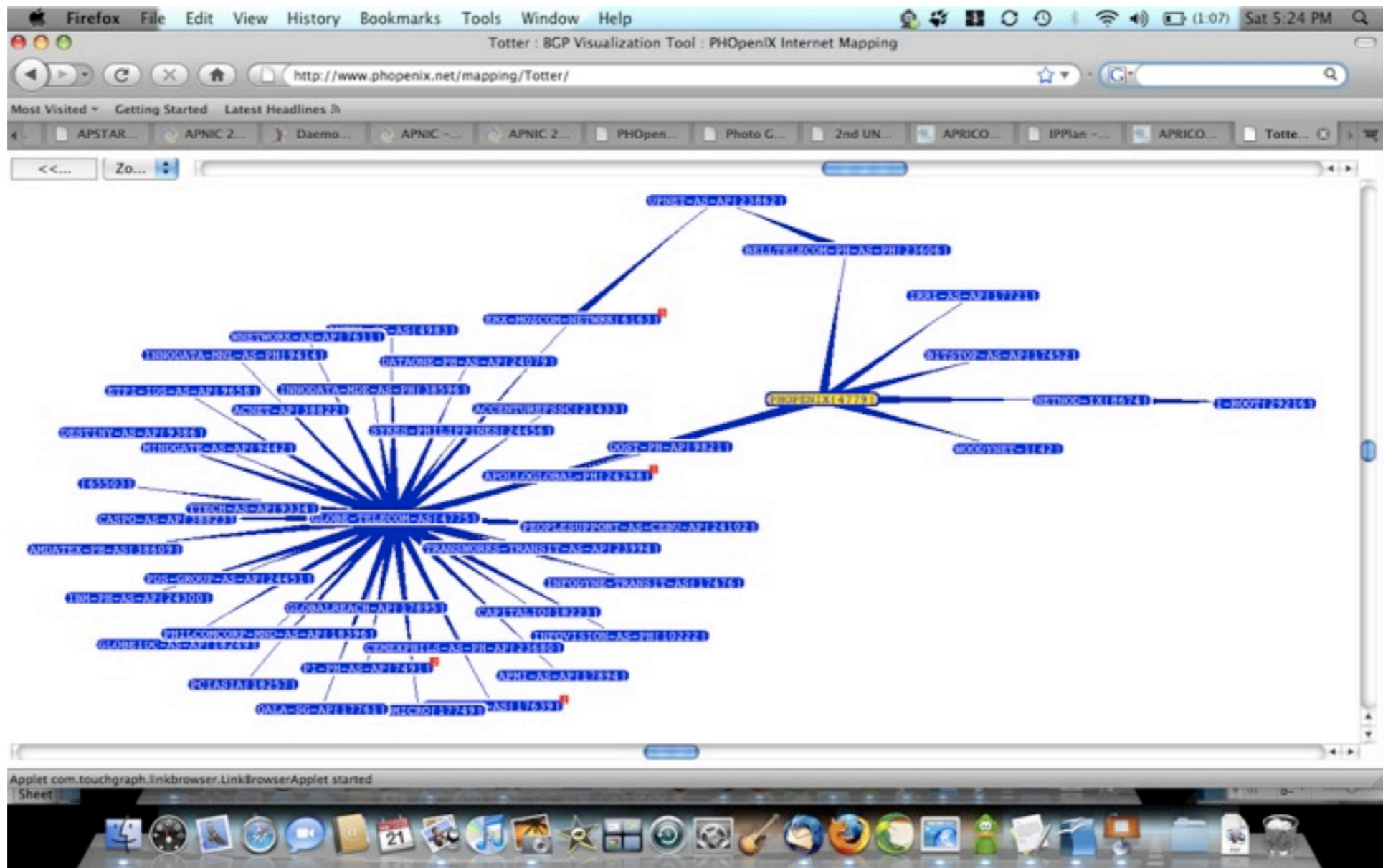
# Traffic Statistics

- Aggregate traffic statistics will be publicly available
- Per port statistics will be available via secure portal for each member

# Traffic Statistics



# BGP Visualization



# Target for 2009

- Major ISP/telco's already committed to be part of the exchange
- Initial talk with Google
- RPSL database implementation (irrd + quagga routing software)

# Target for 2009

- .ph ccTLD hosting
- IPv6 tunneling (ATP, Terado, 6to4, ISATAP)

[www.phopenix.net/apstar\\_2009\\_phopenix.pdf](http://www.phopenix.net/apstar_2009_phopenix.pdf)

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