

France IX update

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France IX status (May 2011)

- Status, after 10 months of operations :
 - 7 PoPs: 6 PoPs around Paris and 1 PoP in Marseille (Marseille PoP installation is being finalized), and some more PoPs to be deployed ...
 - 130 members
 - Daily average traffic : 50 Gbps
 - Partnership with 3 IXPs: SFINX (Paris), LYONIX (Lyon),
 LUCIX (Luxembourg) and merge of PaNap with France IX ...
 and some more partnerships being studied
 - Routes servers service : more than 10000 IPv4 routes, and
 250 IPv6 routes advertized on France-IX routes servers

France IX services

- Ports:
 - 100/1000 Mbps UTP , 1 GE SX/LX, 10 GE-LR (10 GE-ER on-demand)
 - ⇒ Slow-start option available for 1 Gbps port (traffic up to 200 Mbps) and 10 Gbps port (traffic up to 2 Gbps)
- Public peering
 - Unicast IPv4 and IPv6 (same VLAN)
 - Multicast
- Closed user groups VLANs
- Routes servers (BIRD implementation)
- Gateway and partnerships with other IXPs :
 - Merge of PaNap (that used to be the biggest IXP in France) and France IX =>
 PaNap members have been migrated to France IX
 - Gateways: SFINX + LYONIX (on-going) + LUCIX (on-going)
- 24/7 NOC
- Portal for members

France IX new architecture

- Important increase of traffic is planned for the next few months (more than 100 Gbps of traffic expected)
 - Till now France IX backbone was based on 1 or 2x10 Gbps links between edge PoPs and core PoPs (dual star architecture based on 2 core PoPs)
 - New France IX backbone is being prepared: still based on dark fibres, but this time WDM used (passive MUX/DMUX) in order to increase the capacity between PoPs. Upgrade from 10 Gbps to 120 Gbps between the core PoPs, and upgrade of some other backbone links from 10 Gbps to 20 or 40 Gbps => was planned in April, but delayed end of May.
 - Implementation of VPLS within the core, to optimize use of backbone links, avoid spanning-tree issues, and have real fast convergence capabilities => use of new Brocade MLX chassis on the 2 core PoPs, equipped with the latest switch-fabrics (the existing Force10 equipment will be kept on edge PoPs).

Questions

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