Deutsche Telekom T-Systems in Asia Peering Across the Asia Pacific



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Company Overview Deutsche Telekom's Company for System Solutions/IP Data



- One of largest systems houses globally
- Comprehensive IT/telecommunications and carrier's carrier solutions for global customers/carriers
- International presence with 44,000 employees in more than 20 countries

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Company Overview Facts about T-Systems IP



- Serves 13+ million subscribers of T-Online, Europe's largest ISP
- DT has 4+ million DSL Internet access subscribers in Germany
- 200+ Peerings, total 100+ Gbps, 41% in USA
- 45+ Gbps IP on North-Atlantic
- MPLS based Global IP network
- Mobile Carrier Extranet based on MPLS: GRX links 120 carriers

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Deutsche Telekom/T-Systems AS3320 Global IP Network - Q1 2004



Asia IP Market Characteristics



- Some countries with liberalised markets but others not
- Diverse cultures and languages
 - Communities of interest based on language
 - Chinese language based content: China, Hong Kong, Taiwan
 - Others: Japan/Korea, Australia/New Zealand
 - High interest for US content
- Countries separated by sea

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- Higher cost network infrastructure
 - Expensive sea cables to tie together countries

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Why these Countries and Locations

Country

- Liberalised market
 - Flexibility to offer services
- Where other carriers are present
 - Allow interconnection to exchange traffic
 - Opportunity to sell services
 - MNCs presence
- Cost of network infrastructure

Location

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- Presence of voice carriers for trading
 - Presence of ISPs to sell IP bandwidth
- Presence of carriers for peering

Peering Challenges (1)

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- Intra-Asia traffic can route out of region when peering with Asia region ASes of global partners – Big Asian ISPs tend to interconnect on the US west coast, not Asia, with transit providers (i.e. regional AS for US)
 - Additional AS hop increases latency
- Careful traffic engineering when peering in multiple world regions with global partners under single ASes
 - Exchange significant US/Europe-bound traffic (from Asia) in the US/Europe, not in Asia

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 Domestic/regional provider refuse to peer to maintain hold on local content and customers

Peering Challenges (2)

 Peering partner POP not in countries where T-Systems is present

- Expensive IPL to connect to partner location
- Minimize high network infrastructure costs
 - Peer at major Internet exchanges
 - Optimize with few and/or cheaper port interface types
 - Sea cable paths to high value content
 - Avoid domestic peering via local loop

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Peering Challenges Network Infrastructure – Peering Location Considerations

- Critical mass of peering targets
- Cost of private interconnection -- local loop, inhouse fiber and/or cross-connect
- Cost of public Internet exchange
- Mandatory multi-lateral peering ("open peering policy")
- Ability to consolidate traffic

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Peering Challenges

Network Infrastructure – Optimize on Port Interface Types

- POS Interface
 - Not popular with smaller ISPs
 - Higher cost Interface card
 - Big ISPs use them if local loop is required
- Ethernet Interface
 - Favoured by smaller ISPs, broadband providers and content providers
 - Cheaper Interface card
 - Widely use within telehouses
- ATM
 - Popular in some parts of Asia
 - Consolidates multiple peerings/upstreams in a single link verses expensive individual local loops.
 - But high overhead on cell. Also single point of failure.

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Peering Challenges Network Infrastructure – Where is High Value Content? Invested cable capacities to regions / countries



Europe	1.50%	11.30%	3.40%	0.10%	0%	0.10%	0.10%
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* Result formulated using Telegeography Mid2002 Report on Internet Bandwidth Connection

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1.70%

Peering Challenges

Network Infrastructure – Where is High Value Content?

Cable capacity ranking from selected 8 Asian countries

Ranking	Countries
1	United States
2	Japan
3	Hong Kong
4	China
5	Singapore
6	Taiwan
7	korea
8	Australia

* Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, India, Korea, Australia & Japan

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It's not easy being the new kid on the block!

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