



# Global Virtual Link Ethernet Service

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## Reliable global connections

Get a reliable, cost-effective alternative to traditional circuits with our Global Virtual Link. Offering inter-regional transport over Ethernet, this service uses the renowned scope and reliability of our Global IP Network (GIN) to ensure we provide you with a seamless experience wherever you are. The support of such a wide-reaching network gives this service a real intercontinental reach, powering virtual point-to-point Ethernet connections between the Americas, Europe, Asia and Oceania.

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### A flexible choice

Global Virtual Link is our standard offering for inter-region Ethernet transport and gives you the best of both worlds between Layer 2 and Layer 3 – it fuses the management capabilities of the former with the flexibility and scalability of the latter. On top of that, Global Virtual Link offers flexible usage commitments and bandwidth options from 100Mbps to 10Gbps, letting you choose the option that works best for you – with the added bonus of being able to easily and rapidly scale up your needs if required.



### Product specifications

Our Global Virtual Link is a Layer 2 Virtual Private Network (L2VPN) solution that utilizes our Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) based network infrastructure. Our Global Virtual Link is a pseudo-wire Ethernet edge-to-edge (PWE3) emulation complying with RFC 4448.



### Available port types

In order to support our Global Virtual Link, you must have a Gigabit Ethernet (GE), or 10GE port available on your router or switch to connect to us. Available port types are: Gigabit Ethernet and 10 Gigabit Ethernet.

## Availability

Seamlessly scalable to meet your needs, Global Virtual Link is available between Point of Presence (PoP) locations on GIN in the following countries and regions:

- United States
- Japan
- Europe
- Hong Kong
- Singapore
- Australia

For exact availability, please check with a GIN representative.



## Benefits

- Cost effective** Pay only for the traffic you need with our Global Virtual Link. And don't worry if you think you might need more – bursting allows you to go above the committed rate. In addition, the service uses pseudo-wire Ethernet emulation technology that runs across our backbone, helping deliver substantial cost savings. Because it uses well-known Ethernet technology, no new training investment is required.
- Flexible and scalable** We'll provide you with a low latency solution and a flexible upgrade path for your existing network at speeds of up to 10Gbps. An upgrade in bandwidth is just a call away and can be added within days, not weeks or months, as with traditional Wide Area Network (WAN) technology.
- Safe and reliable** Seeking a high level of assurance? Traffic carried via our Global Virtual Link has prioritized buffering and does not leave our network, so it gets where it needs to go, safe and fast. In addition, the service uses no Layer 3 packet analysis or routing, meaning no risk of spoofing or Distributed Denial of Service attacks, while providing a dynamic path that easily directs your traffic between end points.
- Simple and adaptable** While these features give you significant benefits, they are aimed at making things easy for you, too. Our Global Virtual Link makes it simple to integrate WAN reach into an existing LAN without any of the overhead normally associated with adding WAN capabilities. Multiple traffic types such as voice, video and data can all run on the same link, so there's no need for separate networks. Our Global Virtual Link is also protocol neutral, so you can run the Layer 2 or 3 protocol of your choice across your WAN.

## Features



