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Aleksi Suhonen first got on the Internet in 1987. He started working with ISPs and IXPs in 1997 and founded TREX in 2002.

Aleksi started his university studies on Computer Engineering and Software Engineering at the Tampere University of Technology in 1994, but he got swept up by work the next year. He worked on network maintenance and security at the University and later at Nokia Mobile Phones. By 1997 he had moved to SciFi Communications International, which later became better known as Saunalahti and Jippii. While there he spearheaded the international network expansion of AS6667, including connecting it to half a dozen IXPs in Europe and the United States.

In the year 2000 he formed a consulting company (Axu TM Oy) to help more operators and companies with routing, peering and LIR issues. A few years later he founded a local IXP, originally known as the TREX Tampere Region eXchange, and he has been heavily involved with that project ever since.

In 2010 he finally graduated as M.Sc. in Data Communications Engineering despite all odds.