

QoS Percentage-Based Policing

The QoS Percentage-Based Policing feature allows you to configure traffic policing and traffic shaping on the basis of a percentage of bandwidth available on the interface. This feature also allows you to specify the committed burst (bc) size and the excess burst (be) size (used for configuring traffic policing) in milliseconds (ms). Configuring traffic policing in this manner enables you to use the same policy map for multiple interfaces with differing amounts of bandwidth.

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Information About QoS Percentage-Based Policing

Benefits for QoS Percentage-Based Policing

This feature provides the ability to configure traffic policing on the basis of a percentage of bandwidth available on an interface, and it allows you to specify burst sizes in milliseconds. Configuring traffic policing in this manner enables you to use the same policy map for multiple interfaces with differing amounts of bandwidth. That is, you do not have to recalculate the bandwidth for each interface or configure a different policy map for each type of interface.

Configuration of Class and Policy Maps for QoS Percentage-Based Policing

To configure the QoS: Percentage-Based Policing feature, you must define a traffic class, configure a policy map, and then attach that policy map to the appropriate interface.

The MQC is a command-line interface that allows you to define traffic classes, create and configure traffic policies (policy maps), and then attach these traffic policies to interfaces.

In the MQC, the **class-map** command is used to define a traffic class (which is then associated with a traffic policy). The purpose of a traffic class is to classify traffic.

The MQC consists of the following three processes:

- Defining a traffic class with the **class-map** command.

- Creating a traffic policy by associating the traffic class with one or more QoS features (using the **policy-map** command).
- Attaching the traffic policy to the interface with the **service-policy** command.

A traffic class contains three major elements: a name, a series of match commands, and, if more than one **match** command exists in the traffic class, an instruction on how to evaluate these **match** commands (that is, match-all or match-any). The traffic class is named in the **class-map** command line; for example, if you enter the **class-map cisco** command while configuring the traffic class in the CLI, the traffic class would be named "cisco".

The **match** commands are used to specify various criteria for classifying packets. Packets are checked to determine whether they match the criteria specified in the **match** commands. If a packet matches the specified criteria, that packet is considered a member of the class and is forwarded according to the QoS specifications set in the traffic policy. Packets that fail to meet any of the matching criteria are classified as members of the default traffic class.

Traffic Regulation Mechanisms and Bandwidth Percentages

Cisco IOS XE quality of service (QoS) offers two kinds of traffic regulation mechanisms--traffic policing and traffic shaping. A traffic policer typically drops traffic that violates a specific rate. A traffic shaper typically delays excess traffic using a buffer to hold packets and shapes the flow when the data rate to a queue is higher than expected.

Traffic shaping and traffic policing can work in tandem and can be configured in a class map. Class maps organize data packets into specific categories ("classes") that can, in turn, receive a user-defined QoS treatment when used in policy maps (sometimes referred to as "service policies").

Before this feature, traffic policing and traffic shaping were configured on the basis of a user-specified amount of bandwidth available on the interface. Policy maps were then configured on the basis of that specific amount of bandwidth, meaning that separate policy maps were required for each interface.

This feature provides the ability to configure traffic policing and traffic shaping on the basis of a *percentage* of bandwidth available on the interface. Configuring traffic policing and traffic shaping in this manner enables customers to use the same policy map for multiple interfaces with differing amounts of bandwidth.

Configuring traffic policing and shaping on the basis of a percentage of bandwidth is accomplished by using the **police** (percent) and **shape** (percent) commands.

Burst Size in Milliseconds Option

The purpose of the burst parameters (bc and be) is to drop packets gradually and to avoid tail drop. Setting sufficiently high burst values helps to ensure good throughput.

This feature allows you the option of specifying the committed burst (bc) size and the extended burst (be) as milliseconds (ms) of the class bandwidth when you configure traffic policing. The number of milliseconds is used to calculate the number of bytes that will be used by the QoS: Percentage-Based Policing feature.

Specifying these burst sizes in milliseconds is accomplished by using the **bc** and **be** keywords (and their associated arguments) of the **police** (percent) and **shape** (percent) commands.

How to Configure QoS Percentage-Based Policing

Configuring a Class and Policy Map for Percentage-Based Policing

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **policy-map** *policy-name*
4. **class** {*class-name* **class-default**}
5. **police cir percent** *percentage* [*burst-in-ms*] [**bc** *conform-burst-in-msec* **ms**] [**be** *peak-burst-in-msec* **ms**] [**pir percent** *percent*]
6. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**policy-map** *policy-name* **Example:** `Router(config)# policy-map policy1`	Specifies the name of the policy map to be created. Enters policy-map configuration mode. • Enter the policy map name.
Step 4	**class** {*class-name* **class-default**} **Example:** `Router(config-pmap)# class class1`	Specifies the class so that you can configure or modify its policy. Enters policy-map class configuration mode. • Enter the class name or specify the default class (class-default).
Step 5	**police cir percent** *percentage* [*burst-in-ms*] [**bc** *conform-burst-in-msec* **ms**] [**be** *peak-burst-in-msec* **ms**] [**pir percent** *percent*]	Configures traffic policing on the basis of the specified bandwidth percentage and optional burst sizes. Enters policy-map class police configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Example: `Router(config-pmap-c)# police cir percent 20 bc 300 ms be 400 ms pir percent 40`	• Enter the bandwidth percentage and optional burst sizes.
Step 6	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-pmap-c-police)# exit`	Exits policy-map class police configuration mode.

Attaching the Policy Map to an Interface for Percentage-Based Policing

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **pvc** [*name*] *vpi* / *vci* [**ilmi** | **qsaal** | **smds**]
5. **service-policy** {**input**| **output**} *policy-map-name*
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.

Step 3	**interface** *type number*
	Example:
	`Router(config)#`
	`interface serial4/0/0`
		Configures an interface (or subinterface) type and enters interface configuration mode.
		• Enter the interface type number.
		Note
		Depending on the needs of your network, you may need to attach the policy map to a subinterface, an ATM PVC, a Frame Relay DLCI, or other type of interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**pvc** [*name*] *vpi* / *vci* [**ilmi** | **qsaal** | **smds**] **Example:** `Router(config-if)# pvc cisco 0/16 ilmi`	(Optional) Creates or assigns a name to an ATM PVC and specifies the encapsulation type on an ATM PVC. Enters ATM VC configuration mode. **Note** This step is required only if you are attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC. If you are not attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC, skip this step and proceed with Step 5.

Step 5	**service-policy** {**input**| **output**} *policy-map-name*
	Example:
	`Router(config-if)#`
	`service-policy input policy1`
	Example:
		Specifies the name of the policy map to be attached to the input or output direction of the interface.
		Note Policy maps can be configured on ingress or egress routers. They can also be attached in the input or output direction of an interface. The direction (input or output) and the router (ingress or egress) to which the policy map should be attached varies according your network configuration. When using the **service-policy** command to attach the policy map to an interface, be sure to choose the router and the interface direction that are appropriate for your network configuration.
		• Enter the policy map name.

Step 6	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	(Optional) Exits interface configuration mode.

Verifying the Percentage-Based Policing Configuration

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show class-map** [*class-map-name*]
3. **show policy-map interface** *interface-name*
4. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable**	Enables privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Example: `Router> enable`	• Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**show class-map** [*class-map-name*] **Example:** `Router# show class-map class1`	Displays all information about a class map, including the match criterion. • Enter class map name.

Step 3	**show policy-map interface** *interface-name*
	Example:
	
	`Router#`
	`show policy-map interface serial4/0/0`
		Displays the packet statistics of all classes that are configured for all service policies either on the specified interface or subinterface or on a specific PVC on the interface.
		• Enter the interface name.

Step 4	**exit** **Example:** `Router# exit`	(Optional) Exits privileged EXEC mode.

Troubleshooting Tips for Percentage-Based Policing

The commands in the Verifying the Percentage-Based Policing Configuration, on page 5 section allow you to verify that you achieved the intended configuration and that the feature is functioning correctly. If, after using the **show** commands listed above, you find that the configuration is not correct or the feature is not functioning as expected, perform these operations:

If the configuration is not the one you intended, complete the following procedures:

1. Use the **show running-config** command and analyze the output of the command.
2. If the policy map does not appear in the output of the **show running-config** command, enable the **logging console** command.
3. Attach the policy map to the interface again.

If the packets are not being matched correctly (for example, the packet counters are not incrementing correctly), complete the following procedures:

1. Run the **show policy-map**command and analyze the output of the command.
2. Run the **show running-config** command and analyze the output of the command.
3. Use the **show policy-map interface** command to verify that the policy map is attached to the interface and that the committed information rate (CIR) has been calculated on the basis of the percentage of the interface bandwidth.

Configuration Examples for QoS Percentage-Based Policing

Example Specifying Traffic Policing on the Basis of a Bandwidth Percentage

The following example configures traffic policing using a CIR and a peak information rate (PIR) on the basis of a percentage of bandwidth. In this example, a CIR of 20 percent and a PIR of 40 percent have been specified. Additionally, an optional bc value and be value (300 ms and 400 ms, respectively) have been specified.

```
Router> enable
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# policy-map policy1
Router(config-pmap)# class class1
Router(config-pmap-c)# police cir percent 20 bc 300 ms be 400 ms pir percent 40

Router(config-pmap-c-police)# end
```

After the policy map and class maps are configured, the policy map is attached to interface as shown in the following example.

```
Router> enable
Router# configure terminal
Router(config-if)#

interface serial4/0/0
Router(config-if)#

service-policy input policy1
Router(config-if)# end
```

Example Verifying the Percentage-Based Policing Configuration

This section contains sample output from the **show policy-map interface** command and the **show policy-map** command. The output from these commands can be used to verify and monitor the feature configuration on your network.

The following is sample output from the **show policy-map** command. This sample output displays the contents of a policy map called "policy1." In policy 1, traffic policing on the basis of a CIR of 20 percent has been configured, and the bc and be have been specified in milliseconds. As part of the traffic policing configuration, optional conform, exceed, and violate actions have been specified.

```
Router# show policy-map policy1
  Policy Map policy1
    Class class1
     police cir percent 20 bc 300 ms pir percent 40 be 400 ms
       conform-action transmit
       exceed-action drop
       violate-action drop
```

The following is sample output from the **show policy-map interface** command. This sample displays the statistics for the serial 2/0 interface on which traffic policing has been enabled. The committed burst (bc) and excess burst (be) are specified in milliseconds (ms).

```
Router# show policy-map interface serial2/0
```

```
Serial2/0/0
 Service-policy output: policy1 (1050)
   Class-map: class1 (match-all) (1051/1)
     0 packets, 0 bytes
     5 minute offered rate 0 bps, drop rate 0 bps
     Match: ip precedence 0  (1052)
     police:
         cir 20 % bc 300 ms
         cir 409500 bps, bc 15360 bytes
         pir 40 % be 400 ms
         pir 819000 bps, be 40960 bytes
       conformed 0 packets, 0 bytes; actions:
         transmit
       exceeded 0 packets, 0 bytes; actions:
         drop
       violated 0 packets, 0 bytes; actions:
         drop
       conformed 0 bps, exceed 0 bps, violate 0 bps
   Class-map: class-default (match-any) (1054/0)
     0 packets, 0 bytes
     5 minute offered rate 0 bps, drop rate 0 bps
     Match: any  (1055)
       0 packets, 0 bytes
       5 minute rate 0 bps
```

In this example, the CIR and PIR are displayed in bps, and both the committed burst (bc) and excess burst (be) are displayed in bytes.

The CIR, PIR bc, and be are calculated on the basis of the formulas described below.

Formula for Calculating the CIR

When calculating the CIR, the following formula is used:

CIR percentage specified (as shown in the output of the **show policy-map**command) * bandwidth (BW) of the interface (as shown in the output of the **show interfaces** command) = total bits per second

On serial interface 2/0, the bandwidth (BW) is 2048 kbps. To see the bandwidth of the interface, use the **show interfaces** command. A sample is shown below:

```
Router# show interfaces serial2/0/0
Serial2/0/0 is administratively down, line protocol is down
  Hardware is M4T
  MTU 1500 bytes, BW 2048 Kbit, DLY 20000 usec, rely 255/255, load 1/255
```

The following values are used for calculating the CI:

20 % * 2048 kbps = 409600 bps

Formula for Calculating the PIR

When calculating the PIR, the following formula is used:

PIR percentage specified (as shown in the output of the **show policy-map**command) * bandwidth (BW) of the interface (as shown in the output of the **show interfaces** command) = total bits per second

On serial interface 2/0/0, the bandwidth (BW) is 2048 kbps. To see the bandwidth of the interface, use the **show interfaces** command. A sample is shown below:

```
Router# show interfaces serial2/0
Serial2/0/0 is administratively down, line protocol is down
```

```
Hardware is M4T
MTU 1500 bytes, BW 2048 Kbit, DLY 20000 usec, rely 255/255, load 1/255
```

The following values are used for calculating the PIR:

40 % * 2048 kbps = 819200 bps

Note Discrepancies between this total and the total shown in the output of the **show policy-map interface** command can be attributed to a rounding calculation or to differences associated with the specific interface configuration.

Formula for Calculating the Committed Burst (bc)

When calculating the bc, the following formula is used:

The bc in milliseconds (as shown in the **show policy-map** command) * the CIR in bits per seconds = total number bytes

The following values are used for calculating the bc:

(300 ms * 409600 bps) / 8 = 15360 bytes

Formula for Calculating the Excess Burst (be)

When calculating the bc and the be, the following formula is used:

The be in milliseconds (as shown in the **show policy-map** command) * the PIR in bits per seconds = total number bytes

The following values are used for calculating the be:

400 ms * 819200 bps = 40960 bytes

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
QoS commands: complete command syntax, command modes, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	*Cisco IOS Quality of Service Solutions Command Reference*
Modular QoS Command-Line Interface (CLI) (MQC), including information about attaching policy maps	"Applying QoS Features Using the MQC" module
Traffic shaping and traffic policing	"Policing and Shaping Overview" module

Standards

Standard	Title
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MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
No new or modified MIBs are supported by this feature, and support for existing MIBs has not been modified by this feature.	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS XE Software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 2697	*A Single Rate Three Color Marker*
RFC 2698	*A Two Rate Three Color Marker*

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for QoS Percentage-Based Policing

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to www.cisco.com/go/cfn. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Table 1: Feature Information for QoS: Percentage-Based Policing