

Traffic Management Benchmarking Framework

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Traffic Management Benchmarking Overview

- Extends RFC 2544 benchmarking into traffic management functionality of network elements:
 - Classification / Prioritization
 - Policing
 - Queuing / Scheduling
 - Shaping
- The draft specifies both stateless and stateful (TCP) traffic testing to conduct these benchmarks
 - Methods to define and generate repeatable TCP application “test patterns” are specified

Rev 3: Interaction with AQM Working Group

- Net-perf-wrapper emulates some TCP application behaviors by encapsulating the open-source “net-perf” tool
 - Reviewed with the developer, Toke Hoiland-Jorgensen
 - The tool can do some of the TCP layer benchmark tests recommended in the draft, but not complex patterns
- Discovered and tested “uperf” open source tool, which can generate complex TCP test patterns
 - Initial functional / performance results were promising
 - Uperf tool has very active author, who is open to tweaking
 - Specified uperf as another open source tool to generate the repeatable TCP test patterns in this draft

Revisions Incorporated into WGLC 1 and 2

- Incorporated all comments from three (3) detailed working group member reviews
- Addressed repeatability in test results by adding detailed procedures, specifying the result format, and requiring multiple trials, etc.
 - Used draft-bhuvan-bmwg-of-controller-benchmarking.txt as a good reference for this area
- Metrics refinement: scrubbed units of measure and specified acceptable variation of measured metrics