



# Punt Policing and Monitoring

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Punt policing protects the Route Processor (RP) from having to process noncritical traffic, which increases the CPU bandwidth available to critical traffic. Traffic is placed into different CPU queues based on various criteria. The Punt Policing and Monitoring feature allows you to police the punt rate on a per-queue basis.

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## Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

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## Information About Punt Policing and Monitoring

### Overview of Punt Policing and Monitoring

Packets received on an interface are punted to the Router Processor (RP) for various reasons. Some examples of these various reasons include, unicast and multicast control plane traffic that are destined for a routing protocol process running on the RP, and IP packets that generate Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) exceptions such as a Time to live (TTL) expiration. The RP has a limited capacity to process the punted

packets, and while some of them are critical for the router operation and should not be dropped, some can be dropped without impacting the router operation.

Punt policing frees the RP from having to process noncritical traffic. Traffic is placed in queues based on various criteria, and you can configure the maximum punt rate for each queue which allows you to configure the system so that packets are less likely to be dropped from queues that contain critical traffic.

**Note**

Traffic on certain CPU queues could still be dropped, regardless of the configured punt rate, based on other criteria such as the queue priority, queue size, and traffic punt rate.

## How to Configure Punt Policing and Monitoring

### Configuring Punt Policing

**Note**

Traffic on a specific CPU queue may be dropped irrespective of the configured maximum punt rate, based on the queue priority, queue size, and the configured traffic punt rate.

Perform this task to specify the maximum punt rate on the specified queue.

#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **platform punt-police queue *queue-id* max-punt-rate max-burst-rate**
4. **end**

#### DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b>  <b>Example:</b> Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b>  <b>Example:</b> Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

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<b>Step 3</b>	<p><b>platform punt-police queue</b> <i>queue-id max-punt-rate max-burst-rate</i></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Router(config)# platform punt-police queue 20 9000 10000</pre>	Enables punt policing on a queue, and specifies the maximum punt rate and burst rate on a per-queue basis.
<b>Step 4</b>	<p><b>end</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Router(config-cp)# end</pre>	(Optional) Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

## Verifying Punt Policing

### Verifying Queue-Based Punt Policing

Use the **show platform software infrastructure punt statistics** command to verify that punt policing is configured for a queue. If the feature is configured on your interface, the command output displays punt police statistics:

```
Router# show platform software infrastructure punt statistics
UEA Punt Statistics
```

```
Global drops : 0
```

Queue Name	Rx count	Drop count
SW FORWARDING Q	0	0
ROUTING PROTOCOL Q	0	0
ICMP Q	0	0
HOST Q	57115	0
ACL LOGGING Q	0	0
STP Q	0	0
L2 PROTOCOL Q	6571	0
MCAST CONTROL Q	208839	0
BROADCAST Q	4	0
REP Q	0	0
CFM Q	0	0
CONTROL Q	0	0
IP MPLS TTL Q	0	0
DEFAULT MCAST Q	0	0
MCAST ROUTE DATA Q	0	0
MCAST MISMATCH Q	0	0
RPF FAIL Q	0	0
ROUTING THROTTLE Q	87	0
MCAST Q	0	0
MPLS OAM Q	0	0
IP MPLS MTU Q	0	0
PTP Q	0	0
LINUX ND Q	0	0
KEEPALIVE Q	0	0
ESMC Q	0	0

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FPGA BFD Q          | 0          | 0
FPGA CCM Q          | 0          | 0
FPGA CFE Q          | 0          | 0
L2PT DUP Q          | 0          | 0

```

## Verifying Punt Policing Statistics

Use the **show platform hardware pp active infrastructure pi npd rx policer** command to display the punt policing statistics for all queues:

```

Router# show platform hardware pp active infrastructure pi npd rx policer
PUNT POLICER

```

Ring	Queue Name	Punt rate	Burst rate
0	SW FORWARDING Q	500	1000
1	ROUTING PROTOCOL Q	500	1000
2	ICMP Q	500	1000
3	HOST Q	1000	2000
4	ACL LOGGING Q	500	1000
5	STP Q	3000	6000
6	L2 PROTOCOL Q	1000	2000
7	MCAST CONTROL Q	1000	2000
8	BROADCAST Q	500	1000
9	REP Q	3000	6000
10	CFM Q	3000	6000
11	CONTROL Q	1000	2000
12	IP MPLS TTL Q	1000	2000
13	DEFAULT MCAST Q	500	1000
14	MCAST ROUTE DATA Q	500	1000
15	MCAST MISMATCH Q	500	1000
16	RPF FAIL Q	500	1000
17	ROUTING THROTTLE Q	500	1000
18	MCAST Q	500	1000
19	MPLS OAM Q	1000	2000
20	IP MPLS MTU Q	500	1000
21	PTP Q	3000	6000
22	LINUX ND Q	500	1000
23	KEEPALIVE Q	1000	2000
24	ESMC Q	3000	6000
25	FPGA BFD Q	3000	6000
26	FPGA CCM Q	3000	6000
27	FPGA CFE Q	3000	6000
28	L2PT DUP Q	4000	8000

## Configuration Examples for Punt Policing and Monitoring

### Example: Configuring Punt Policing

The following example shows how to enable punt-policing, set the maximum punt-rate to 9000 bps, and set the maximum burst-rate to 10000 bps, on queue 20:

```

Router# enable
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# platform punt-police queue 20 9000 10000

```

# Additional References

## Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
QoS commands: complete command syntax, command modes, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	<i>Cisco IOS Quality of Service Solutions Command Reference</i>
Traffic marking	“Marking Network Traffic” module
Traffic policing	“Traffic Policing” module
Traffic policing and shaping concepts and overview information	“Policing and Shaping Overview” module
Modular quality of service command-line interface (MQC)	“Applying QoS Features Using the MQC” module

## Standards

Standard	Title
None	—

## MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
None	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: <a href="http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs">http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs</a>

## RFCs

RFC	Title
None	

**Technical Assistance**

Description	Link
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## Feature Information for Punt Policing and Monitoring

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.

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**Table 1: Feature Information for Punt Policing and Monitoring**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Punt Policing and Monitoring	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.5S	<p>The Punt Policing and Monitoring feature allows you to specify a maximum punt rate on a per-queue basis.</p> <p>For Cisco IOS XE Release 3.5S, this feature was implemented on Cisco ASR 903 Router.</p> <p>The following command was introduced: <b>platform punt-police queue</b></p>