Punt Policing and Monitoring

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.

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.

Per-Interface Per-Cause Punt Policer

Per-interface per-cause (PIPC) punt policing is an enhancement to the Punt Policing and Monitoring feature that allows you to control and limit traffic per interface. From Cisco IOS XE Release 17.5.1, you can set the PIPC rate for all the control plane-punted traffic. When you set the PIPC rate, any traffic beyond the set limit is dropped, thereby enabling you to control the traffic during conditions such as L2 storming.

The PIPC punt policer configuration is supported for the following interfaces:

- Main interface
- Subinterface
- Port channel
- Port channel subinterface
- Tunnels
- PPPoE interface

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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 qos-policer queue** *queue-id cir bc*
4. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable**	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password, if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** Device# configure terminal	Enters the global configuration mode.
Step 3	**platform qos-policer queue** *queue-id cir bc* **Example:** Device(config)# platform qos-policer queue 20 384000 8000	Enables punt policing on a queue, and specifies the maximum punt rate on a per-queue basis. *cir*— Indicates Committed Information Rate (CIR). The range is 384000-20000000 bps. *bc*— Indicates Committed Burts (BC). The range is 8000-16000000 bps.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**end** **Example:** Device(config)# end	(Optional) Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Verifying Punt Policing

Verifying Queue-Based Punt Policing

Use the **show platform software infrastructure punt statistics** to display 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
 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.

```
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 |               1000 |                2000
 9   |               REP Q |               3000 |                6000
10   |           BGP LDP 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 HIGH PRI Q |               1000 |                2000
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 |               4000 |                8000
26   |          FPGA CCM Q |               4000 |                8000
27   |          FPGA CFE Q |               1000 |                2000
28   |          L2PT DUP Q |               4000 |                8000
29   |          TDM CTRL Q |               3000 |                6000
30   |  ICMP UNREACHABLE Q |                500 |                1000
31   |             SSFPD Q |               6000 |               12000
```

```
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
```

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27   |          FPGA CFE Q |                3000 |                6000
28   |          L2PT DUP Q |                4000 |                8000


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 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 |                9000 |               10000
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 |                4000 |                8000
26   |          FPGA CCM Q |                2000 |                4000
27   |          FPGA CFE Q |                3000 |                6000
28   |          L2PT DUP Q |                4000 |                8000
```

Use the **show platform software infrastructure punt statistics** command to view the statistics on the RSP3 module.

```
Router#

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                 | 0                          | 0
 ACL LOGGING Q          | 0                          | 0
 STP Q                  | 0                          | 0
 L2 PROTOCOL Q          | 0                          | 0
 MCAST CONTROL Q        | 0                          | 0
 BROADCAST Q            | 0                          | 0
 REP Q                  | 0                          | 0
 BGP LDP 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      | 0                          | 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
 FPGA BFD Q              | 0                          | 0
 FPGA CCM Q              | 0                          | 0
 FPGA CFE Q              | 0                          | 0
 L2PT DUP Q              | 0                          | 0
 TDM CTRL Q              | 0                          | 0
 ICMP UNREACHABLE Q      | 0                       | 0
 SSFP Q                  | 0                          | 0
 MIRROT Q                | 0                          | 0
```

Use the **show platform hardware pp active feature qos policer cpu all 1** command to clear the statistics of all the CPU queues.

Use the **show platform hardware pp active feature qos policer cpu all 0** command to clear the statistics of a particular CPU queue.

```
########## Stats for CPU queue 0 ##########
Internal Qnum: 1         Queue Name: SW FORWARDING Q
Policer conform: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer exceed: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
RM Drops: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer commit rate is: 1000000, Policer burst commit is 100000

########### Stats for CPU queue 1 ##########
Internal Qnum: 2         Queue Name: ROUTING PROTOCOL Q
Policer conform: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer exceed: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
RM Drops: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer commit rate is: 1000000, Policer burst commit is 100000
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########### Stats for CPU queue 30 ##########
Internal Qnum: 31        Queue Name: ICMP UNREACHABLE Q
Policer conform: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer exceed: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
RM Drops: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer commit rate is: 1000000, Policer burst commit is 100000

########### Stats for CPU queue 31 ##########
Internal Qnum: 32        Queue Name: SSFPD Q
Policer conform: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer exceed: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
RM Drops: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer commit rate is: 1000000, Policer burst commit is 100000
```

Use **show platform hardware pp active feature qos policer cpu 3 0** to display the queue specific statistics.

```
########### Stats for CPU queue 3 ##########
Internal Qnum: 4         Queue Name: HOST Q
Policer conform: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer exceed: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
RM Drops: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer commit rate is: 12000000, Policer burst commit is 3000000

3 —— queueId of CPU   and 0 — show stats
```

Use the **show platform hardware pp active feature qos policer cpu all 0** to display the output after adding the drop cause. Following commands are applicable only for RSP3 module:

```
########### Stats for CPU queue 0 ##########
Internal Qnum: 8000CPU
Port num: 0
Policer conform: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer exceed:  0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer commit rate is: 500000 bps, Policer burst commit is 16000 bytes
########### Stats for CPU queue 1 ##########
Internal Qnum: 8008CPU
Port num: 0
Policer conform: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer exceed:  0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer commit rate is: 1000000 bps, Policer burst commit is 100000 bytes
########### Stats for CPU queue 2 ##########
Internal Qnum: 8016CPU
Port num: 0
Policer conform: 0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer exceed:  0 (packets) 0 (bytes)
Policer commit rate is: 1000000 bps, Policer burst commit is 100000 bytes
```

Configuration Examples for Punt Policing and Monitoring

Example: Configuring Punt Policing

The following example shows how to enable punt-policing:

```
Router# enable
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# platform qos-policer queue 3 384000 8000
```

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*
Traffic marking	“Marking Network Traffic” module
Traffic policing	“Traffic Policing” module
Traffic policing and shaping concepts and overview information	“Policing and Shaping Overview” module

Related Topic	Document Title
Modular quality of service command-line interface (MQC)	"Applying QoS Features Using the MQC" module

Standards

Standard	Title
None	—

MIBs

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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: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

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