



Class-Based Policing

Class-based policing allows you to control the maximum rate of traffic that is transmitted or received on an interface. Class-based policing is often configured on interfaces at the edge of a network to limit traffic into or out of the network.

- [Information About Class-Based Policing, on page 1](#)
- [Restrictions for Class-Based Policing, on page 2](#)
- [How to Configure Class-Based Policing, on page 2](#)
- [Configuration Examples for Class-Based Policing, on page 7](#)
- [Additional References, on page 9](#)
- [Feature Information for Class-Based Policing, on page 11](#)

Information About Class-Based Policing

Class-Based Policing Functionality

The Class-Based Policing feature performs the following functions:

- Limits the input or output transmission rate of a class of traffic based on user-defined criteria.
- Marks packets by setting the ATM Cell Loss Priority (CLP) bit, Frame Relay Discard Eligibility (DE) bit, IP precedence value, IP differentiated services code point (DSCP) value, MPLS experimental value, and quality of service (QoS) group.

Class-based policing allows you to control the maximum rate of traffic transmitted or received on an interface. The Class-Based Policing feature is applied when you attach a traffic policy that contains the class-based policing configuration to an interface.

The Class-Based Policing feature works with a token bucket mechanism. There are currently two types of token bucket algorithms: a single token bucket algorithm and a two-token bucket algorithm. A single token bucket system is used when the **violate-action** option is not specified, and a two-token bucket system is used when the **violate-action** option is specified.

Benefits of Class-Based Policing

Bandwidth Management Through Rate Limiting

Class-based policing allows you to control the maximum rate of traffic transmitted or received on an interface. Class-based policing is often configured on interfaces at the edge of a network to limit traffic into or out of the network. In most class-based policing configurations, traffic that falls within the rate parameters is transmitted, whereas traffic that exceeds the parameters is dropped or transmitted with a different priority.

Packet Marking

Packet marking allows you to partition your network into multiple priority levels or classes of service (CoS). A packet is marked and these markings can be used to identify and classify traffic for downstream devices.

- Use class-based policing to set the IP precedence or DSCP values for packets entering the network. Networking devices within your network can then use the adjusted IP precedence values to determine how the traffic should be treated.
- Use class-based policing to assign packets to a QoS group. The router uses the QoS group to determine how to prioritize packets.

Traffic can be marked without using the Class-Based Policing feature. If you want to mark traffic but do not want to use class-based policing, see the “Marking Network Traffic” module.

Restrictions for Class-Based Policing

Class-based policing can be configured on an interface or a subinterface, but it is not supported on EtherChannel or tunnel interfaces.

How to Configure Class-Based Policing

Configuring a Traffic Policing Service Policy

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **class-map** [**match-all** | **match-any**] *class-map-name*
4. **match ip precedence** *precedence-value*
5. **exit**
6. **policy-map** *policy-map-name*
7. **class** {*class-name* | **class-default**}
8. **police** *bps burst-normal burst-max conform-action action exceed-action action violate-action action*
9. **exit**
10. **exit**

11. **interface** *interface-type interface-number*
12. **service-policy** {**input** | **output**} *policy-map-name*
13. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre>	Enables higher privilege levels, such as privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	class-map [match-all match-any] <i>class-map-name</i> Example: <pre>Router(config)# class-map match-any MATCH_PREC</pre>	Specifies the name of the class map to be created and enters QoS class map configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The class map defines the criteria to use to differentiate the traffic. For example, you can use the class map to differentiate voice traffic from data traffic, based on a series of match criteria defined using the match command. <p>Note If the match-all or match-any keyword is not specified, traffic must match all the match criteria to be classified as part of the traffic class.</p>
Step 4	match ip precedence <i>precedence-value</i> Example: <pre>Router(config-cmap)# match ip precedence 0</pre>	Enables packet matching on the basis of the IP precedence values you specify. <p>Note You can enter up to four matching criteria, as number abbreviation (0 to 7) or criteria names (critical, flash, and so on), in a single match statement.</p>
Step 5	exit Example: <pre>Router(config-cmap)# exit</pre>	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 6	policy-map <i>policy-map-name</i> Example: <pre>Router(config)# policy-map POLICE-SETTING</pre>	Creates or modifies a policy map that can be attached to one or more interfaces to specify a service policy, and enters QoS policy-map configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	class <i>{class-name class-default}</i> Example: <pre>Router(config-pmap)# class MATCH_PREC</pre>	Specifies the name of the class whose policy you want to create or change or specifies the default class (commonly known as the class-default class) before you configure its policy, and enters policy-map class configuration mode.
Step 8	police <i>bps burst-normal burst-max conform-action action exceed-action action violate-action action</i> Example: <pre>Router(config-pmap-c)# police 8000 1000 1000 conform-action transmit exceed-action set-qos-transmit 1 violate-action drop</pre>	Configures traffic policing according to burst sizes and any optional actions specified.
Step 9	exit Example: <pre>Router(config-pmap-c)# exit</pre>	(Optional) Exits policy-map class configuration mode.
Step 10	exit Example: <pre>Router(config-pmap)# exit</pre>	(Optional) Exits QoS policy-map configuration mode.
Step 11	interface <i>interface-type interface-number</i> Example: <pre>Router(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1</pre>	Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the interface type and interface number.
Step 12	service-policy <i>{input output} policy-map-name</i> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# service-policy input POLICE-SETTING</pre>	Attaches a policy map to an interface. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter either the input or output keyword and the policy map name.
Step 13	end Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# end</pre>	(Optional) Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Monitoring and Maintaining Traffic Policing

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show policy-map**
3. **show policy-map** *policy-map-name*

4. show policy-map interface

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	show policy-map Example: Router# show policy-map	Displays all configured policy maps.
Step 3	show policy-map <i>policy-map-name</i> Example: Router# show policy-map pmap	Displays the user-specified policy map.
Step 4	show policy-map interface Example: Router# show policy-map interface	Verifies that the Class-Based Policing feature is configured on your interface. If the feature is configured on your interface. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The command output displays policing statistics.

Verifying Class-Based Traffic Policing

Use the **show policy-map interface** command to verify that the Class-Based Policing feature is configured on your interface. If the feature is configured on your interface, the **show policy-map interface** command output displays policing statistics.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. show policy-map interface
3. show policy-map interface *type interface*
4. show policy-map interface *type interface service instance service-instance number*
5. exit

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	show policy-map interface Example: Router# show policy-map interface	Verifies that the Class-Based Policing feature is configured on your interface. If the feature is configured on your interface. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The command output displays policing statistics.
Step 3	show policy-map interface type interface Example: Router# show policy-map interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1	Displays traffic statistics for policies applied to a specific interface.
Step 4	show policy-map interface type interface service instance service-instance number Example: Router# show policy-map interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1 service instance 1	Displays the policy map information for a given service instance under an interface.
Step 5	exit Example: Router# exit	(Optional) Exits privileged EXEC mode.

Example: Verifying Class-Based Traffic Policing

```

Router# show policy-map interface
FastEthernet1/1/1
service-policy output: x
class-map: a (match-all)
  0 packets, 0 bytes
  5 minute rate 0 bps
match: ip precedence 0
police:
  1000000 bps, 10000 limit, 10000 extended limit
  conformed 0 packets, 0 bytes; action: transmit
  exceeded 0 packets, 0 bytes; action: drop
  conformed 0 bps, exceed 0 bps, violate 0 bps

```

Troubleshooting Tips

Check the interface type. Verify that class-based policing is supported on your interface.

Configuration Examples for Class-Based Policing

Example Configuring a Service Policy That Includes Traffic Policing

In the following example, class-based policing is configured with the average rate at 8000 bits per second, the normal burst size at 1000 bytes, and the excess burst size at 1000 bytes for all packets leaving the interface.

```
class-map access-match
  match access-group 1
  exit
policy-map police-setting
  class access-match
    police 8000 1000 1000 conform-action transmit exceed-action set-qos-transmit 1
  violate-action drop
  exit
  exit
  service-policy output police-setting
```

The treatment of a series of packets leaving FastEthernet interface 1/1/1 depends on the size of the packet and the number of bytes remaining in the conform and exceed token buckets. The series of packets are policed based on the following rules:

- If the previous arrival of the packet was at T_1 and the current arrival of the packet is at T , the bucket is updated with $T - T_1$ worth of bits based on the token arrival rate. The refill tokens are placed in the conform bucket. If the tokens overflow the conform bucket, the overflow tokens are placed in the exceed bucket. The token arrival rate is calculated as follows:

$(\text{time between packets} < \text{which is equal to } T - T_1 > * \text{policer rate}) / 8 \text{ bytes}$

- If the number of bytes in the conform bucket is greater than the length of the packet (for example, B), then the packet conforms and B bytes should be removed from the bucket. If the packet conforms, B bytes are removed from the conform bucket and the conform action is taken. The exceed bucket is unaffected in this scenario.
- If the number of bytes in the conform bucket is less than the length of the packet, but the number of bytes in the exceed bucket is greater than the length of the packet (for example, B), the packet exceeds and B bytes are removed from the bucket.
- If the number bytes in the exceed bucket B is fewer than 0, the packet violates the rate and the violate action is taken. The action is complete for the packet.

In this example, the initial token buckets starts full at 1000 bytes. If a 450-byte packet arrives, the packet conforms because enough bytes are available in the conform token bucket. The conform action (send) is taken by the packet, and 450 bytes are removed from the conform token bucket (leaving 550 bytes).

If the next packet arrives 0.25 seconds later, 250 bytes are added to the conform token bucket $((0.25 * 8000) / 8)$, leaving 800 bytes in the conform token bucket. If the next packet is 900 bytes, the packet does not conform because only 800 bytes are available in the conform token bucket.

The exceed token bucket, which starts full at 1000 bytes (as specified by the excess burst size, is then checked for available bytes. Because enough bytes are available in the exceed token bucket, the exceed action (set the QoS transmit value of 1) is taken, and 900 bytes are taken from the exceed bucket (leaving 100 bytes in the exceed token bucket).

If the next packet arrives 0.40 seconds later, 400 bytes are added to the token buckets $((.40 * 8000)/8)$. Therefore, the conform token bucket now has 1000 bytes (the maximum number of tokens available in the conform bucket, and 200 bytes overflow the conform token bucket (because only 200 bytes were needed to fill the conform token bucket to capacity). These overflow bytes are placed in the exceed token bucket, giving the exceed token bucket 300 bytes.

If the arriving packet is 1000 bytes, the packet conforms because enough bytes are available in the conform token bucket. The conform action (transmit) is taken by the packet, and 1000 bytes are removed from the conform token bucket (leaving 0 bytes).

If the next packet arrives 0.20 seconds later, 200 bytes are added to the token bucket $((.20 * 8000)/8)$. Therefore, the conform bucket now has 200 bytes. If the arriving packet is 400 bytes, the packet does not conform because only 200 bytes are available in the conform bucket. Similarly, the packet does not exceed because only 300 bytes are available in the exceed bucket. Therefore, the packet violates and the violate action (drop) is taken.

Verifying Class-Based Traffic Policing

Use the **show policy-map interface** command to verify that the Class-Based Policing feature is configured on your interface. If the feature is configured on your interface, the **show policy-map interface** command output displays policing statistics:

```
Router# show policy-map interface
FastEthernet1/1/1
  service-policy output: x
    class-map: a (match-all)
      0 packets, 0 bytes
      5 minute rate 0 bps
      match: ip precedence 0
      police:
        1000000 bps, 10000 limit, 10000 extended limit
        conformed 0 packets, 0 bytes; action: transmit
        exceeded 0 packets, 0 bytes; action: drop
        conformed 0 bps, exceed 0 bps, violate 0 bps
```

Use the **show policy-map interface type number** command to view the traffic statistics for policies applied to that specific interface:

```
Router# show policy-map interface gigabitethernet 0/0/1
GigabitEthernet0/0/1

  Service-policy input: TUNNEL_MARKING

    Class-map: MATCH_PREC (match-any)
      72417 packets, 25418367 bytes
      5 minute offered rate 0000 bps, drop rate 0000 bps
      Match: ip precedence 0
      QoS Set
        ip precedence tunnel 3
        Marker statistics: Disabled

    Class-map: MATCH_DSCP (match-any)
      0 packets, 0 bytes
      5 minute offered rate 0000 bps, drop rate 0000 bps
      Match: ip dscp default (0)
      QoS Set
        ip dscp tunnel 3
        Marker statistics: Disabled
```



```

Class-map: class-default (match-any)
  346462 packets, 28014400 bytes
  5 minute offered rate 0000 bps, drop rate 0000 bps
  Match: any

Service-policy output: POLICE-SETTING

Class-map: MATCH_PREC (match-any)
  0 packets, 0 bytes
  5 minute offered rate 0000 bps, drop rate 0000 bps
  Match: ip precedence 0
  police:
    cir 8000 bps, bc 1000 bytes, be 1000 bytes
    conformed 0 packets, 0 bytes; actions:
      transmit
    exceeded 0 packets, 0 bytes; actions:
      set-qos-transmit 1
    violated 0 packets, 0 bytes; actions:
      drop
    conformed 0000 bps, exceed 0000 bps, violate 0000 bps

Class-map: class-default (match-any)
  31 packets, 2019 bytes
  5 minute offered rate 0000 bps, drop rate 0000 bps
  Match: any

```

Use the **show policy-map interface service instance** command to view the traffic statistics for policy applied to the specific service instance in that specific interface:

```

Router# show policy-map interface gig0/0/1 service instance 10
GigabitEthernet0/0/1: EFP 10

    Service-policy input: ac1

Class-map: ac1 (match-all)
  0 packets, 0 bytes
  5 minute offered rate 0000 bps, drop rate 0000 bps
  Match: access-group 1
  police:
    cir 50000000 bps, bc 1562500 bytes
    conformed 0 packets, 0 bytes; actions:
      transmit
    exceeded 0 packets, 0 bytes; actions:
      drop
    conformed 0000 bps, exceeded 0000 bps

Class-map: class-default (match-any)
  0 packets, 0 bytes
  5 minute offered rate 0000 bps, drop rate 0000 bps
  Match: any

```

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>

Related Topic	Document Title
Traffic marking	“Marking Network Traffic” module
Traffic policing	“Traffic Policing” module
Traffic policing and shaping concepts and overview information	“Policing and Shaping Overview”
Modular Quality of Service Command-Line Interface (MQC)	“Applying QoS Features Using the MQC” module

Standards

Standard	Title
None	--

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
<i>Class-Based Quality of Service MIB</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CISCO-CLASS-BASED-QOS-MIB • CISCO-CLASS-BASED-QOS-CAPABILITY-MIB 	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	<i>A Single Rate Three Color Marker</i>

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 Class-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 Class-Based Policing

