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Catalyst 9000 Switching QoS Deep Dive

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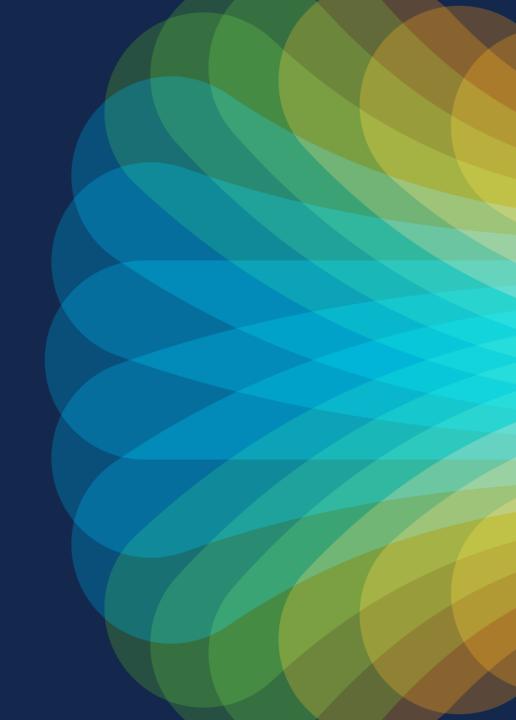
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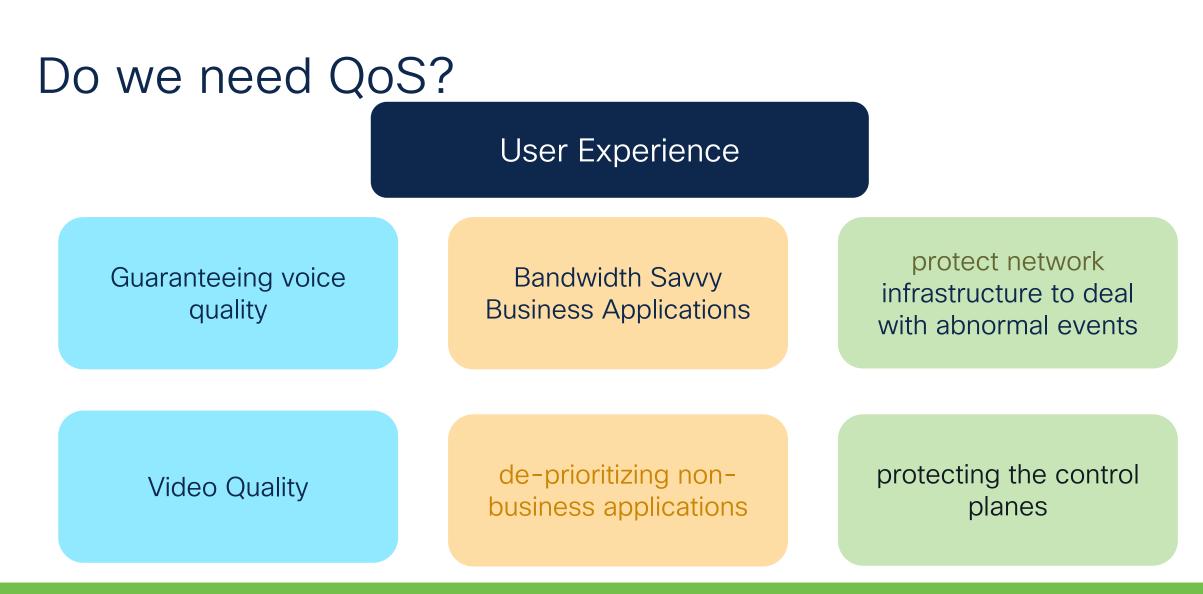
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- QoS Overview
- UADP QoS
- Silicon One Q200 QoS
- Config Migration
- Conclusion



Introduction and Overview







QoS helps define the latency priority for your traffic packets

What does QoS do?

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QoS provides a set of tools to treat different traffic differently

Identify incoming traffic	Classification
Treat traffic differently	Scheduling and Queueing
Label traffic	Trust, Marking
Limit traffic	Policing and Shaping
What happens when queue is congested?	Congestion management (WTD and WRED)

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Modular QoS CLI (MQC)

class-map What traffic do we care about?

policy-map What actions do we take on the classes?

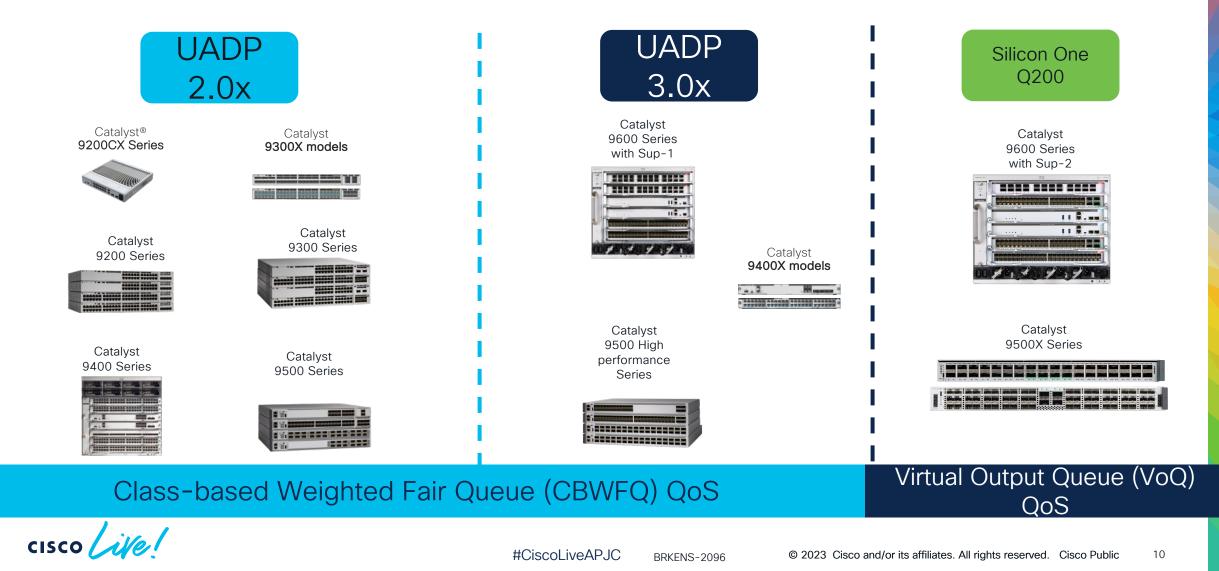
service-policy Where do we apply the policy? class-map match-any Voice
 match dscp ef
class-map match-any Video
 match dscp 34

Policy-map POLICY-QOS class Voice priority level 1 class Video set dscp 10

interface x/y
service-policy (input/output) POLICY-QOS



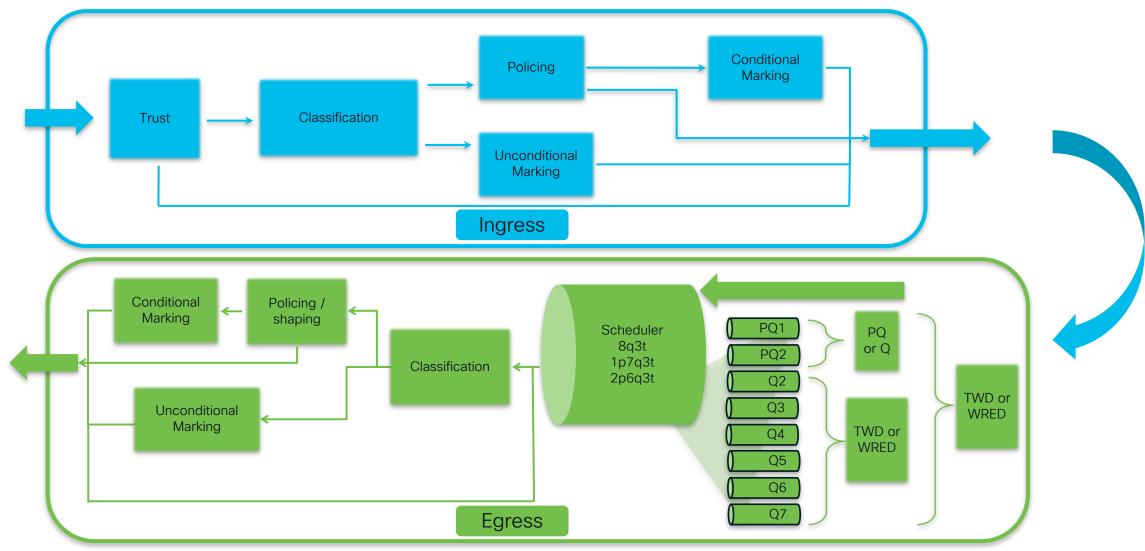
Catalyst 9000 family of Switches



UADP QoS

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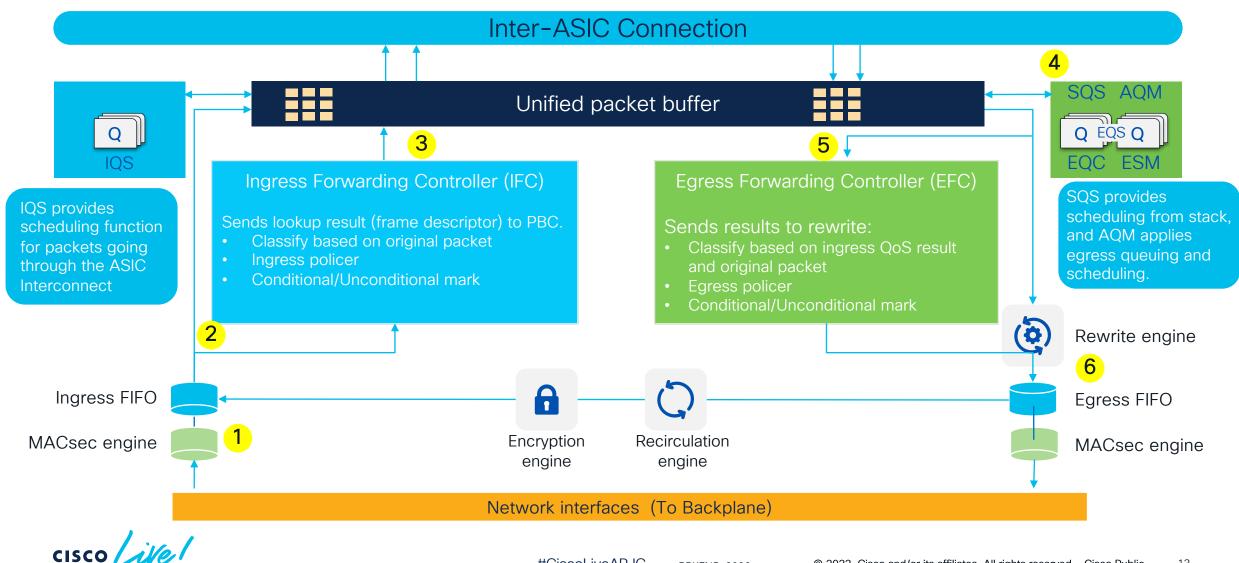
QoS Fundamental Actions in UADP



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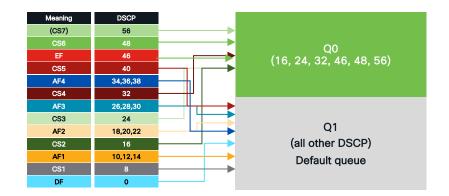
WRED: up to 4 queues with UADP 2.0x; up to 8 queues with UADP 3.0x

UADP QoS forwarding ingress and egress



UADP QoS Default

- Catalyst 9000 Switches with UADP ASICs
 - QoS enabled
 - All ports trust at layer2 and layer3
 - Two queues (neither set as priority)





Classification, Marking and Policing

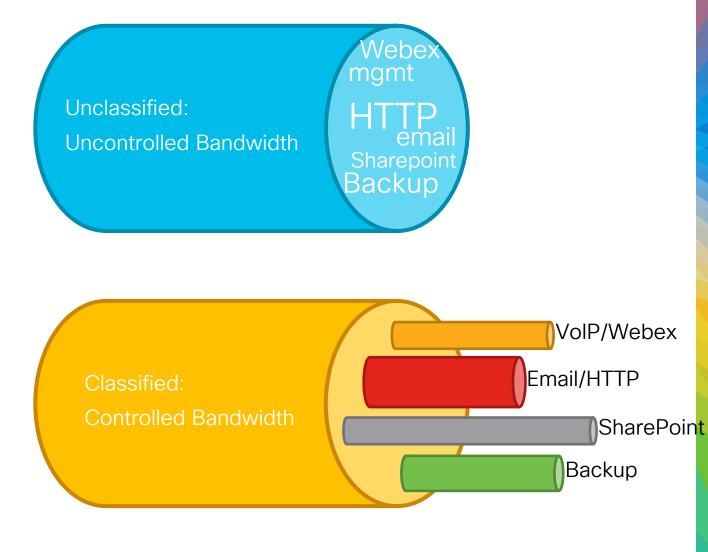
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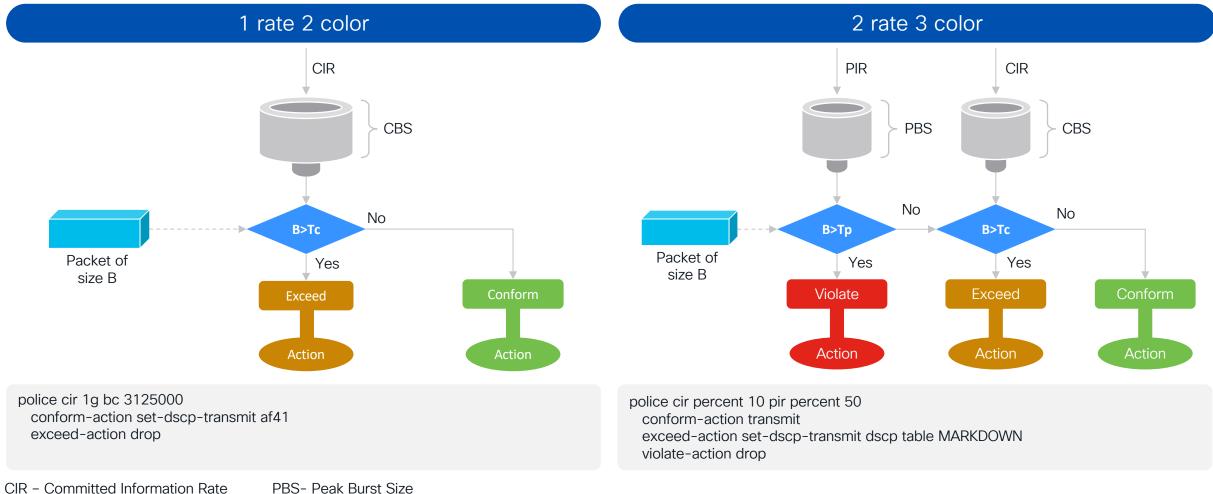
- Identify traffic
 - Access Control Lists (ACLs)
 - DSCP
 - IP precedence
 - CoS
 - QoS Group (local with the switch)
 - EXP (MPLS)
 - Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR) protocols *
 - VLANs
- Marking
 - Conditional or unconditional
 - Table map (default-class)
 - QoS group (local within switch)

* Access platforms





Policing – Limit the traffic



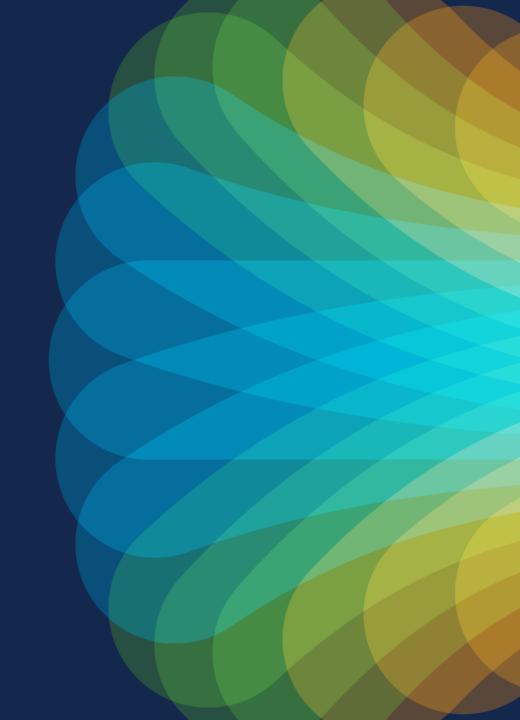
PIR – Peak Information Rate

PBS- Peak Burst Size CBS - Committed Burst Size

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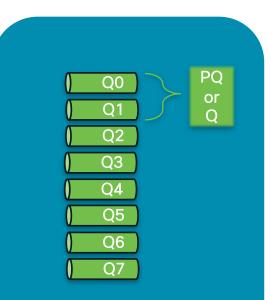
Queueing, Scheduling and Shaping





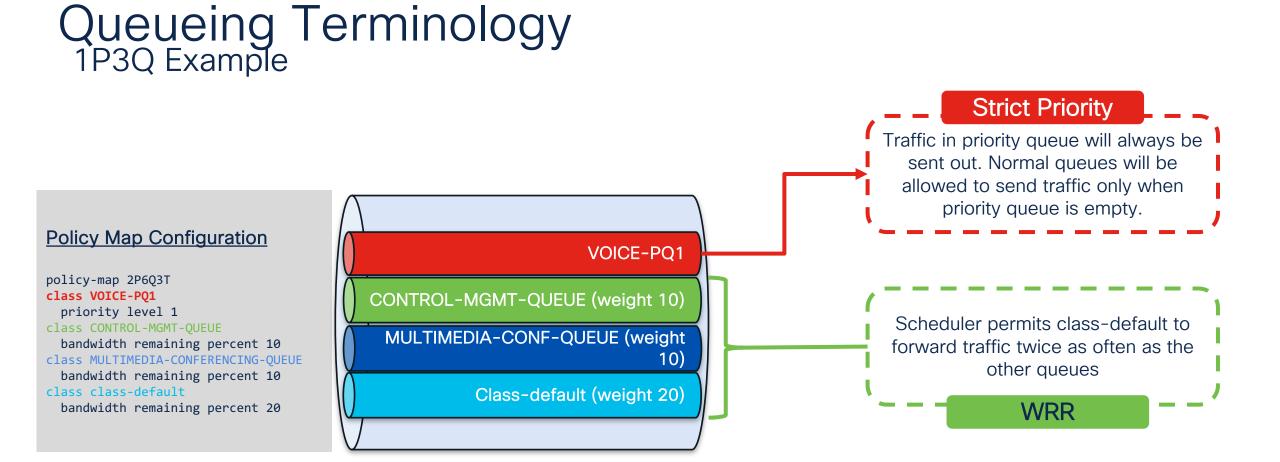
Queueing

- Separate the traffic into the queues
- Traffic in different queue can be treated differently
- Up-to 8 queues per interface, 2 of which can be priorityqueues (PQ).
- Both priority-queues are strict priority queues.
- Policer or a shaper on the priority queue will limit the traffic to the configured value regardless of the traffic level on other queues.



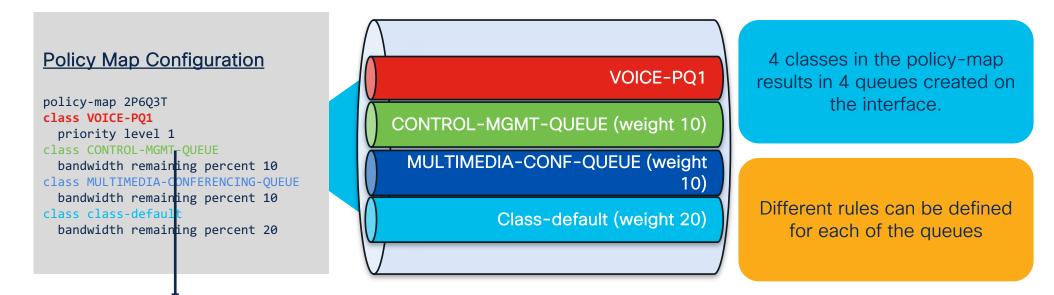
Buffer Memory







Queueing Contd.

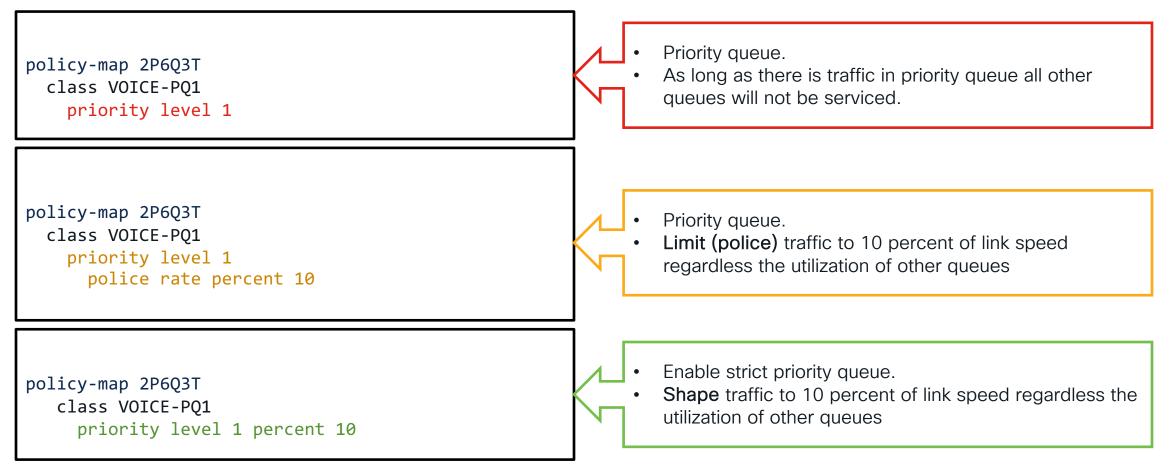


- Queueing classes must match dscp/cos/lp Prec
- Acl/VLAN matching on egress queueing is not supported
- Match Acl/VLAN on INGRESS and mark to qos-group. Match qos-group on EGRESS

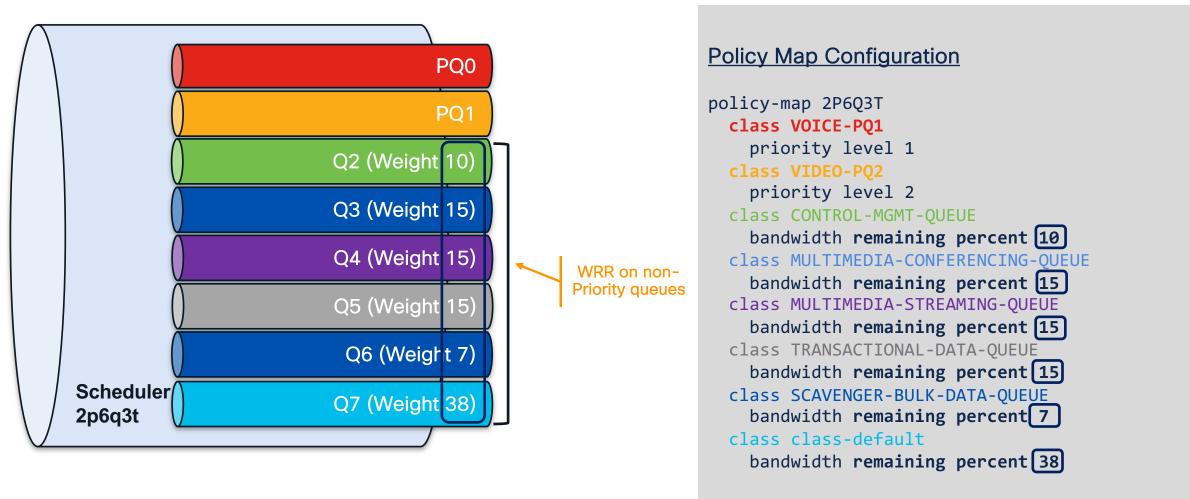
Bandwidth is shared between queues so each queue can at right conditions forward traffic at 100% of link speed



Queueing Priority queue



Scheduling - Example



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Scheduling - UADP

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$ \rangle$		PQ0
		PQ1
		Q2 (Weight 10)
		Q3 (Weight 20)
		Q4 (Weight 20)
		Q5 (Weight 20)
		Q6 (Weight 10)
	Scheduler 2p6q	Q7 (Weight 40)
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- Priority Queue is always processed first.
- Priority level 1 has absolute priority.
- Priority level 2 is processed as long as there is no traffic in priority level 1
- Normal queues are processed as long as there is no traffic in either the priority queues.
- WRR algorithm instructs the scheduler how often to allow a queue to forward traffic.
- WRR uses weights relative to weights configured on other normal queues.
- In this example, considering same packet sizes, Q2 and Q6 are allowed to forward traffic once for every two time Q3, Q4 and Q5 can forward and every 4 times Q7 can forward traffic.

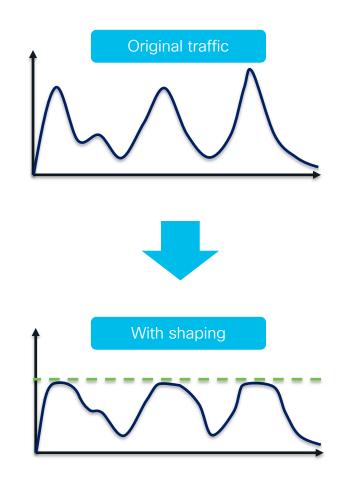


Shaping

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- Control traffic rate to the desired value with buffering.
- Usually in the egress direction

Shaping Example

policy-map Shaper
 class Transactions
 shape average percent 30

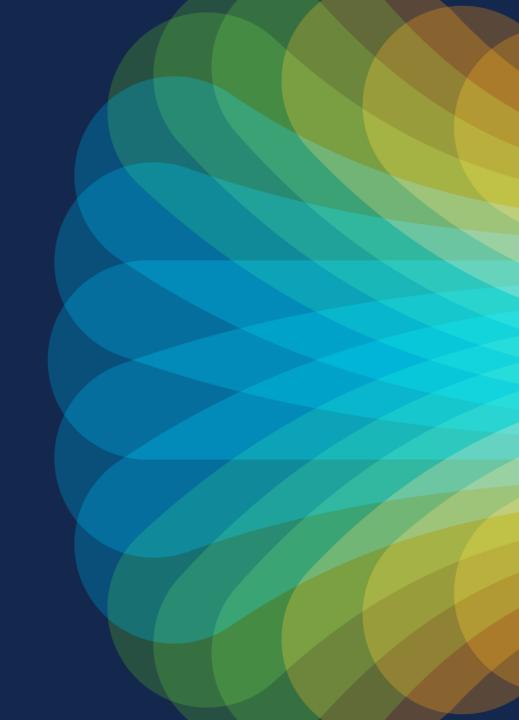


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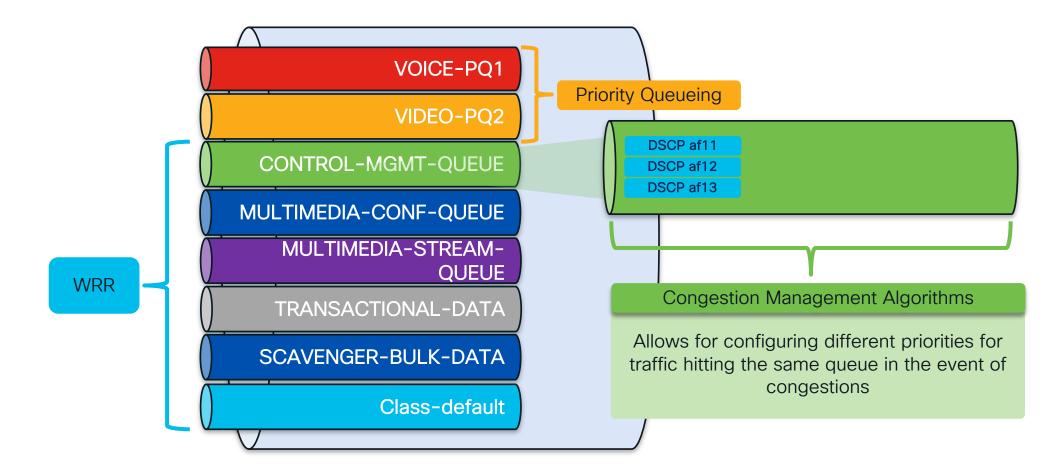
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UADP Congestion Management





Where do we need congestion management? 2P6Q3T Example



UADP - Congestion Management

Weighted Tail Drop (WTD)

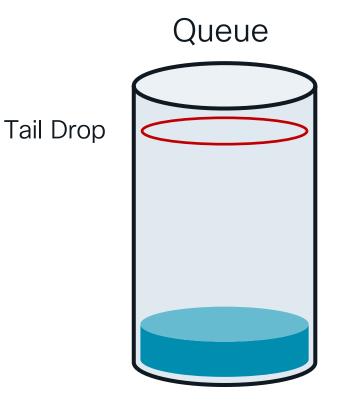
- Default
- For non-priority queues
- Up to 3 thresholds per queue, one threshold per QoS tag
- Each queue need to use same QoS tag type

Weighted Random Early Detection (WRED)

- For non-priority queues
- Up to 4 queues with UADP 2.0X and up to 8 queues with UADP 3.0X
- Up to 3 threshold pairs per queue
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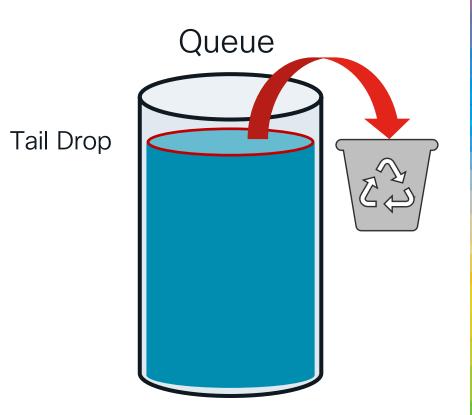
Weighted -> Multiple pair of thresholds

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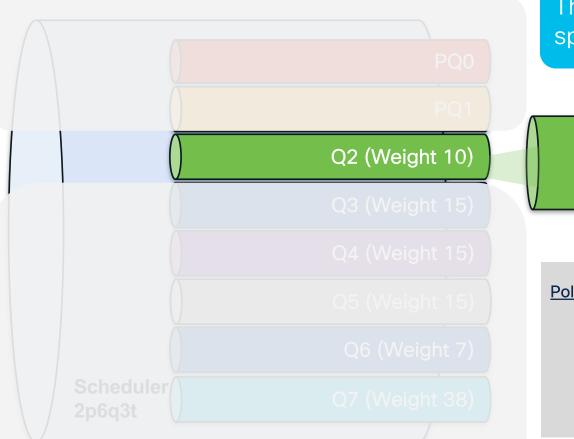
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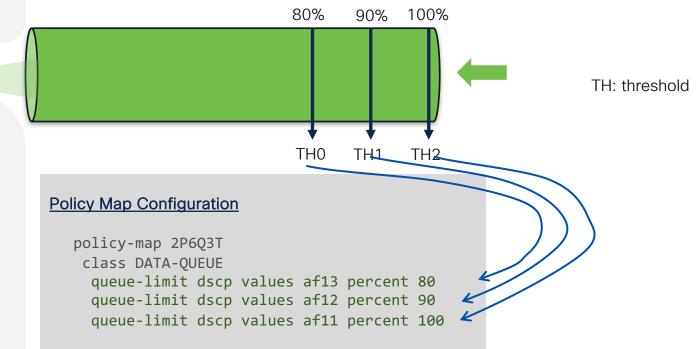


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WTD – UADP Example

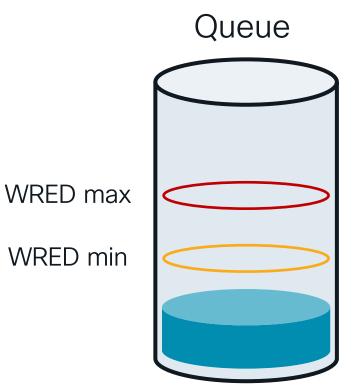


Three thresholds to conditionally drop specific traffic in the event of congestion

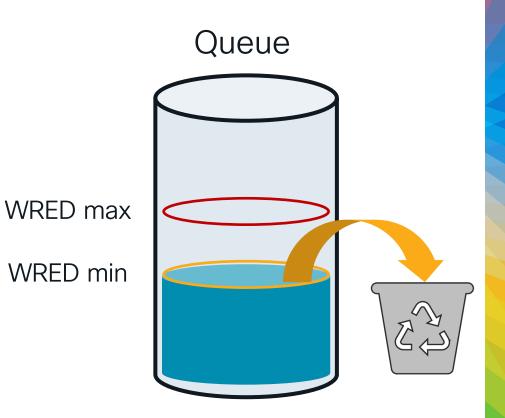




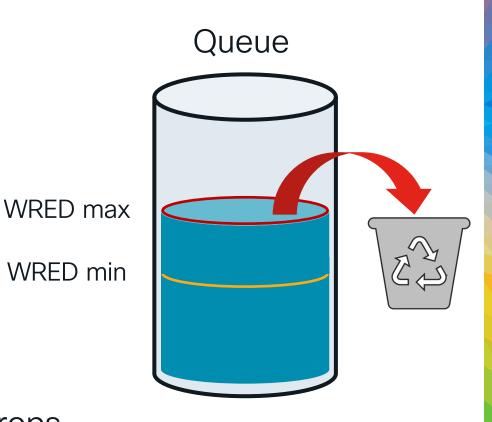
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 - Buffer usage over max threshold = all traffic drop





WRED – UADP Example





• Shown two pairs of WRED thresholds

UADP supports up to 3 pairs of thresholds

Buffers

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Buffers

- Allocation
 - Dedicated and shared: use dedicated first then shared
 - Dynamic Threshold Scale (DTS): Algorithm to managed the shared buffer

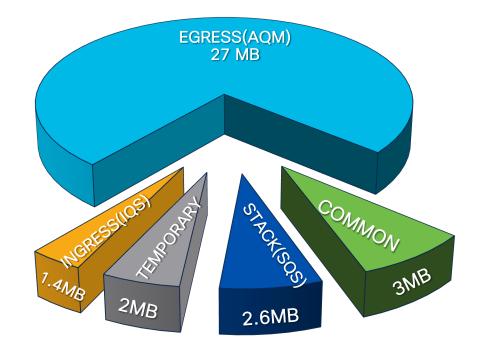
Dedicated

- Allocated to each port on boot.
- Cannot be dynamically changed/edited

Shared

- Dynamically assigned to ports for burst absorption.
- Returned to common pool when not in use.

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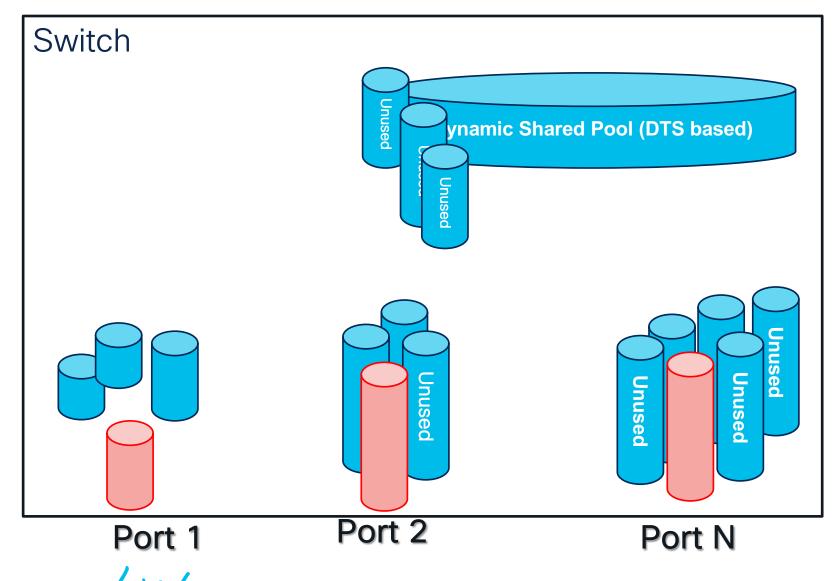




- UADP 3.0 specific
 - Buffer can be shared across two cores
 - "qos share-buffer" to enable the unified buffer

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Dynamic Threshold Scale (DTS)



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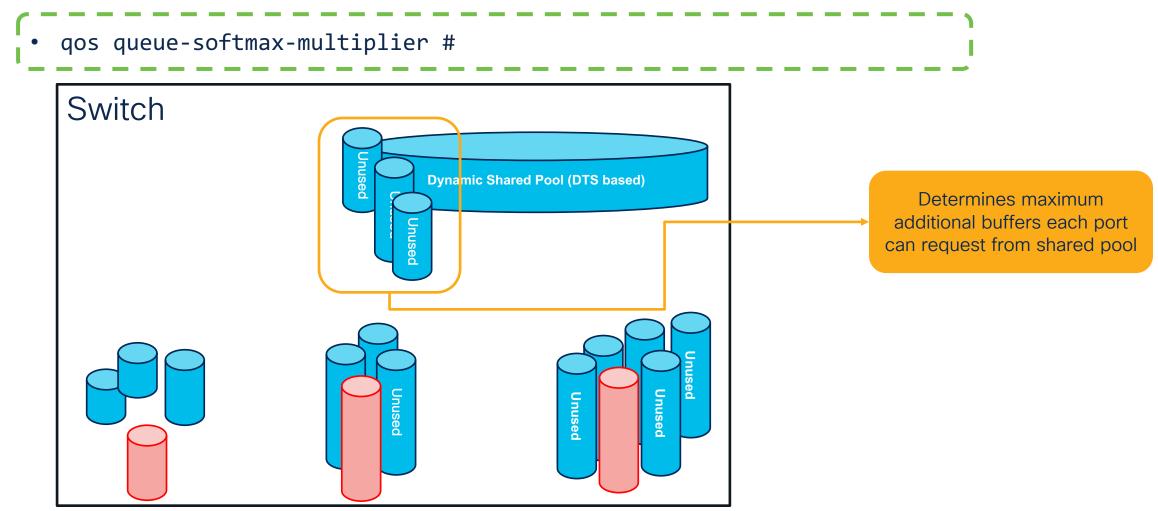
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- Shared buffer is good for burst absorption.
- Dedicated buffer is good for predicated performance for each port.
- Buffer management is flexible: Dedicated plus shared.
- Configurable dedicated threshold per port/queue
- Configurable global maximum shared threshold
- Automatically adjusted depends on the available shared pool

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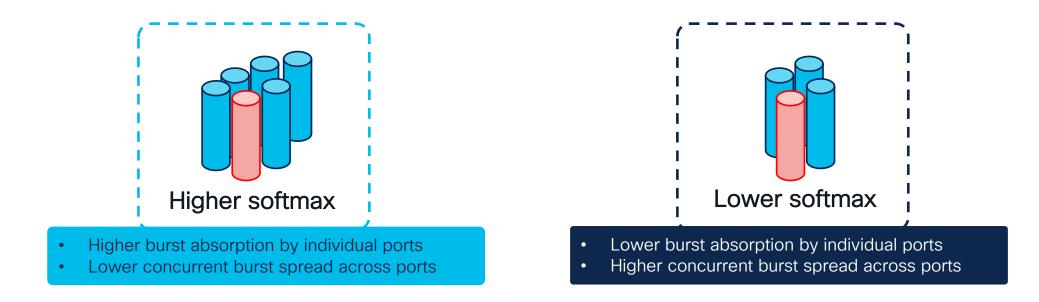
The famous softmax multiplier

What does it do?





Configuring the softmax multiplier What value to use?



UADP 2.0Max value of 1200UADP 3.0Max 1200 by default and up to 4800 with shared buffer

Unused buffers are returned to the shared pool. No impact from maxing out the softmax multiplier

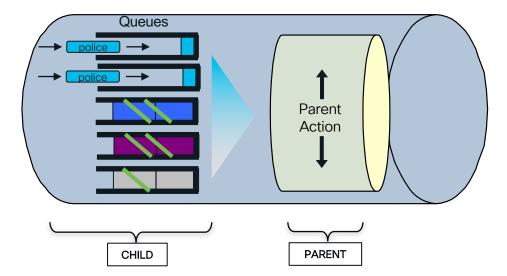
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UADP Hierarchical QoS (HQoS)

HQoS (two-level hierarchy) allows you to perform the following functions:

- Classification
- Policing
- Shaping

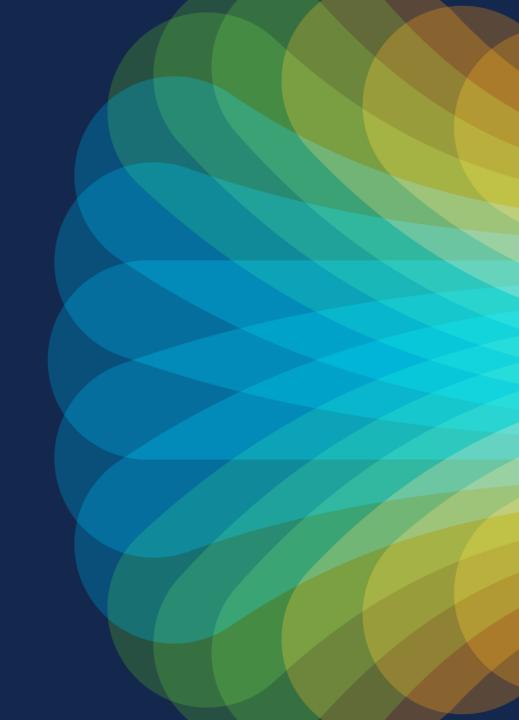


Child Policy	Parent Policy
Classification + Policing	Shaping
	Marking
Classification + Marking	Policing
	Shaping



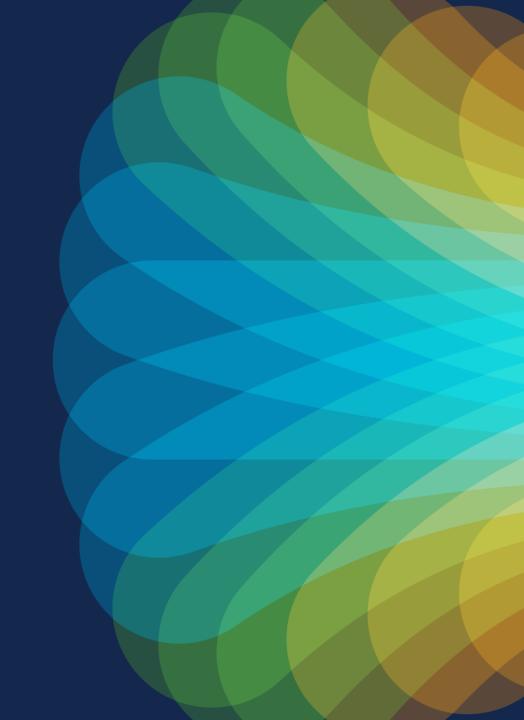
Silicon One Q200 QoS (VoQ)

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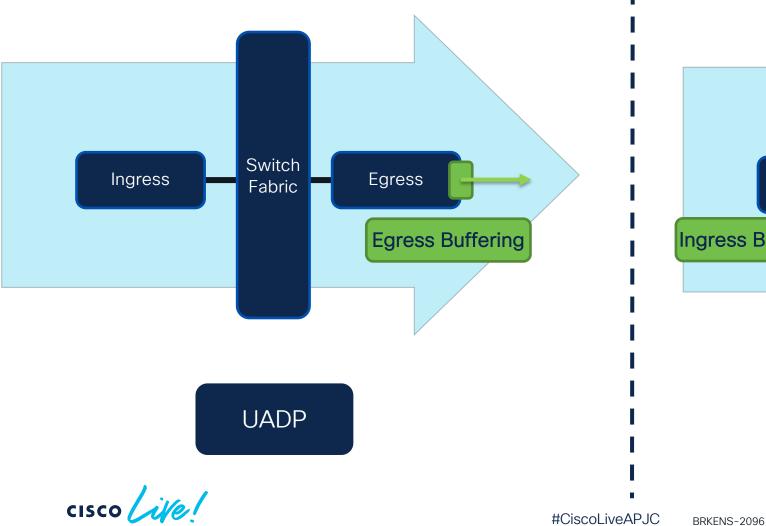


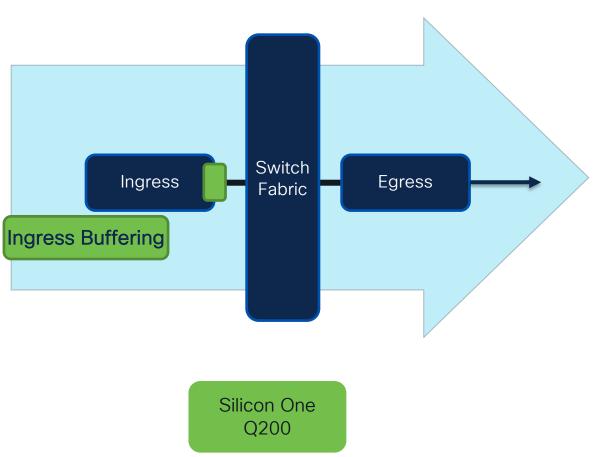
VoQ and Head of Line Blocking



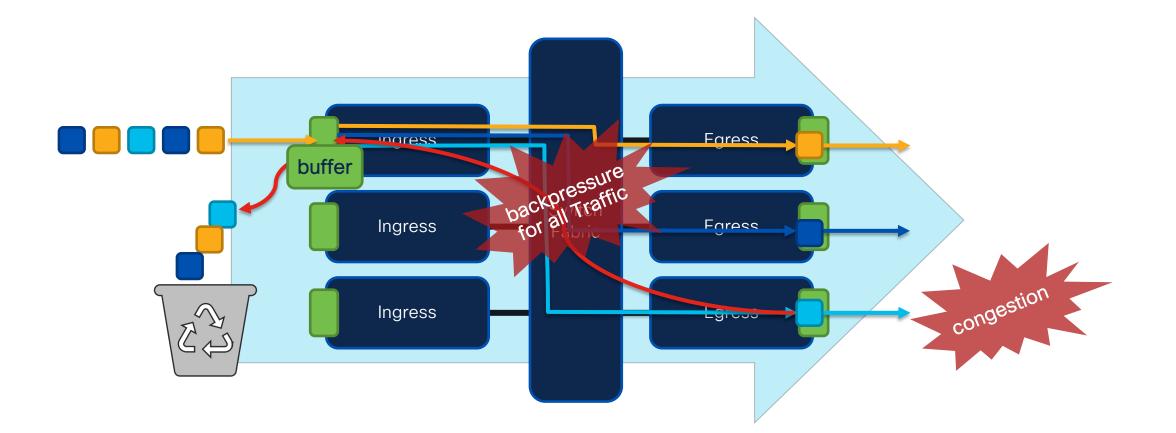


Buffer types – Silicon One vs UADP





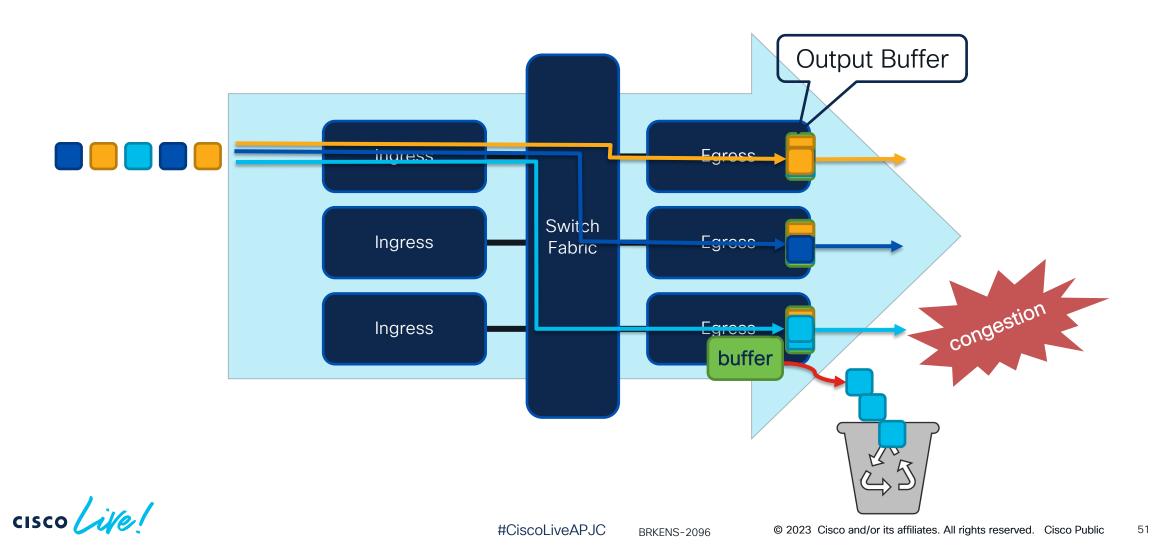
Ingress buffering – Head of Line Blocking What is the Problem?



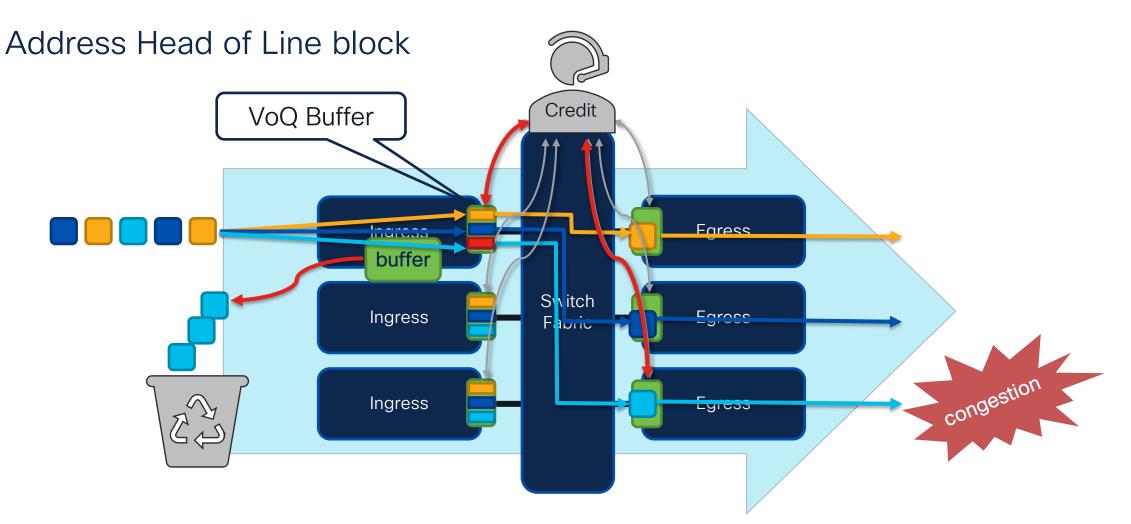


Egress buffering - UADP

No Head of Line Blocking



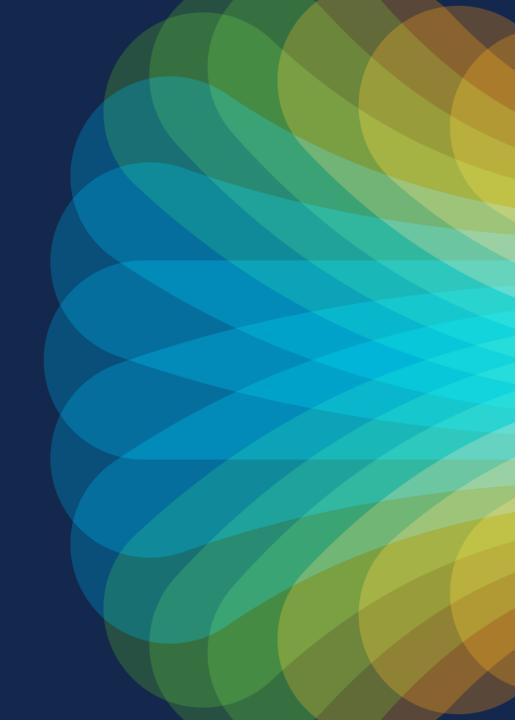
Virtual Output Queuing – Silicon One ASIC



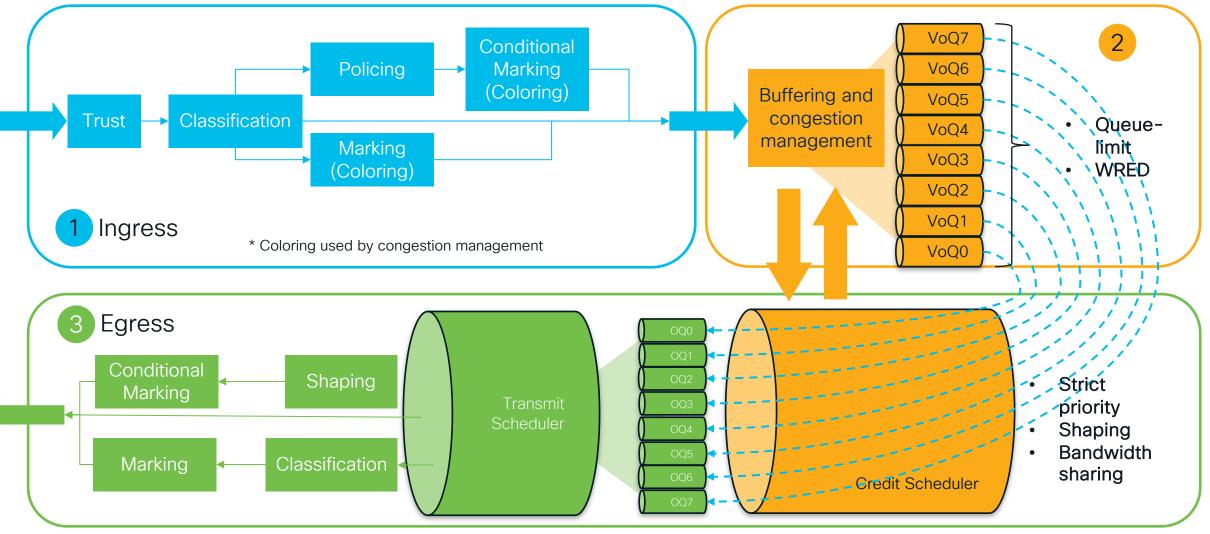


Silicon One Q200 QoS Overview



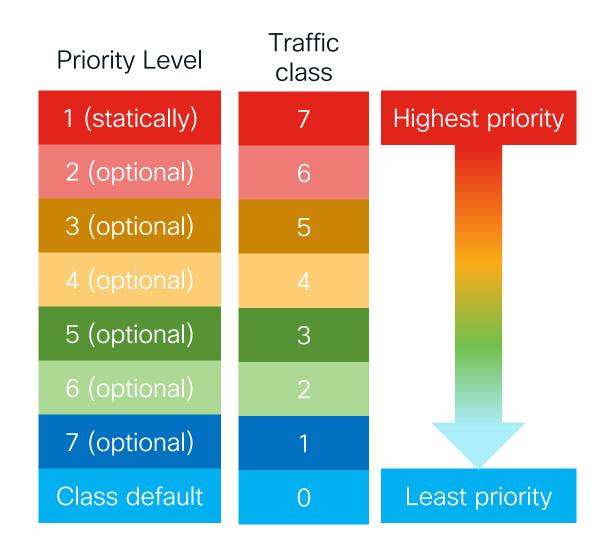


Silicon One Features Mapping



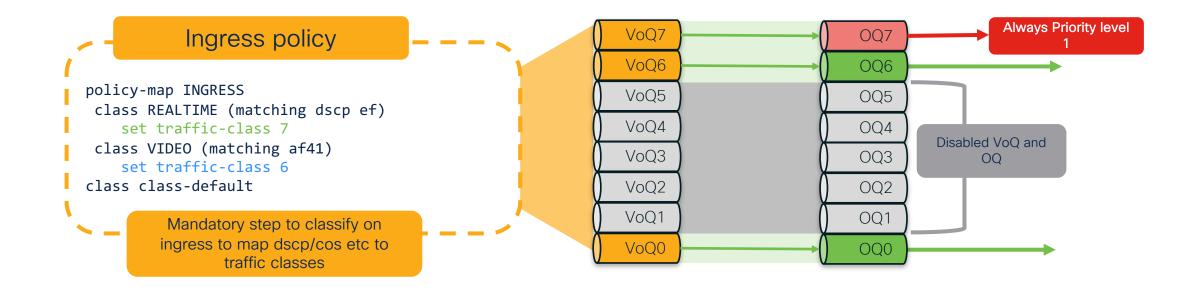
Traffic class

- S1 ASIC uses traffic classes to map traffic to different queues. "traffic-class" is local significant to the switch only
- 3-bit field => 8 values, traffic-class <0 7>
- Traffic-class 0 lowest priority (maps to classdefault); traffic-class 7 - highest priority (trafficclass 1 to 6 can be non-priority)
- Ingress policies classify packets to specific traffic classes
- Class-maps in egress queuing policy can <u>ONLY</u> match traffic-class



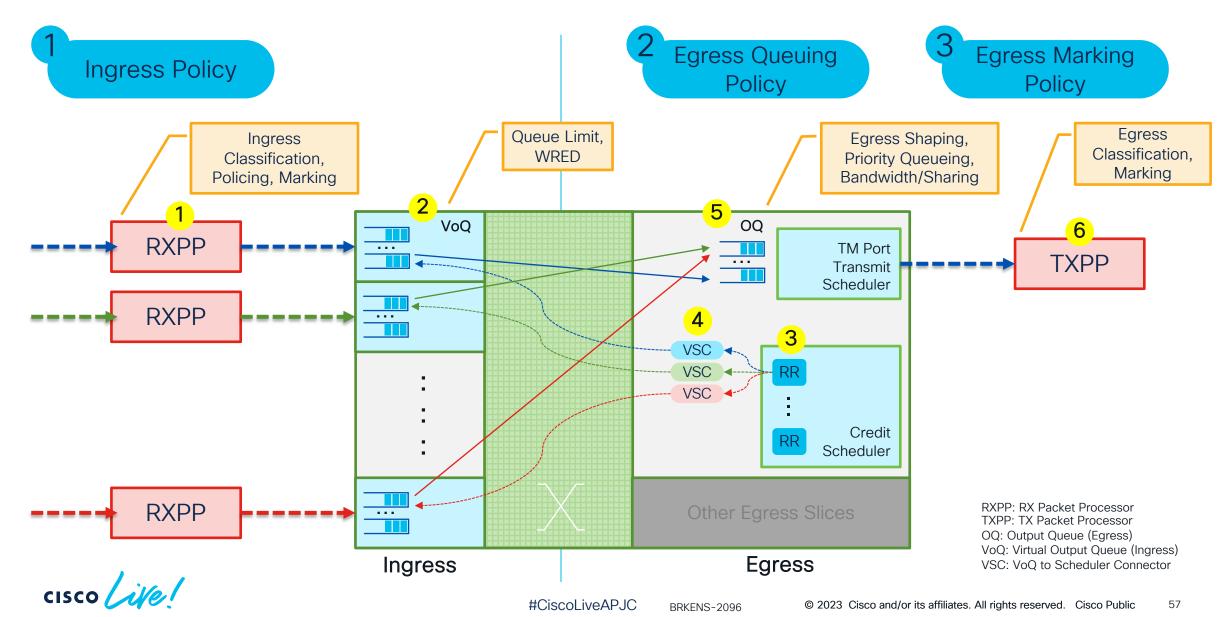


Traffic class to VoQ mapping



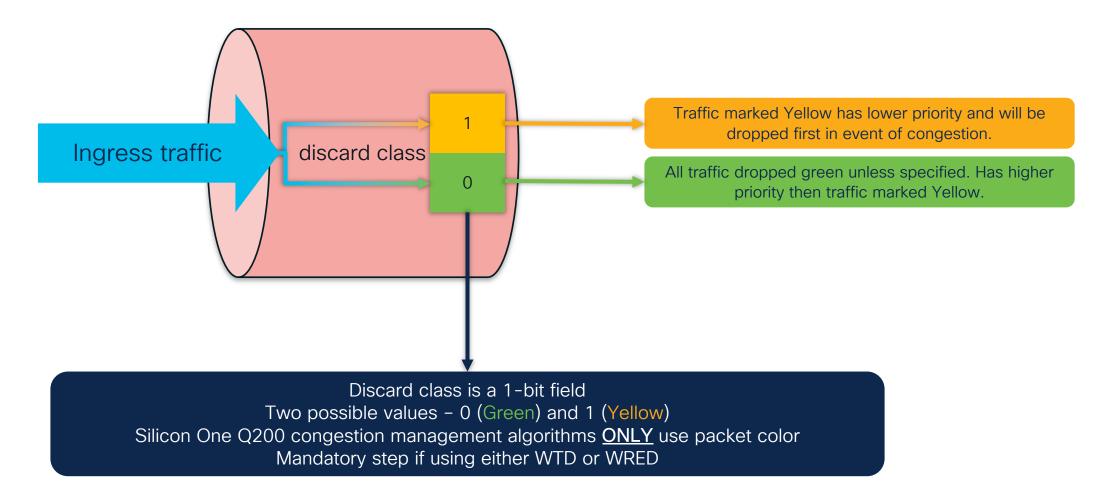
- Ingress policy determines how many VoQ are enabled.
- Each VoQ has a 1:1 mapping with corresponding OQ.
- Traffic class 7 is always a strict priority queue regardless if configured or not.

Silicon One ASIC mapping



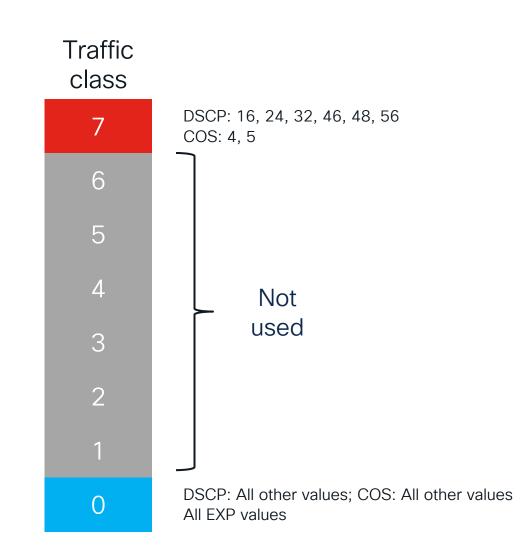
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Traffic color – discard-class



Silicon One Q200 QoS Default

- QoS enabled
- All ports trust at layer2 and layer3
- Two queues (traffic-class 7 and traffic-class 0, traffic-class 7 is priority level 1)



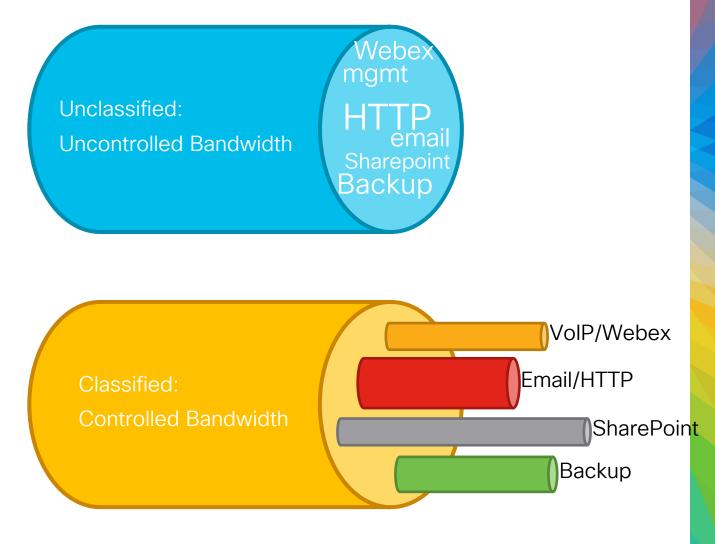


Classification, Marking and Policing

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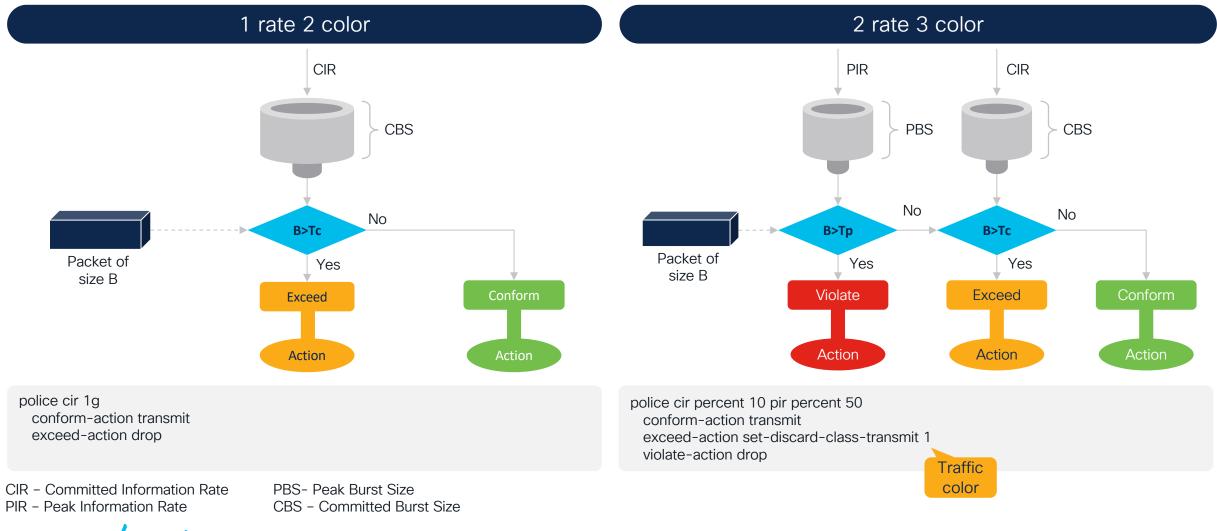
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 - Conditional or unconditional
 - Table map *
 - QoS group (local within switch)
 - Traffic-class (local within switch)
 - Traffic-color (local within switch)





* for policer markdown

Policing – Limit the traffic



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Policing and marking/coloring example

Unconditional Traffic Marking/Coloring policy-map ingress-policy class class-5-green set traffic-class 5 class class-5-yellow set traffic-class 5 set discard-class 1

Different class-map Same traffic-class

1R2C Policing: policy-map test-police-1R2C class dscp1 set traffic-class 3 police rate 10g bps conform-action transmit exceed-action drop

Conditional Traffic Marking/Coloring

policy-map ingress-policy class class-5

set traffic-class 5

police rate 5g bps peak-rate 10g bps

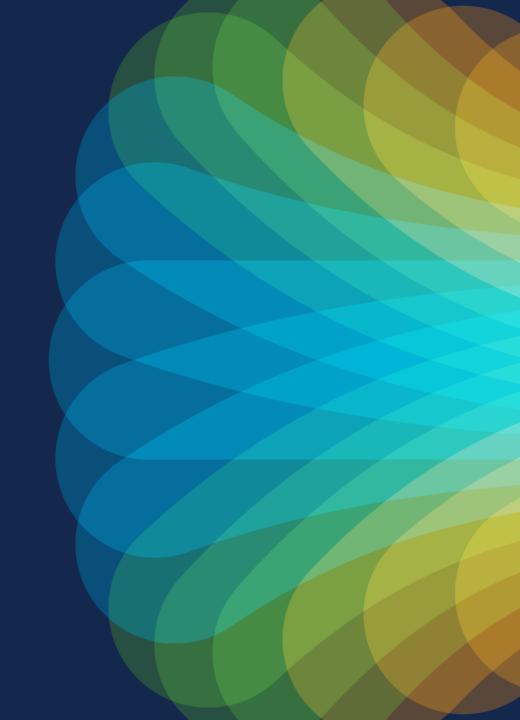
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2R3C Policing: policy-map test-police-2R3C class dscp1 set traffic-class 3 police rate 10g bps peak-rate 20g bps conform-action transmit exceed-action set-discard-class-transmit 1 violate-action drop



Queueing, Scheduling and Shaping





Queueing

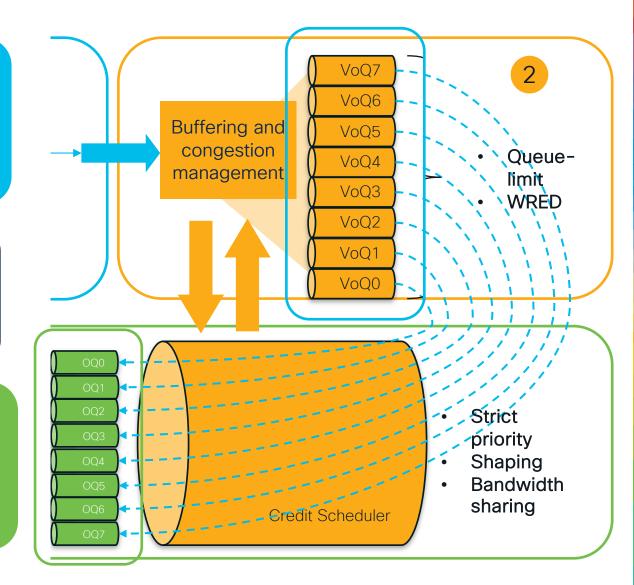
Virtual output Queue (VoQ)

- 8 VoQ on each ingress slices for each interface
- Each traffic-class maps to a VoQ (multiple traffic-classes can map to same VoQ)

• VoQ maps to output Queue.

Output Queue

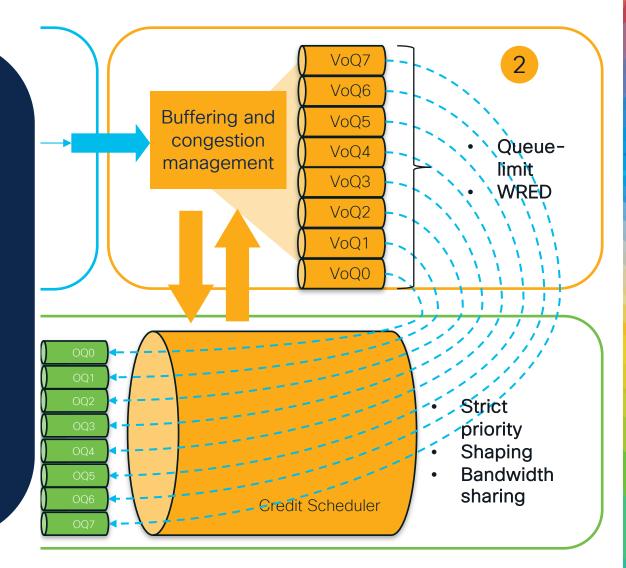
- 8 output queues (egress) for each interface
- Up to 7 strict priorities (level 1 highest)
- Traffic-class 7 is always priority level 1, priority level is optional for other traffic-classes



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Scheduling

- Packet schedule from VoQ to OQ based on a credit scheduling system
- Packets are buffered at ingress (VoQ)
- Different type of queues are served differently
 - Strict priority queues
 - Always serviced first
 - Up to 7 PQs
 - Normal queues (without priority configured)
 - Served only after priority queues are empty
 - Use Weighted Round Robin (WRR) for scheduling





Scheduling - Example

class-map match-any tc-7
match traffic-class 7
class-map match-any tc-6
match traffic-class 6

class-map match-any tc-1
 match traffic-class 1

policy-map egress-policy class tc-7 priority-level 1 class tc-6 Priority-level 2 class tc-5 bandwidth remaining ratio 1 class t-4 bandwidth remaining ratio 1 class tc-3 bandwidth remaining ratio 1 class tc-2 bandwidth remaining ratio 1 class tc-1 bandwidth remaining ratio 1 class class-default bandwidth remaining ratio 4

Map traffic to the queues

Two priority queues here

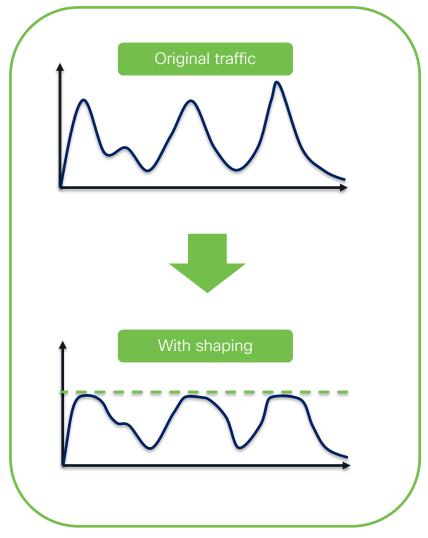
• Level 1 has the absolutely priority over level 2

- Use "bandwidth remaining ratio" to assign weight
- This example gives a higher weight to classdefault and same weight to rest of the queues
- Served round robin around 6 queues if there isn't any traffic on the two PQs

Shaping

- Smooth out traffic peaks, microburst, with preserving traffic
- Control traffic rate to the desired value with buffering.
- Usually in the egress direction
- Can be applied on all classes, regardless of priority level.

```
Shaping Example:
policy-map type queueing egress-queueing
class tc7
    priority level 1
    shape average 1g
    class tc6
    priority level 2
    shape average 5g
...
    class class-default
    shape average 5g
```



Egress Marking



Egress Marking

- Used to change packet tags of packets egressing the switch.
- A separate policy-map apart from the queueing policy-map.
- If both queueing and marking egress policy-maps are applied, marking happens after queueing actions.
- ACL matching in egress is no supported.

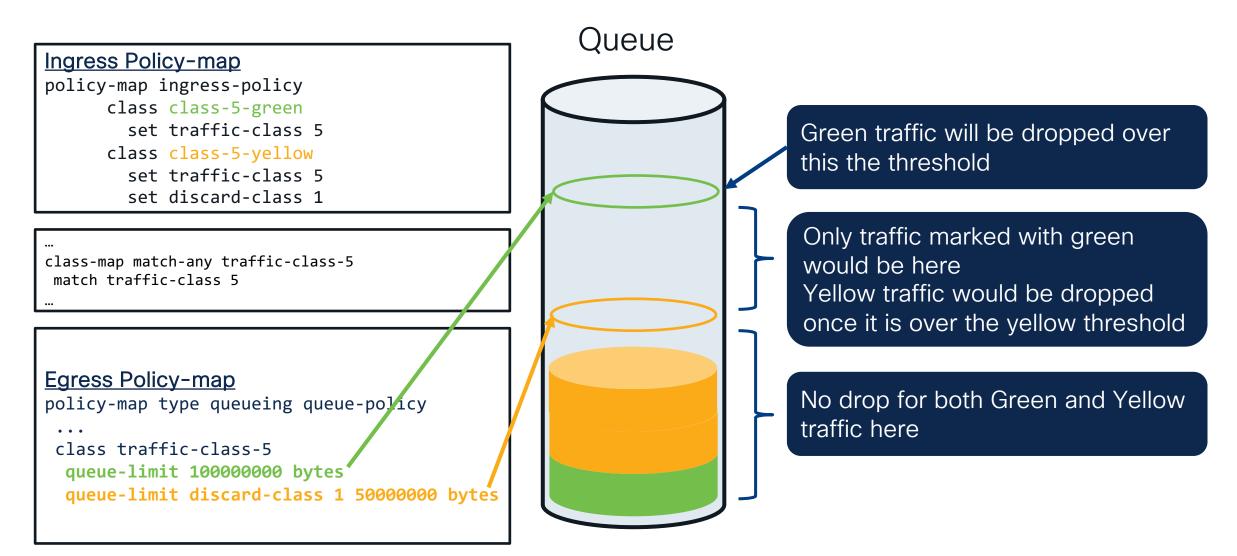
```
class-map match-any dscp-af41
match dscp af41
!
policy-map egress-map
class dscp-af41
set dscp af31
!
interface interface <#>
service-policy output egress-map
```

Silicon One Q200 Congestion Management

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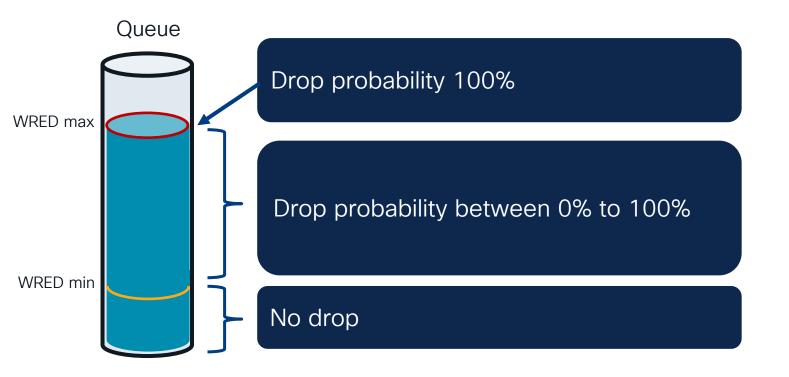


Weighted Tail Drop (WTD)



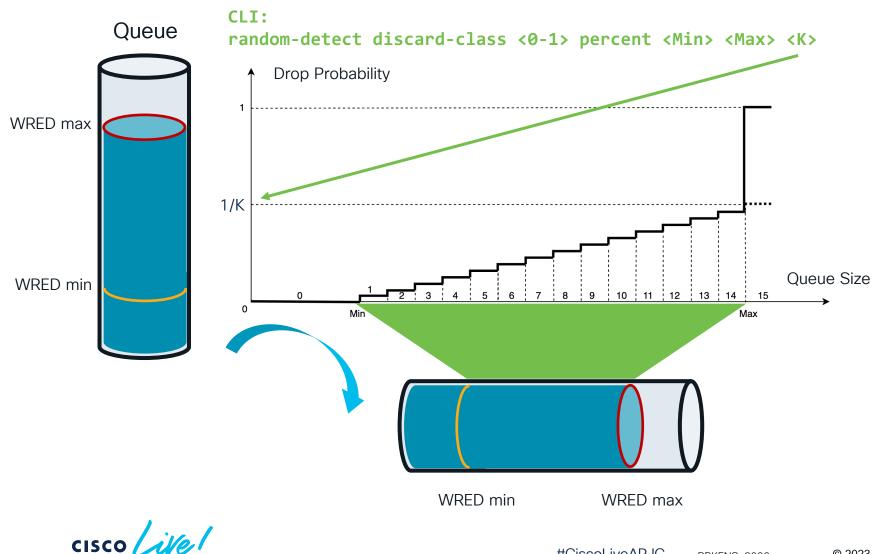


Weighted Random Early Drop (WRED)





WRED – Drop probability



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- Drop probability increases as the queue utilization increases
- Silicon One ASIC provides 16 regions (drop probabilities)
- Silicon One ASIC provides a knob to influence the drop probability

WRED – Example

Ingress Policy-map policy-map ingress-policy

```
class class-5-green
set traffic-class 5
class class-5-yellow
set traffic-class 5
set discard-class 1
```

class-map

```
class tc5
match traffic-class 5
```

Egress Policy-map

```
policy-map type queueing queue-policy
```

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```
class tc5
```

```
random-detect discard-class-based
random-detect discard-class 0 percent 80 90 5
random-detect discard-class 1 percent 40 70 2
```

Ingress policy with marking/coloring of packets

Map the ingress class to one of the trafficclass

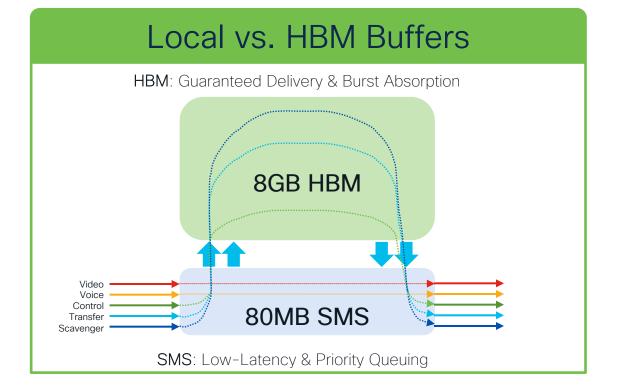
- Green traffic has higher Min and Max threshold comparing to yellow traffic
- Green traffic also has higher forwarding probability (lower drop probability) comparing to yellow traffic

Buffers

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Silicon One Buffers

- Two different buffers to address two different requirements.
 - 80 MB of Shared Memory Sub-system (SMS) buffers:
 - Low latency packet queueing (video/voice packets)
 - Shallow specialized pool of buffers for quick queueing.
 - 8 GB of High Bandwidth Memory (HBM) buffers:
 - Deep pool of on-demand buffers for guaranteed delivery.
 - Reserve to absorb occasional bursts or address speed over-subscription between ingress and egress.



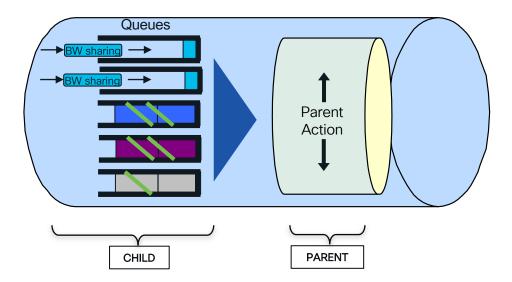
- Packet will always hit the SMS buffers first.
- SMS send the packet to HBM if additional buffers are needed.
- HBM <u>CANNOT</u> send the packet to the output queue, it has to be sent to the SMS again to be sent to the egress.

HQoS

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Silicon One Hierarchical QoS (HQoS)

HQoS (two-level hierarchy) allows a parent and child policies on an interface for greater granularity. The Cisco Silicon One supports shaping as parent action.

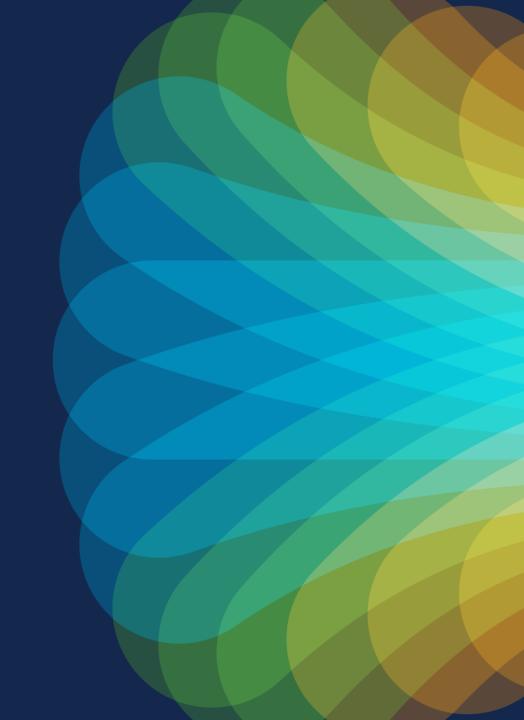


Child Action	Parent Action
Bandwidth sharing + Priority	Shaping



Silicon One vs UADP QoS





QoS tools on UADP and Silicon One ASICs 1/2

Features	UADP ASIC	Silicon One ASIC (Q200)
Trust	Trust all ports by default	Trust all ports by default
Classification	Based on Packet header and ACL for both ingress and egress	Based on packet header and ACL for ingress Based on packet header for egress
Marking	Header, Table-map, QoS-Group for ingress Header and table-map for egress	Header, Table-map, QoS-group, traffic- class, discard-class for ingress Header and table-map for egress
Policing	Both ingress and egress	Ingress only

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QoS tools on UADP and Silicon One ASICs 2/2

Features	UADP ASIC	Silicon One ASIC (Q200)
Queueing	Based on header or QoS group Bandwidth and Bandwidth remaining	Based on traffic-class Bandwidth remaining
Buffering	Dedicated and shared buffer with DTS	SMS: Low-latency & priority queueing HBM: Guaranteed Delivery & Burst Absorption
Shaping	Egress	Egress
Congestion Management	WTD: three thresholds per class WRED: three thresholds' pairs per class	WTD: two threshold per class WRED: two thresholds' pairs per class

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QoS Config Migrations



Config Migration steps

Define the problem/behavior addressed with QoS.

Simply copy-pasting existing configs between platform families will always throw errors due to differences in syntax and supported actions between platforms.

2 How many times do you want to split your traffic – Upto 8 queues possible with our ASIC

Its often not as much as you think you need. Broad generalized splits often are more efficient than granular splits

Do you want multiple strict priority classes?

Know what strict means. All traffic coming into it will be serviced at the expense of other classes.

4 Define traffic shaping/policing or sharing between queues.

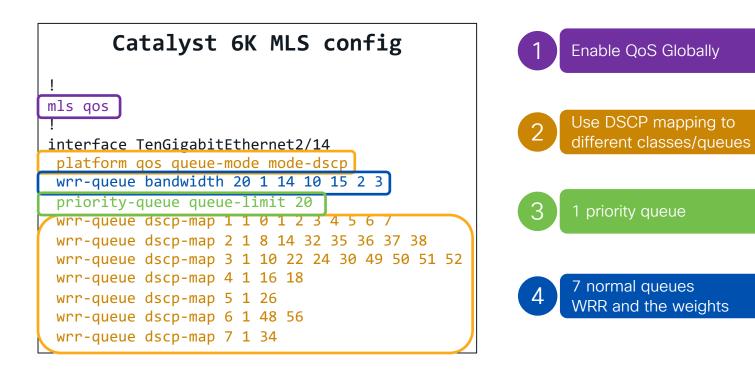
Police/shape priority queues. Use weights to control bandwidth sharing with remaining queues



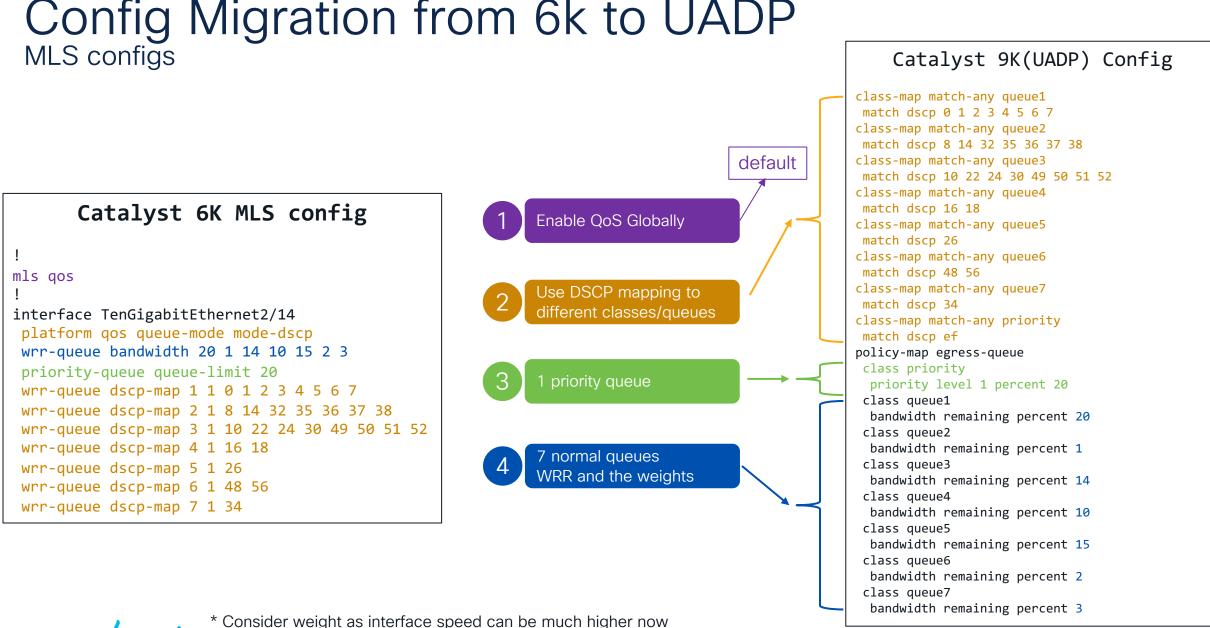
Do you want differential priority for packets within same class? - Use WTD or WRED

Advanced configuration options, not required for most use cases.

Config Migration from 6k to UADP

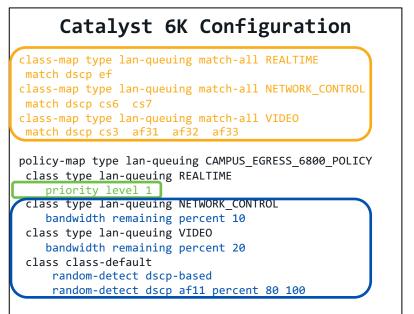






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Config Migration from 6k to UADP



Interface gig1/0/1
service-policy type lan-queueing output
CAMPUS_EGRESS_6800_POLICY



1 priority queue

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3 normal queues WRR on non-default queue WRED for class-deault



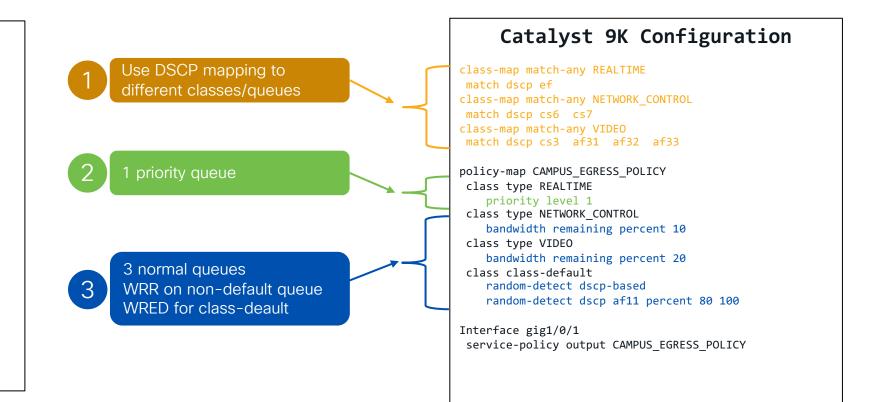
Config Migration from 6k to UADP

Catalyst 6K Configuration

class-map type lan-queuing match-all REALTIME
match dscp ef
class-map type lan-queuing match-all NETWORK_CONTROL
match dscp cs6 cs7
class-map type lan-queuing match-all VIDEO
match dscp cs3 af31 af32 af33

policy-map type lan-queuing CAMPUS_EGRESS_6800_POLICY
class type lan-queuing REALTIME
 priority level 1
class type lan-queuing NETWORK_CONTROL
 bandwidth remaining percent 10
class type lan-queuing VIDE0
 bandwidth remaining percent 20
class class-default
 random-detect dscp-based
 random-detect dscp af11 percent 80 100

Interface gig1/0/1
service-policy type lan-queueing output
CAMPUS_EGRESS_6800_POLICY





Migration from Catalyst 6K to Silicon One Q200

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...
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class type lan-queuing REALTIME
    priority level 1
```

```
class type lan-queuing NETWORK_CONTROL
    bandwidth remaining percent 10
```

```
class type lan-queuing VIDEO
    bandwidth remaining percent 20
```

class class-default

```
random-detect dscp-based
random-detect dscp af11 percent 80 100
```

Classified Based on DSCP value
 4 classes (3 defined + default)

- 3. 4 queues
- 4. 1 priority queue
- 5. Scheduling is WRR with "bandwidth
- remaining"6. Congestion management is WRED with the
 - default class



Config Migration from Catalyst 6K to Silicon One D200

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class type lan-queuing REALTIME
   priority level 1
 class type lan-queuing NETWORK CONTROL
   bandwidth remaining percent 10
 class type lan-queuing VIDEO
```

```
bandwidth remaining percent 20
```

class class-default random-detect dscp-based

random-detect dscp af11 percent 80 100

- 1. Classified Based on DSCP value
- 2. 4 classes (3 defined + default)
- 3. 4 queues (traffic-class), traffic-7 is priority level 1

Apply policy on the ingress interface

Catalyst 9K(Q200) Configuration

class-map match-all REALTIME match dscp ef class-map match-all NETWORK CONTROL match dscp cs6 cs7 class-map match-all VIDEO match dscp cs3 af31 af32 af33 class-map match-all default-green match dscp af11

policy-map INGRESS class REALTIME set traffic-class 7 class NETWORK CONTROL set traffic-class 6 class VIDEO set traffic-class 5 class default-green set traffic-class 0 class class-default set discard-class 1

Note: class-default is always assigned with traffic-class 0

Config Migration from Catalyst 6K to Silicon One Q200

Map the traffic-class marking defined on the ingress



Catalyst 6K Configuration

<pre>policy-map type lan-queuing CAMPUS_EGRESS_6800_POLICY</pre>
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class class-default
random-detect dscp-based
random-detect dscp af11 percent 80 100

- 3. 1 priority queue
- 4. Scheduling is WRR with "bandwidth remaining"
- 5. Congestion management is WRED with the default class

Apply policy on the egress interface

Catalyst 9K(Q200) Configuration class-map tc7 match traffic-class 7 class-map tc6 match traffic-class 6 class-map tc5 match traffic-class 5 policy-map type queuing EGRESS class tc7 priority level 1 class tc6 bandwidth remaining ratio 1 class tc5 bandwidth remaining ratio 2 class class-default random-detect discard-class-based random-detect discard-class 0 percent 80 100 random-detect discard-class 1 percent 40 100

Note: C6K WRED default min is 40, max is 100.

Summary



Do we need QoS?

User Experience

Guaranteeing voice quality

Bandwidth Savvy Business Applications protect network infrastructure to deal with abnormal events

Video Quality

de-prioritizing nonbusiness applications protecting the control planes

QoS helps define the latency priority for your traffic packets



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