Signature-based network traffic shaping

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Abstract

This research aims to study signature-based network traffic shaping systems, to manage the bandwidth of network link among different packets of applications according to the priority and importance per application, and building QoS classes.

In this research, we investigate the different methods of packets classifications, string matching algorithm, regular expression, traffic shaping algorithms and techniques.

A generic model to match the application signatures was developed, and integrated with QoS. The system components implemented at Linux operating system using the open sources units and programs.

Experiments of the effects of various metrics and their overall performance have been undertaken and evaluated, and the limitations found in the study are also discussed.

Keywords: classifying packets, regular expression, application signature, deep packet inspection, shaping traffic, application layer, QoS.

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