

CMSC 417 - F99 (lect 6)

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Traffic Shaping

• Traffic tends to be bursty

- great variation between min and max bandwidth used
- this uncertainty leads to inefficient use of the network

Flow Specification

- user proposes a specific probability distribution
 - maximum packet size
 - transmission rate (min, max, or mean)
 - maximum delay
 - maximum delay variation (jitter)
 - quality guarantee (how strong is this agreement)
- network can
 - agree to request
 - refuse it
 - counter offer

Leaky Bucket

- buffer accepts traffic at link rate
 - buffer has a bounded size (limits burst size that is accepted)
- output is limited to a lower rate
 - traffic is constrained to this rate



Token Bucket

- Bucket hold tokens (generated one every T seconds)
- Can save up to a fixed limit of n tokens
- When traffic arrives, it must a have token to be sent



• Max burst rate

- C capacity of bucket
- S burst length in seconds
- M max output rate
- p token credit rate

$$C + pS = MS$$

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