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### 1 OVERVIEW

Apposite Technologies would like to thank you for purchasing the Apposite Technologies TrafficEngine. This User's Guide is intended to describe the proper installation, configuration, and operation of this product. Please reference the *Quick Start Guide* and *Hardware Guide* for additional information. The Quick Start Guide may be used to facilitate initial configuration, and the Hardware Guide to outline the specific hardware components for each model.

#### 1.1 TrafficEngine Configuration

The Netropy Traffic Generator must be configured through the browser-based Graphical User Interface (GUI) or using the CLI. The recommended browser is Google Chrome using HTTP or HTTPS.

#### 1.2 TrafficEngine Operation

The configuration and use of the TrafficEngine requires the following configuration steps accessed using the system's GUI:

#### 1. Open the GUI

Connect to the Netropy Traffic Generator using the default IP/Hostname assigned. Login using your user account credentials.

#### 2. Reserve Ports

Reserve the specified quantity of ports you will need for your test.

#### 3. Create Test Bed

Name and select TrafficEngine to configure a new test bed.

#### 4. Configure Ports

Configure the Line Rate, Bandwidth Utilization, Mode, and Port Mapping for each port.

#### 5. Configure Hosts

Assign Mac Addresses, IP Addresses, and hosts to the ports created in the previous step, step 4.

#### 6. Configure Streams

Add streams to the test and configure stream settings.

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#### 7. Configure the Traffic

Configure the hosts, clients, and traffic settings.

#### 8. Summary

Verify the testbed configuration.

#### 9. Start the Test

Click the "Start Test" button to begin capturing data on the test bed.

#### 10. Evaluate results and logs

View the graphs and statistics to analyze and evaluate the test results. Download any logs and reports.

#### 11. Adjust configuration

Alter the configuration after the initial test. This can be conducted in an effort to analyze various different configurations. All previous configuration steps from 4 to 7 can be adjusted on the same test bed.

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## 2 Installation and Set-Up

To configure and operate the Netropy Traffic Generator TrafficEngine through its browser-based GUI, the dedicated Ethernet management port must first be configured with an appropriate IP address and subnet mask. For convenience, the MGMT interface comes pre-configured with an IP address of 10.0.0.10 and is accessible from a directly connected host on the 10.0.0.0/255.0.0.0 subnet. The IP address and subnet mask of the MGMT interface can be changed through the Netropy Traffic Generator GUI by an account with administrator privileges or by using the CLI.

#### 2.1 Preparation

Management of the Netropy Traffic Generator device through the GUI requires a PC running an up-to-date web browser.

Initial configuration of the management interface requires:

▶ a PC running a supported web browser that can be configured and placed on the 10.0.0.0/255.0.0.0 network.

#### 2.2 Hardware Installation

The Netropy Traffic Generator appliance is designed for installation in a standard 19" rack. Refer to the *Hardware Guide* for your specific model for rack-mount installation instructions.

Plug either one or two standard power cords into the Netropy Traffic Generator, depending on your model, and turn on the power. Either a U.S. standard or a U.S. Y-power cable will be supplied with each unit. The system will be available for use within 1-4 minutes.

#### 2.3 IP Address Configuration via the Netropy Traffic Generator GUI

To configure the MGMT interface using the Netropy Traffic Generator GUI:

- Onfigure a PC running a supported web browser with the IP address 10.0.0.2 or another address on the 10.0.0.0/255.0.0.0 subnet.
- 2 Connect an Ethernet cable between the PC and the MGMT port on the front of the Netropy

Traffic Generator.

- Open the browser on the PC and enter http://10.0.0.10 in the address bar.
- 4 Review the End User License Agreement. The Netropy Traffic Generator GUI will be displayed once the License Agreement is accepted.
- **5** Log in using the username "admin" and password "admin" to access the administrator portal.
- 6 Click on IP management in the top right corner and select change IP. Enter your network settings and select "Apply" to change these settings.
- After the management interface has been configured, use the Ethernet cable to connect the MGMT port of the Netropy Traffic Generator to the management network.

#### 2.4 IP Address Configuration via the Serial Console

- Using the provided RJ45 to DB9 cable, connect the serial port of a PC running terminal emulation software to the CONSOLE port of the Netropy. Set the serial port parameters to 9600 baud, 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop bit, and disable flow control. For more details on connecting to the serial console, see the Hardware Guide for your specific model.
- 2 Press [ENTER] to display a login prompt. At the prompt, log in as "admin", password is "admin".

```
ntq login: admin
```

3 Use the following commands to set the IP address, netmask, and default gateway of the Netropy management interface:

```
[ntg]> mgmt set gw <default-gateway>
```

[ntg]> mgmt set addr <ip-address> netmask <mask>

IP addresses and subnet masks are entered in dotted-decimal format. For example:

```
[ntg]> mgmt set addr 192.168.1.1 netmask 255.255.255.0
```

- Once the management interface has been configured, use an Ethernet cable to connect the MGMT port of the Netropy to the management network. Open a browser and enter the IP address of the MGMT interface in the address bar. The Netropy End User License Agreement will be displayed.
- Review the License Agreement. The Netropy GUI will be displayed once the License Agreement is accepted.
- 6 Log in using username "admin" password "admin".

### 3 CONFIGURATION

To enable efficient configuration of the Netropy TrafficEngine system, it is best to develop a fundamental understanding of some basic concepts and terminology.

#### 3.1 Ports

A port is a physical connection from one device or host to another. Ports can be configured to adjust bandwidth, line rate, mapping, and mode. These factors will alter the rates and manner through which traffic is transmitted over a link.

Refer to Section 4 and 6 for additional information on how to configure ports.

#### 3.2 Hosts

Netropy Traffic Generator TrafficEngine uses virtual clients and servers to simulate devices on a network.

Refer to Section 7 for additional information on how to configure hosts.

#### 3.3 Streams

Streams are blocks of data sent by an application to a port via a specific protocol.

Refer to Section 8 for additional information on how to configure streams.

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### 4 PORTS

#### 4.1 Ports Overview

Ports can either be set into reserve or release status. By releasing the port, you release ownership of the port, allowing it to be accessed by other users. By reserving the port, the port is retained and can be used in a new test bed.

Note: Reserving a port will not allow any other users to manage and use this same port.

These options can be enabled by clicking the switch in the Ports section of the Home page.

To configure a test bed, the necessary ports must be selected and reserved.

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Figure 1: Reserve/Release Ports

#### 4.2 Port Reset

To reset the ports, login using admin credentials and select the Ports tab.

The Ports tab displays the status of ports and allows the administrator to manually release ports as needed. This will override any port releases and reservations made by other user accounts.

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Figure 2: Port Reset

To release a port, click on the associated "Release Port X" button. As demonstrated in the figure below, this button will open a pop-up that displays the IP Address, status, speed, MAC address, and details on whether the port is reserved. By clicking "Release" the port will be released.

Refer to Section 14 for more information on Admin settings.

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### 5 TEST BEDS

#### 5.1 Test Beds Overview

A test bed is a platform used to configure and develop a simulated system. The test bed can be configured to emulate the specific hosts, data streams, and settings needed to accurately reflect the requirements of your system.

#### 5.2 Configuring Test Beds

To create a test bed, select the "Create Testbed" button underneath the Port section. Select "TrafficEngine" from the menu and name the test. After naming and selecting the proper menu option, double click to add the new bed to your test environment.

The "Test Name:" field is limited to 15 characters.

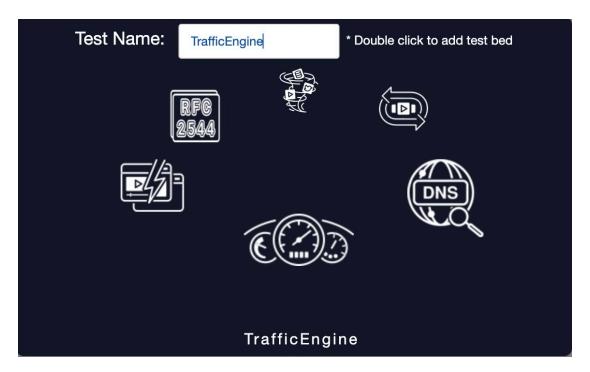


Figure 3: Naming Test Bed

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After roughly 60 seconds, the new test bed should appear in the Test Bed section of the home page. Select "Configure" to begin configuring the new test. This operation will redirect you to the five-step configuration menu, starting with Drop Application Tracks.



Figure 4: Configuring Test Bed

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## 6 TEST BED: PORT RESERVATION

#### 6.1 Port Reservation Overview

The Port Reservation menu allows you to add ports to the test bed, set up multi-site configuration, and review the current active ports, their MAC Address, Auto-Negotiated Speed, Bandwidth Utilization, Configured Line Rate, Metric/Unit Mode, Mode, Port Mapping, and Port Status.



Figure 5: Port Reservation Overview

#### 6.2 Adding Ports

To add a Port to a test bed, select the "Add to Test" button on the right side of the Ports Configuration Tab. Selecting this button will automatically add the port to the test and be confirmed with a pop-up that the port has been added.

Add all ports that will be needed to develop your test environment.



Figure 6: Add Port to Test

#### 6.3 Auto-Negotiated Speed

By default, the Auto-Negotiated Speed is set to 10. Currently, this value cannot be altered.



Figure 7: Auto-Negotiated Speed

#### 6.4 Changing Bandwidth Utilization

Bandwidth is defined as the amount of traffic that can be transmitted over the port. By default, the bandwidth utilization is set to 100%.

To adjust this number, click the gear icon underneath the Bandwidth Utilization menu. This will open a pop-up menu that allows you to enter a custom value from 0 to 100. This value will be updated automatically upon selecting the "Update" button.

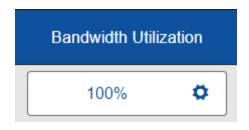


Figure 8: Bandwidth Utilization

#### 6.5 Changing Configured Line Rate

The Configured Line Rate is another way to configure Bandwidth Utilization by using its associated floating value. To edit this field, click on the text box and insert the value and press enter.



Figure 9: Configured Line Rate

#### 6.6 Changing Metric/Unit

To change the Metric/Unit select a value from the drop-down menu. The options include "Gbps", "Mbps", and "Kbps".

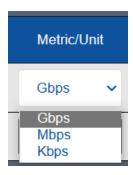


Figure 10: Metric/Unit

#### 6.7 Changing Mode

To change the mode of the port, select an option from the Mode drop-down menu. The following mode options are available:

- ► TX Only:
- ▶ RX Only
- ▶ TX and RX

TX Only will only permit the port to transmit data, while RX only will permit the port to only receive data. By default, the mode will be set to TX and RX only.

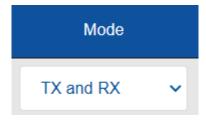


Figure 11: Mode

#### 6.8 Changing Port Mapping

Port mapping, also known as port forwarding, is designed to redirect the data from one port to another.

To select which port to map the data to, select the designated port from the port mapping menu.



Figure 12: Port Mapping

## 7 TEST BED: HOST CONFIGURATION

#### 7.1 Host Overview

The Host tab presents configuration options for all available ports.



Figure 13: P1 Host Configuration

**Note**: Configurations must be made for each of the associated ports selected from the prior configuration. If no changes are made, the test will be conducted using the default options.

#### 7.2 Configuring MAC Address

The Host Configuration settings allow for the configuration of either a random or custom MAC address. The processes for configuring each of these addresses are detailed in the following sections.

#### 7.2.1 Random MAC Address

To select a random MAC address, select "Random" drop the Src Mac Address drop-down. This option will start the MAC address at the default address supplied by the system.

By default, the Mac Increment Factor will be 1. This factor is used to increment and set the MAC address values for each host. To change this value, enter in a number between 1 to 200.



Figure 14: Random MAC Address

#### 7.2.2 Custom MAC Address

To enter a custom MAC address value, select "Custom" from the Src Mac Address drop-down. This will enable the MAC address field to allow a hexadecimal MAC address to be entered.

By default, the Mac Increment Factor will be 1. This factor is used to increment and set the MAC address values for each host. To change this value, enter in a number between 1 to 200.



Figure 15: Custom MAC Address

#### 7.3 Configuring IP Address

The Host Configuration settings allow for the configuration of either a random or custom IP address. The processes for configuring each of these addresses are detailed in the following sections.

#### 731 Random IP Address

To select a random IP address, select "Random" from the Src IP Address drop-down. By default, this will enable the private IP Addresses of 10.0.0.2. In addition, the default Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) address will be the value of 27, which is indicative of 32 addresses. The IP Increment factor will be a value of 1.

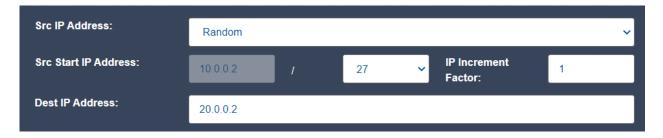


Figure 16: Random IP Address

To adjust the CIDR value, simply click the drop-down and select a value between 12 and 31.

To adjust the IP increment factor, enter a custom value to the IP Increment Factor field, as shown in Figure 16.

#### 7.3.2 Custom IP Address

To enter a custom IP address, select "Custom" from the Src IP Address drop-down and enter a new IPv4 address for the "Src Start IP Address" field. This will set the first IP address in the range which will increment based on the IP Increment Factor and subnet mask.

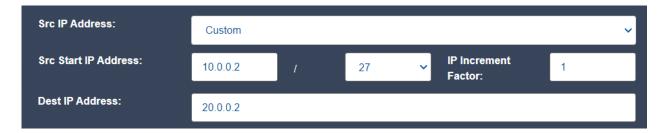


Figure 17: Custom IP Address

To adjust the CIDR value, simply click the drop-down and select a value between 12 and 31.

To adjust the IP increment factor, enter a custom value to the Ip Increment Factor field, as shown in Figure 17.

#### 7.4 Configuring Gateway

The gateway configuration is optional. By enabling the checkbox for the gateway, a new text box will appear displaying a default value.



Figure 18: Gateway Configuration

#### 7.5 Configuring Number of Hosts

The number of hosts will adjust according to the CIDR address assigned in the IP configuration.

For example, a CIDR value of /27 will correspond to 32 hosts. On the other hand, a CIDR value of /16 will correspond to 65526 hosts.

The following figure depicts the CIDR value of 27:



Figure 19: Host Configuration (Unaltered)

To adjust the number of hosts, simply click on the outer ring of the circle to alter the number of hosts. Another option is to manually select the value in the center and enter a number. Adjusting this number will result in an allocation of fewer hosts than available on the selected subnet.

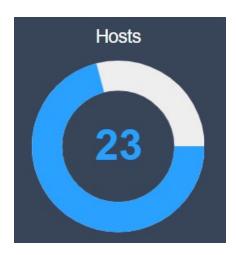


Figure 20: Host Configuration (Altered)

#### 7.6 Configuring Encapsulation Type

By default, the Encapsulation Type value will be set to "None".

To enable an Encapsulation Type select "VLAN", "QinQ", or "802.1ad" from the drop-down menu.



Figure 21: Encapsulation

#### 7.6.1 VLAN

Once VLAN is selected, a new text box will appear labeled VLAN ID. Enter a numerical value in this field to configure VLAN.



Figure 22: Enable VLAN

#### 7.6.2 QinQ/802.1ad

If QinQ or 802.1ad is selected as the Encapsulation Type, you will be presented with additional form fields to enter "Outer VLAN ID" and "Inner VLAN 1D".

Enter applicable VLAN IDs into each of these corresponding fields.

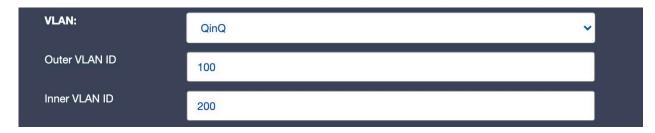


Figure 23: Outer and Inner VLAN ID

## 8 TEST BED: STREAM CONFIGURATION

#### 8.1 Stream Overview

The Stream Configuration tab presents configuration options for all selected streams.

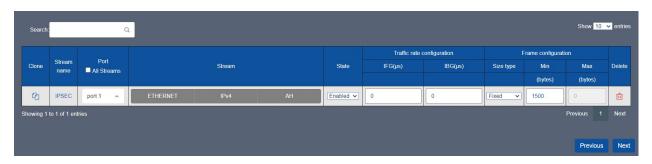


Figure 24: Stream Configuration

#### 8.2 Adding Streams

To add a stream, select the "Add Stream" button in the center of the menu. Selecting this button will open a new pop-up that allows you to name and search for the specific stream you'd like to add.

Be sure to name the stream appropriately. The maximum character limit is 30.

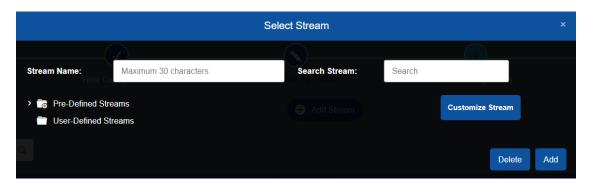


Figure 25: Add Stream

#### 8.2.1 Pre-Defined Streams

TrafficEngine presents a set of default pre-defined Streams which can be used to simulate different types of traffic. These streams may include some of the following options:

- ▶ TCP Transmission Control Protocol
- ▶ UDP User Datagram Protocol
- ► HTTP Hypertext Transfer Protocol HTTP/1.1

These are only a subset of the available stream options. Select from the Pre-Defined Streams dropdown folder to view additional options.

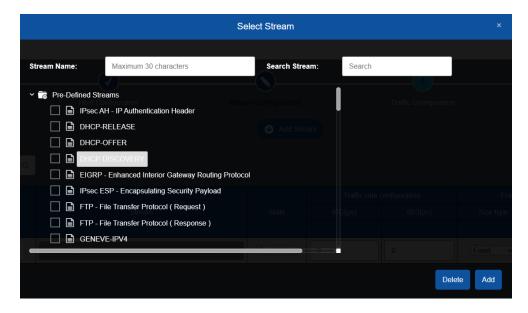


Figure 26: Pre-defined Streams

After selecting a stream, select "Add" in the lower right-hand corner of the pop-up to add this stream to the configuration.

#### 8.3 Configuring Stream Settings

Once a stream has been added to the configuration, it will appear in the Stream Configuration Table. There are various settings that will need to be configured, including the port, stream, state, traffic rate configuration, and frame configuration.



Figure 27: Stream Settings

#### 8.3.1 Setting Port

In the port options, there will be a global setting to select all ports for each of the streams. This is not enabled by default. To enable this feature, check the "All Streams" checkbox.

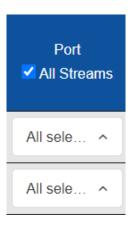


Figure 28: Global Port Settings

However, if you'd like to select a very specific port, select from the drop-down under the "Port" menu in the tables. The options available will be dependent on which ports were enabled in the previous steps in Section 7.

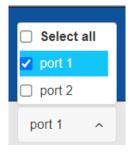


Figure 29: Stream Configuration Ports

#### 8.3.2 Clone Existing Streams

In the Clone section, by selecting the "Clone" icon, a copy of existing streams will be created.

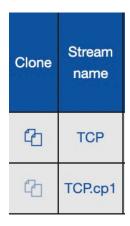


Figure 3028: Cloning Streams

#### 8.3.3 Configuring Ethernet Header Options

The Ethernet button will present the SMAC Address, DMAC Address, and EtherType fields. The SMAC Address is a 48-bit value used to represent the source address, while the DMAC address is a 48-bit field used to represent the destination address. The EtherType is a 16-bit value that represents the protocol that will be encapsulated into the payload from the frame.

The SMAC and DMAC address cannot be adjusted, however, there is a drop-down to select an EtherType value. By default, the EtherType field is set to "ETHER\_TYPE\_IP". There are numerous available protocols to choose from, some of these options include PPPOE, IPv6, LOOPBACK, and ARP.

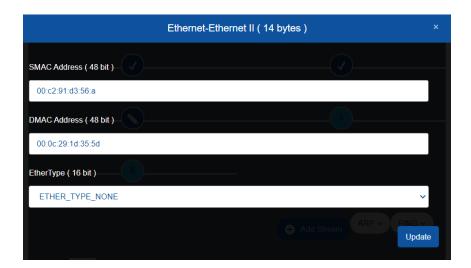


Figure 291: Ethernet Settings

#### 8.3.4 Configuring IP Header Options

To configure the IP settings of the Stream, select IP from Stream Configuration options.

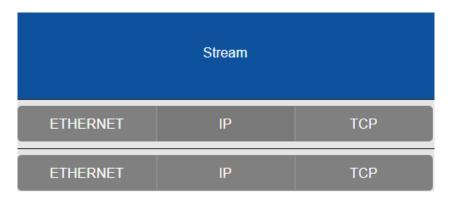


Figure 302: Stream IP Settings

Of the values presented on the pop-up menu, the TOS, Fragmentation Flags, and TTL can be adjusted.

To alter the TOS, select an option from the drop-down menu and adjust the TOS type by selecting from the check box options.



Figure 313: TOS Settings

To change the Fragmentation flags, select an option from the drop-down menu.



Figure 324: Fragmentation Flags

To alter the TTL, enter a value between 0 and 255.



Figure 335: TTL

The following options cannot be configured and will default according to the previous settings:

- ▶ Identification
- ▶ Protocol
- ▶ Header Checksum
- Source Address
- ▶ Destination Address

To save configuration changes, select "Update".

#### 8.3.5 Configuring TCP Header Options

To configure the IP settings of the Stream, select TCP from Stream Configuration options, as shown in Figure 21.

The only values that can be adjusted are the Flags, Urgent Pointer, Source Port, and Destination Port.

To adjust the Flags, select the required checkboxes from the menu.



Figure 34: Stream Flags

To adjust the source and destination ports, enter the appropriate source port into the corresponding fields.



Figure 357: Stream Source and Destination Port

To adjust the Urgent Pointer, enter a 16-bit value into the corresponding field:



Figure 368: Stream Urgent Pointer

The following options cannot be configured and will default according to the previous settings:

- ▶ Sequence Number
- ▶ Acknowledge Number
- ▶ Data Offset
- Reserved
- ▶ Window Size
- ▶ Checksum

To save configuration changes, select "Update".

#### 8.3.6 Configuring State

Each stream can be enabled or disabled. An enabled state will be active when the test is running, whereas a disabled stream will not be active or impact the test results. To adjust this state, select from the drop-down menu, as shown in the figure below.



Figure 379: Stream State

#### 8.3.7 Configuring Traffic Rate

The traffic configuration settings can be manually set by entering a value into either the Inter-Frame Gap (IFG) or Inter-Burst Gap (IBG) field. The most common settings range between 0 and 10ms. Values beyond 10ms will result in a drastic decrease in traffic performance and greatly impact network latency.

IFG is defined as the gap or delay between two packets when they transmit. The IBG is the gap or delay between two bursts. A burst consists of 32 packets.

The most common settings range between 0 and 10ms. Values beyond 10ms will result in drastically low traffic performance and greatly impact network latency.

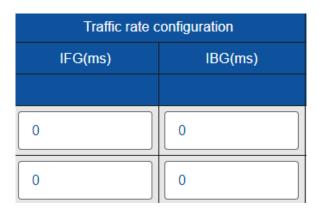


Figure 38: Stream Traffic Rate Configuration

#### 8.3.8 Configuring Frames

By default, each stream's frame will be set to a fixed size with a minimum value of 1500 bytes. To alter this state, select a different size from the size type drop-down and change the minimum and maximum configuration values.

The size type options include each of the following:

- ▶ Increment
- ▶ Fixed
- ▶ Random
- ▶ Butterfly

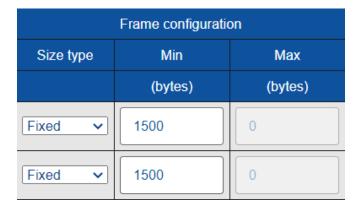


Figure 391: Stream Rate Configuration

#### 8.3.9 Burst

Burst is how to send the packet. When it's set to one, it means it will send one packet at a time. Users can choose Burst size from 1 to 32. To use this feature, click on the Burst button located on the right side of the Stream configuration page. A popup window will appear with a slide bar. Drag this bar to the right to increase the number of packets. By default it set to 1.

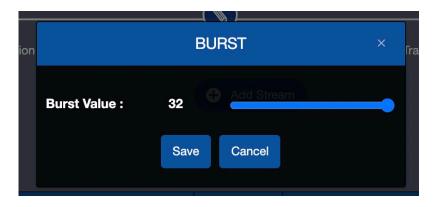


Figure 42: Burst Configuration

## 9 TEST BED: TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION

#### 9.1 Traffic Configuration Overview

The Traffic Configuration tab allows for modifications to the traffic profile, time duration, and iterations for the Test Bed.

#### 9.2 Traffic Profile Configuration

The Traffic Profile configuration allows you to make changes to the percentages of each type of traffic on each of the selected ports. Adjusting these values will impact the quantity of traffic associated with each of the previously configured streams.



Figure 403: Traffic Profile

#### 9.2.1 Updating Traffic Profile

To update the Traffic Profile, select the "Update Traffic Profile" button located at the bottom of the Traffic Profile graph. This will allow you to customize the amounts of traffic allocated to each designated stream.



Figure 414: Update Traffic Profile

Selecting this button will open a pop-up that displays percentages for each type of traffic. These values can be adjusted but must total to 100%. A calculation of the percentage remaining and in use will be supplied by the gray status monitors at the bottom of the screen. Select "Configure" to save the configuration changed.

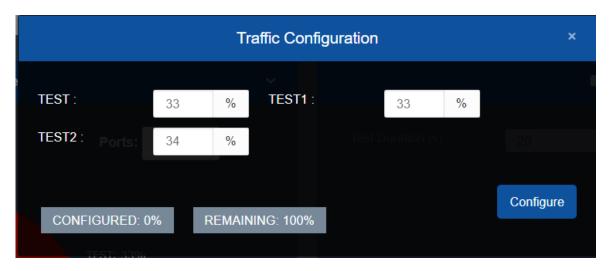


Figure 425: Traffic Configuration

#### 9.2.2 Changing Ports

To make configurations on another port, select from the ports drop-down on the Traffic Profile graph.

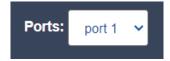


Figure 436: Changing Traffic Profile Ports

#### 9.3 Load Profile Configuration

By default, the load profile parameters checkbox is not selected, resulting in a grayed-out menu. By selecting the checkbox, the settings become available to change. Settings include test duration and ports.

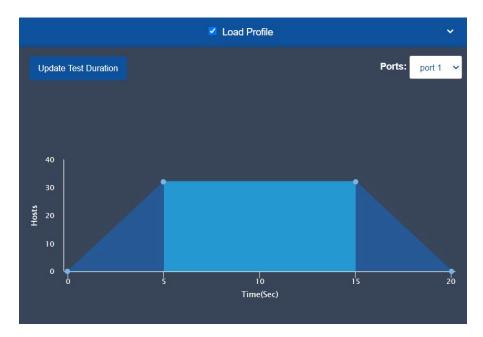


Figure 47: Load Profile Configuration

#### 9.3.1 Updating Test Duration

To update the Test Duration settings, click the "Update Test Duration" button at the top left of the Load Profile Configuration.

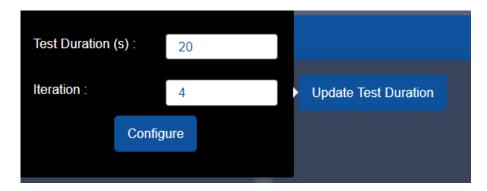


Figure 48: Test Duration Configuration

Changing the test duration impacts how long the test will run. To adjust the test duration, enter a value into the field, as shown above.



Figure 49: Test Duration

## 9.3.2 Changing Iteration

To adjust the number of times the test will run, adjust the iteration value by entering a value into the field.



Figure 50: Iteration

## 10 TEST BED: SUMMARY

### 10.1 Configuration Summary

The Configuration summary provides a detailed breakdown of the configuration settings selected in the previous configuration steps.

If you note any problems or discrepancies with the summary, use the "Previous button" to go back to the section that needs revisions.

### 10.2 Host Configuration

The Host Configuration Summary provides an overview of the configurations established for each port. The summary includes information such as the number of hosts, Start Mac address, Mac Address Type, Mac Address incrementing Factor, IP Address Type, Start IP Address, and IP Address incrementing factor.

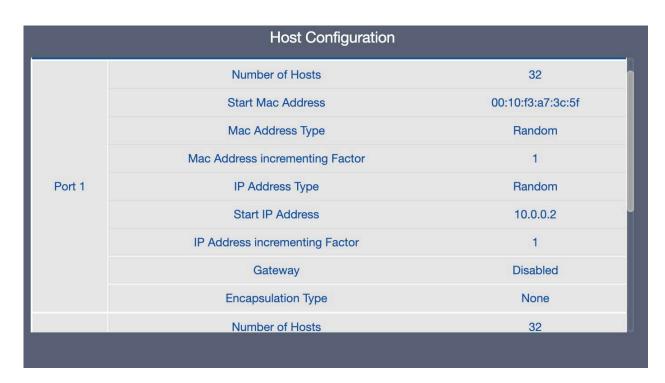


Figure 51: Host Configuration Summary

### 10.3 Load Profile Configuration

The Load Profile Configuration window presents a table with the following information for each port:

- ▶ Load Profile Status
- ► Ramp Up(s)
- ► Ramp Down(s)
- ► Test Duration(s)
- ▶ Iteration

This information can be revised by clicking the "Previous" button at the bottom of the menu.



Figure 52: Load Profile Configuration Summary

#### 10.4 Start Test

The test can be started by selecting the "Start Test" button at the bottom of the Summary menu. By selecting this button, the test will begin, and the webpage will reload to the statistics window.



Figure 53: Start Test

## 11 TEST BED: STATISTICS

The Netropy Traffic Generator TrafficEngine platform provides Aggregate Statistics, Statistics Per Streams, Offline Analyzer, and Log results. All results can be viewed in the Statistics window of the GUI.

### 11.1 Aggregate Statistics

Aggregate Statistics provide detailed results for the test on the combined ports used in the test. This tab provides the following information:

- ▶ Statistics Table
- ▶ Port Statistics
- ▶ Packets/Second Graph
- ► Throughput Graph
- ▶ Latency/Jitter Graph
- ▶ % Drop Graph

The aggregate statistics table provides a tabular view of the data collected during the test.

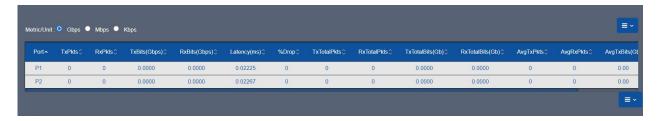


Figure 54: Aggregate Statistics Table

To change the metric or unit, select the proper radio button for your selection from "Gbps", "Mbps", or "Kbps".

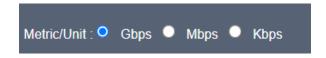


Figure 55: Aggregate Statistics Metric/Unit

To adjust the fields shown in the table, select the blue hamburger menu icon. All fields are selected by default and unchecking a field will remove it from the graph's display.

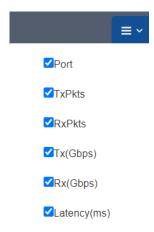


Figure 446: Statistics Filter

These statistics are further defined in Section 11.4.

The Port Statistics include, but are not limited to, Million Packet Per Second (MPPS), throughput, and latency. A sample of this output is shown in Figure 55 below.



Figure 457: Port Statistics

The Packets/Second Graph provides a graphical view of the packets that travel over the network per second in each direction for both client and server.



Figure 468: Packets/Second Graph

The Throughput Graph provides a graphical view of the throughput, packets sent over the network without drops, in Gbps in each direction for both client and server.

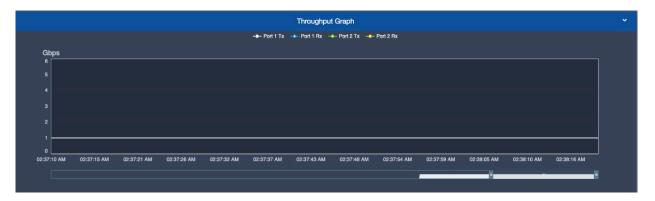


Figure 479: Throughput Graph

The Latency/Jitter Graph provides a graphical view of the throughput, packets sent over the network without drops, in Gbps in each direction for both client and server.

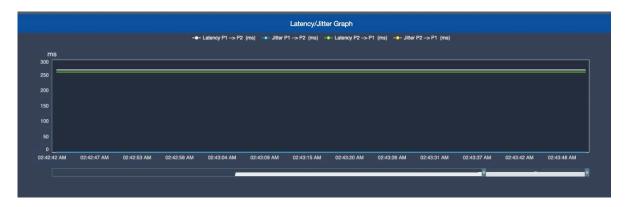


Figure 6048: Latency/Jitter Graph

The %Drop Graph provides a graphical view of the dropped packets in Gbps in each direction for both client and server.

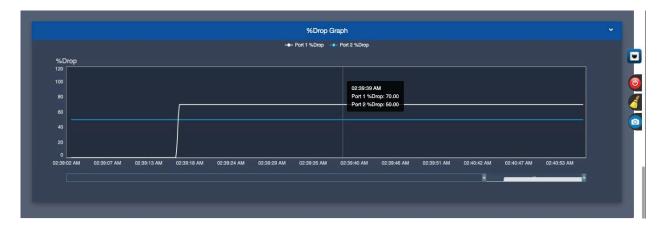


Figure 61: %Drop Graph

Each of the graphs allow you to drill-down to view a single direction for either port.

The following graph shows the Throughput for Port 2 Tx. In this view, Port 2 Tx is green and all other selections have been grayed out.

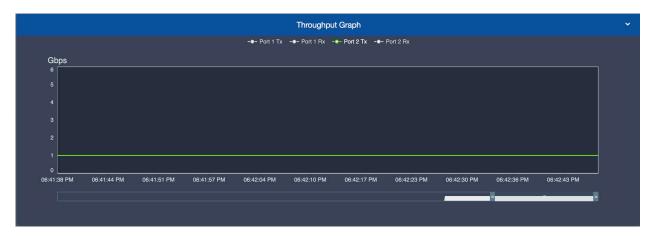


Figure 62: Throughput Graph – Port 1 Rx

This selection can be made at the top of the graph by selecting one of the conditions.



Figure 63: Graph Filters

#### 11.2 Statistics Per Streams

The Statistics Per Stream tab provides a detailed breakdown of results for each stream on each port. These statistics are shown in a table and include information regarding the TX packets, RX packets, latency, jitter, drops, and % drops.



Figure 64: Statistics Per Stream Tab

These statistics are shown in a table provided and include information regarding the TX packets, RX packets, latency, drops, status, result, and direction.

To adjust the fields shown in the table, select the blue hamburger menu icon. All fields are selected by default and unchecking a field will remove it from the graph's display.

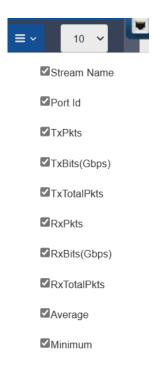


Figure 495: Statistics Per Stream Filter

These statistics are further defined in Section 11.4.

To search for specific keywords from the dataset, enter data into the search field. This will filter the packets for the specified data.



Figure 506: Search

## 11.3 Offline Analyzer

The Offline Analyzer tab provides the following graphs:

- ▶ Packets/Second
- ▶ Throughput
- ▶ Latency/Jitter
- ▶ % Drop Graph

To download, select the download icon on the right of the graph and hover over "Download as..." to present the available download options.

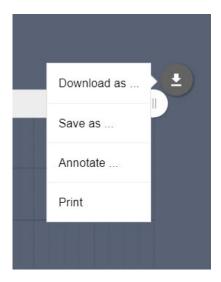


Figure 517: Downloading Graphs

Each of these graphs can be downloaded individually in either PDF, JPG, SVG, or PNG format. To select a file format, click your desired format from the menu. The selected file will be downloaded directly to your computer's default file location for downloads.



Figure 68: Download File Options

In addition, each graph can be saved as a CSV, JSON, or XSLX file. To select one of these options, hover over the "Save as..." option and select the desired file format.

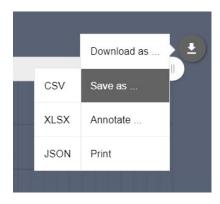


Figure 69: Save As File Options

To print the graph, select the "Print" option from the menu shown in the figure above. This will open your browser's printing menu and allow you to select your default printer and settings.

These graphs also may be annotated using the built-in illustration feature. These annotated graphs can also be downloaded in the same formats. To annotate a graph, select the "Annotate..." option from the menu.

Selecting this menu option will turn the graph white and allow you to annotate the graph. Users can add shapes and text directly to the graph. In addition, users are allowed to change the color and mode of the marker and text.

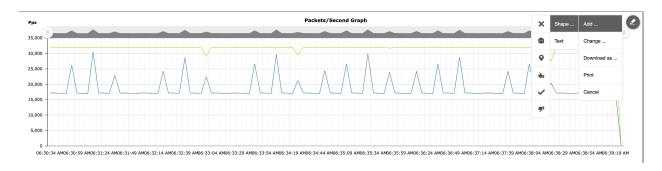


Figure 70: Annotate Graph

To change the annotated graph, hover on the edit pen on the top right corner of the graph and select "Change".

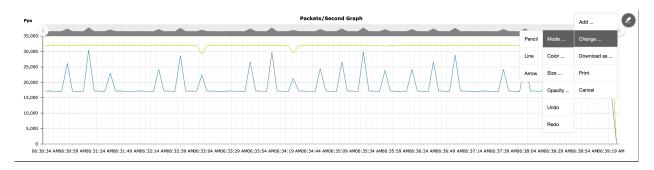


Figure 71: Change Graph

The annotated graph can be printed or downloaded in either PNG, JPG, SVG, or PDF format.

### 11.4 Definitions: Aggregate Statistics

The following table includes the definition of various statistics displayed in the graphs and tables provided by TrafficEngine:

Segment	Statistic	Description	
	Port	The Port Number for which statistics are shown.	
	Drop	The total number of packets dropped on the Port from the time test was started. The drop counter gets updated only when the test stops.	
	TXPkts	The number of packets transmitted on the port in the last 1 second interval.	

RxPkts	The number of packets received on the port in the last 1 second interval.
TXBits((Gbps)	The rate of packets transmitted (in Gigabits per second) on the port in the last 1 second interval.
RXBits (Gbps)	The rate of packets received (in Gigabits per second) on the port in the last 1 second interval.
Latency(ms)	The time (in milliseconds) taken by the packet to be received on the Destination port from the time it was transmitted on the Source port. This is calculated as an average for all the packets received in the last 1 sec interval.
TxTotalPkts	The total number of packets transmitted on the port from the time test was started.
RxTotalPkts	The total number of packets received on the port from the time test was started.
AvgTxPkts	The average number of packets transmitted on the port per second from the time test was started.
AvgRxPkts	The average number of packets received on the port per second from the time test was started.
AvgTxBits(Gb)	The average rate of packets transmitted (in Gigabits per second) on the port per second from the time test was started.
AvgRxBits(Gb)	The average rate of packets received (in Gigabits per second) on the port per second from the time test was started.

### 11.5 Definitions: Statistics Per Stream

The following table includes the definition of various statistics displayed in the graphs and tables provided by TrafficEngine:

Segment	Statistic	Description	
	Stream Name	The user defined name for the stream.	
	Port Id	The Port Number for which statistics are shown for a specific stream.	

Drop	The total number of packets dropped on the Port from the time test was started. The drop counter gets updated only when the test stops.
TXPkts	The number of packets transmitted on the port in the last 1 second interval.
RxPkts	The number of packets received on the port in the last 1 second interval.
TXBits((Gbps)	The rate of packets transmitted (in Gigabits per second) on the port in the last 1 second interval.
RXBits (Gbps)	The rate of packets received (in Gigabits per second) on the port in the last 1 second interval.
TxTotalPkts	The total number of packets transmitted on the port from the time test was started.
RxTotalPkts	The total number of packets received on the port from the time test was started.
Latency - Average	The average time (in milliseconds) taken by the packets for a specific stream to be received on the Destination port from the time it was transmitted on the Source port. The average is computed over all packets that have been received till that time.
Latency - Minimum	The minimum time (in milliseconds) taken by a packet for a specific stream to be received on the Destination port from the time it was transmitted on the Source port. The minimum time is computed over all packets that have been received till that time.
Latency - Maximum	The maximum time (in milliseconds) taken by a packet for a specific stream to be received on the Destination port from the time it was transmitted on the Source port. The maximum time is computed over all packets that have been received till that time.
Latency Standard Deviation (Population)	The time deviation (in milliseconds) from the Average latency computed over all the packets for a stream received till that time.
Latency Standard Deviation (Sample)	The time deviation (in milliseconds) from the Average latency computed over all the packets for a stream received in the last 1 second interval.

## 12 TEST SETTINGS

The test provides options to capture PCAPs, pause, play or stop the test, and clear statistics. The following sections will provide additional details on these configurations.

#### 12.1 Play/Pause/Stop

To adjust the play, pause, and stop settings for a test, select the power button on the right side of the screen.



Figure 522: Play/Pause/Stop Settings

Selecting this button will present a menu to select the pause, play, and stop buttons. When the test is stopped, the test bed will initiate the generation of a report. This report will be available within the Logs tab. If a test is paused, the user will be notified and provided the option to replay in the same menu.

If a test is played, the user will be provided the option to either pause or stop the test.

#### 12.2 Clear Statistics

To clear the current statistics, hover over the broom icon on the left side of the screen and select "Clear Statistics". This action will clear all statistics shown in the available graphs but will not alter the contents of the Log files.



Figure 533: Clear Statistics

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### 12.3 Start Packet Capture

To start a network packet capture of the traffic that occurs during your test, hover over the camera icon on the left side of the screen to present a green button labeled "Start Capture". Click this button to begin a network packet capture.



Figure 74: Network Capture

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## 13 Logs

#### 13.1 Logs Overview

Logs may be collected from tests to use for analysis and review by users. The system will collect and maintain these logs for future use. These files can be found within the Logs tab of the Statistics menu.

The size of these log files will vary based on the amount of data collected and the number of packets selected within the capture. All capture files will be provided in .pcap form to ensure they are compatible with Wireshark and similar software programs.

#### 13.2 Managing Logs

The Logs tab of the Statistics window presents a list of available reports. These reports can be downloaded or deleted.

To download a report, select the download icon on the specified file. This will download a zip folder to the default download location on your device. To delete a file from the logs, select the trash can icon on the specified file.

To delete all logs, select the "Delete All" button in the top right corner.



Figure 545: Logs Tab



If you select delete on a report, you will not be presented with a confirmation window. Unless previously downloaded, you cannot retrieve deleted reports.

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### 13.3 Log Files

After a report has been downloaded, right-click the zip folder and select "Extract All" to extract these files to your selected folder and/or location. The extracted folder may include some of the following files:

► Offline Analyzer Latency (CSV)

This file includes latency data collected from the test.

▶ Offline Analyzer PPS (CSV)

This file includes packets per second data collected from the test.

► Offline Analyzer Throughput (CSV)

This file includes throughput data collected from the test.

► Configuration (XML)

This file includes the test bed configuration, which can be imported into the test later.

▶ PDF Test Report

This file includes a PDF Summary of the Test Scenario and corresponding graphs.

▶ % Drop Graph (JPG)

This image includes a snapshot of the percentage of dropped packets during the test.

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# 14 ADMINISTRATION

The Netropy Traffic Generator TrafficEngine can be administered through the Administration portal accessible via browser. The administrator must log in using their administrative credentials.

### 14.1 User Settings

The User tab presents options to add, edit, and delete users. By default, there will only be a single user account, the administrator. To create additional accounts to manage and configure test beds, the administrator must add new users.

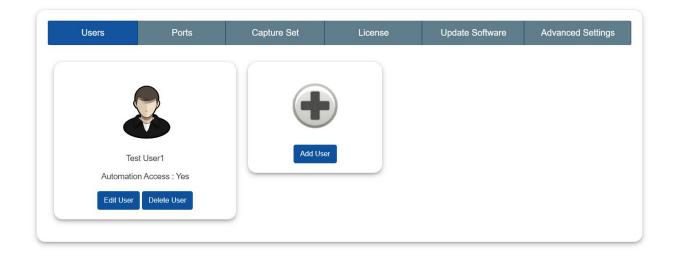


Figure 556: User Tab

When adding a new user, the following information is required:

- ▶ First Name
- ▶ Last Name
- ▶ User Name
- ▶ Email

- Password
- Automation access

The account will be created once the "Create User" button is selected. This user will then be able to access the configuration portal using their new credentials. Only the administrator will have access to these permissions. Other users will be able to make configuration changes but will not have privileges to access and manage other accounts.

#### 14.2 Port Settings

The Ports tab displays the status of ports and allows the administrator to manually release ports as needed. This will override any port releases and reservations made by other user accounts.



Figure 77: Port Tab

To release a port, click on the associated "Release Port X" button. As demonstrated in the figure below, this button will open a pop-up that displays the IP Address, status, speed, MAC address, and details on whether the port is reserved. By clicking "Release" the port will be released.



Figure 568: Release Port Settings

#### 14.3 Capture Settings

The TrafficEngine can be configured to capture a specific number of packets during a session. By default, the number of packets to capture will be set to 100 packets. This setting can easily be altered by clicking the drop-down menu, as shown in the figure below. Options in this menu will range from 100 packets to 1,000,000 packets.



Figure 579: Capture Settings

Click "Update" to initiate these changes and ensure all future packet sessions will capture the specified number of packets.

#### 14.4 License Settings

The License tab will display the license, license type, license validity, and the number of licensed ports. To obtain additional information on how to renew a license, visit <a href="https://www.apposite-tech.com/renewals/">https://www.apposite-tech.com/renewals/</a> to submit a renewal request form.

To add a license key, click the "Browse" button to search for files on your device. After selecting the

applicable file, click "Open" in file explorer. Then, proceed by selecting "Upload" to upload the license key file into the system.

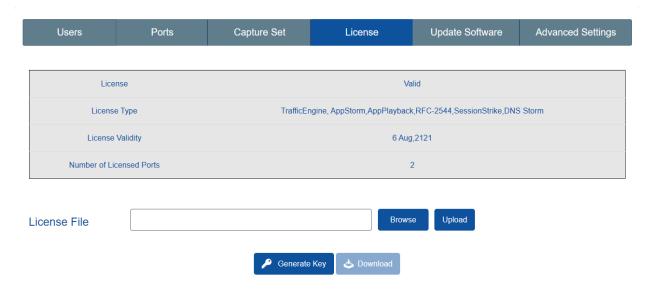


Figure 8058: License Tab

#### 14.5 Software Settings

The Update Settings tab allows the selection of a BIN file to update the system software. To update the BIN file, select the plus button icon, and select the appropriate file on your PC. After selecting the file, the system will request a system reboot. Select "Yes" to allow the system to apply all necessary patches and updates.



Figure 81: Update Software Tab

#### 14.6 Advanced Settings

The Advanced Settings tab allows management of time zone, signature, binary search, DNS Queries File, Authentication, NAS IP, and Secret Key.

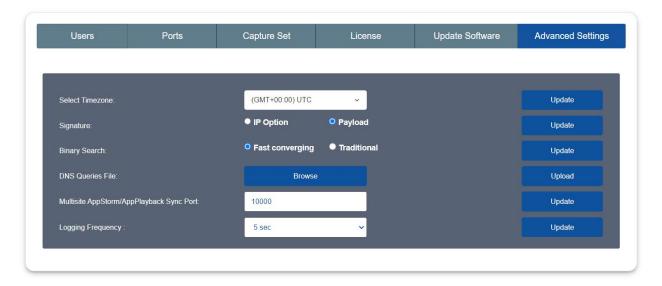


Figure 592: Advanced Settings

#### 14.7 Time Zone

Users can select the time zone of their location. To select the time zone, click the down arrow next to the default time by the "Select Timezone" value.

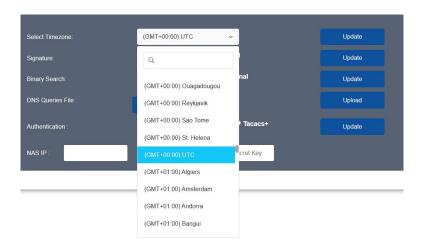


Figure 83: Time Zone

## 14.8 Signature

The selection determines where the control information used by NTG gets stored in the packets

being transmitted.

- 1. IP Options: In this case, the control information is stored in the IP options field in the IP header.
- 2. Payload: In this case, the control information is stored in the IP Payload.

To select one of the two options, select the applicable radio button. Then, click "Update" to complete the change.



Figure 84: Signature

#### 14.9 DNS Queries File

This is the file which consists of the lists of domain names which are used by the DNS Storm feature when sending DNS queries. DNS Storm feature cycles through this list of domain names.

Select "Browse" to choose the appropriate DNS Queries File. Then, click "Update" to complete the change after the file has been selected.



Figure 85: DNS Queries File

#### 14.10 Multisite AppStorm/AppPlayback Sync Port

By default, the Multisite AppStorm/AppPlayback Sync Port value is set to 10000.

To update this field, please enter a new value and select "Update".



Figure 86: Sync Port

#### 14.11 Logging Frequency

Users can select a logging frequency between 1 second and 5 seconds from the drop the dropdown and select "Update" to ensure the system changes this frequency.

For a shorter testing window, you may want to have a smaller logging frequency. Whereas, for a longer testing window, you may want to have a larger logging frequency.



Figure 87: Logging Frequency

## 15 COMMAND LINE INTERFACE

The Netropy command line interface (CLI) can be accessed via the CONSOLE interface or through a Telnet or SSH connection.

The following are the only features available through the CLI:

- ► ARP and PING commands
- ▶ Reinitialize the unit to factory settings
- Management functions

To access the CLI, log into the device at the prompt as "admin" or other configured username.

#### 15.1 CLI Help

The CLI includes several levels of help. The "help" command by itself displays a list of commands. "help" with a command name displays the syntax and options for the command.

When entering commands, the <Tab> key can be used to complete a partially entered command name. If there are multiple possible completions, pressing the <Tab> key again will display a list of options.

## 15.2 CLI Top Level Commands

Command	Syntax and Description		
arp	arp show  Displays a table of IP addresses and associated MAC addresses for the MGMT interface.		
clock	clock show Displays the current system time and date.		
help	<pre>{help   ?} [<command/>]    Displays a list of available commands or syntax of a specified command. A    question mark after any command also displays the syntax for that command.</pre>		
init	init config  Returns the configuration to factory default settings. Takes effect upon reboot unless the configuration is saved prior to reboot.		
logout	logout Logout from the command line interface.		
mgmt	Displays the IP address and other management information.  mgmt show ntp associations  Displays the synchronization state with the configured NTP servers.  mgmt set addr {dhcp   addr <addr> netmask <mask>}  Sets the IPv4 address and netmask of the MGMT interface either manually or using DHCP. If DHCP is enabled, DHCP sets the default gateway.  mgmt set domain <domain>  Sets the network domain name of the device.  mgmt set gw <addr> Sets a default gateway for the MGMT interface.  mgmt set hostname <name> Sets the hostname of the device.  mgmt set nameserver <addr> [<addr2> [<addr3>]] Sets up to three DNS servers for the device. This command overrides any nameservers set through DHCP and any DNS servers previously configured.  mgmt set ntp server <server> [<server2> [<server3>]] Sets up to three network time protocol servers for the device. This command overrides any NTP servers set through DHCP and any NTP servers previously configured.</server3></server2></server></addr3></addr2></addr></name></addr></domain></mask></addr>		

mgmt	mgmt clear nameserver  Clears all manually configured DNS servers. Does not change any DNS servers set through DHCP.		
	mgmt clear ntp server		
	Clears all manually configured NTP servers. Does not change any NTP servers set through DHCP.		
ping	<pre>ping <ip-address> [<size>]    Pings from the device to the IP address with the specified sized packets using the    MGMT interface. Use CTRL-C to stop.</size></ip-address></pre>		
reboot	reboot  Reboots the device. Returns user to the login prompt after reboot.		
serialnumber	serialnumber  Displays the serial number of the unit.		
upgrade	upgrade <upgrade-image-url>  Upgrades the Netropy firmware. FTP, HTTP, and TFTP services are supported.  Ex: upgrade ftp://server/netropy-image</upgrade-image-url>		
version	version Displays the operating firmware version.		

## 15.3 RADIUS Management Commands

Command	Syntax and Description		
show	mgmt show radius Displays the current RADIUS configuration.		
set	mgmt set radius server <server> Identifies the RADIUS server by IP address or host name. Communication to RADIUS server occurs over the default port 1812.  Ex.: mgmt set radius server radiusserver.example.com  mgmt set radius secret <secret> Set the shared secret that the RADIUS server uses to authorize the client.  Ex.: mgmt set radius secret secret_key  mgmt set radius { on   off }  Turns RADIUS authentication on or off.</secret></server>		
clear	mgmt clear radius  Turns off RADIUS authentication and clears the RADIUS configuration.		

## 15.4 LDAP Management Commands

Command	Syntax and Description		
show	mgmt show radius  Displays the current RADIUS configuration.		
set	mgmt set ldap server <server> [port &lt;#&gt;]  Identifies the LDAP server by IP address or host name. Optionally specifies a non- standard port to connect to. The default port is 389.  Ex.: mgmt set ldap basedn <search-base-dn>  Identifies the Distinguished Name of the search based in the remote LDAP database.  If there are embedded spaces in the base DN string, the string must be enclosed in quotation marks.  Ex:: mgmt set Idap basedn dc=example,dc=com  mgmt set ldap filter attribute <string> [<ldap-search-string>]  Specifies the attribute that contains the username and optionally an additional LDAP search string. The LDAP search string must be compatible with the formal definition found in RFC 4515. If there are embedded spaces in the search string, the string must be enclosed in quotation marks.  Ex:: mgmt set Idap filter attribute uid &amp; (&amp;(gidNumber=20)(class=Expert))  The resulting search string will be (&amp;(uid=user) (&amp;(gidNumber=20) (class=Expert))) where 'user' is replaced by the login name.  mgmt set Idap security {disable   enable}  Enable or disable Transport Level Security. TLS is enabled by default.  mgmt set Idap bind dn   bind-DN&gt; [password <password>]  Specifies a Distinguished Name and password with which to bind to the LDAP server before performing a search operation. If not configured, an anonymous bind will be used.  Ex:: mgmt set Idap bind dn cn=user, dc=example,dc=com  mgmt set Idap { on   off }  Turns LDAP authentication on or off.</password></ldap-search-string></string></search-base-dn></server>		
clear	mgmt clear ldap  Turns off LDAP authentication and clears the LDAP configuration.		

## 16 PROTOCOL GUIDE

This table shows which protocol can or cannot be set under certain packet sizes.

Protocol	64 Bytes	128 Bytes	512 Bytes	1024 Bytes	1500 Bytes
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## 17 SECURITY

### 17.1 Users and Passwords

Initially, the TrafficEngine system has a single user configured with the following credentials:

- ► Username: admin
- ▶ Password: admin

Refer to Section 14 for additional information on proper management and addition of user accounts through the GUI interface.

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# 18 Apposite Support

#### 18.1 Registration

For access to the Netropy Traffic Generator support site with firmware upgrades, documentation, and other support materials, register your unit at: <a href="http://www.apposite-tech.com/register.html">http://www.apposite-tech.com/register.html</a>.

Registered users will receive an email notification whenever new firmware versions are released.

#### 18.2 Customer Support

If you experience any problems with the Netropy Traffic Generator hardware, consult the *Hardware Guide* for your intended model. If you have any questions about the firmware that have not been answered in this *User's Guide*, please check the Apposite Technologies website at http://www.apposite-tech.com for updated firmware and supporting documentation. If the answer to your inquiry is not answered on the website, please contact Apposite Support.

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If you believe the firmware is not functioning properly, please upgrade to the latest firmware release. If the problem persists, please contact Apposite Support at:

- ▶ support@apposite-tech.com
- ▶ 1.310.477.9955 ext. 2

When contacting Apposite Support, please include the following information with your request:

- ▶ Model number
- ▶ Serial number
- Your name

- ▶ Your e-mail address and phone number
- ► Installed firmware version
- ▶ A detailed description of the problem



Do not attempt to fix any hardware problem yourself. TrafficEngine hardware devices do not contain any user-serviceable parts. Opening the chassis voids the warranty.

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### APPENDIX A:

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