

Queueing Discipline / Packet Scheduler

A queueing discipline / packet scheduler is a network function that distributes available [bandwidth](#) to different connections according to an algorithm.

The management is done by deciding how many [packets](#) each connection is handed, by handling the device traffic queue and making prioritizing incoming/ingress or outgoing/egress packets.

The scheduling can be done either by automatically, based on observed traffic, or following rules according to a [Quality Of Service](#) protocol such as [Intserv](#) or [DiffServ](#).

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