## **Wireless Bi-Directional Rate Limiting Deployment Guide**

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### Introduction

This document provides information on how to set up the Bi-Directional Rate Limiting (BDRL) feature (introduced in release 7.3).

In addition, this document provides information on how to configure rate limiting globally, per WLAN or per client, and shows how these settings apply to traffic in each configuration and how one setting supercedes the other in different configuration settings.

Examples provided in this document demonstrate how traffic gets impacted with different rate limiting settings when chosen globally, per SSID (which is in fact per WLAN per AP) or per client when performing different configuration settings.

For the purposes of demonstrating the functionality of the Bi-Directional Rate Limiting, the examples in this document show Access Point (AP) configurations in Local Mode or Flex Connect Central switched mode, and also Flex Connect in a Locally switched mode.

It is recommended to obtain some sort of traffic generator to see the results of the rate limiting setups. In this document, iPerf is used as an example of a traffic generator.

### Prerequisites

### Requirements

There are no specific requirements for this document.

### **Components Used**

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- Wireless LAN Controllers running AireOS 8.8.111.0 Software.
- Wave1 APs: 1700/2700/3700 and 3500 (1600/2600/3600 also support BDRL but AireOS support ends on version 8.5.x).
- Wave2 APs: 1800/2800/3800/4800, 1540 and 1560.

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment.

All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, make sure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

### Conventions

Refer to Cisco Technical Tips Conventions for more information on document conventions.

### Overview

This section describes BDRL of the 8.8.111.0 release.

In releases 7.2 and earlier, there was only the ability to limit the downstream throughput across an SSID and per user on the Global interface.

BDRL was introduced in the 7.3 release, for Wave 1 indoor APs, where rate limits can be defined on both **upstream and downstream** traffic, as well as on a **per WLAN basis**. These rate limits are individually configured. The rate limits can be configured on WLAN directly instead of QoS profiles, which will override profile values.

BDRL adds the ability to define throughput limits for users on their wireless networks with a higher granularity. This ability allows setting a priority service to a particular set of clients.

A potential use case for this is in hotspot situations (coffee shops, airports, etc) where a company can offer a free low-throughput service to everyone, and charge users for a high-throughput service.

Note: The enforcement of the rate limits are done on both the controller and AP.

### **Important Facts**

- Rate limiting is supported for APs in Local and FlexConnect mode (both Central and Local switching).
- When the controller is connected and central switching is used the controller will handle the

downstream enforcement of per-client rate limit only.

- The AP will always handle the enforcement of the upstream traffic and per-SSID rate limit for downstream traffic.
- For the locally switched environment, both upstream and downstream rate limits will be enforced on the AP. The enforcement on the AP will take place in the dot11 driver. This is where the current classification exists.
- In both directions, per-client rate limit is applied/checked first and per-SSID rate limit is applied/checked second.
- The WLAN rate limiting will always supercede the Global QoS setting for WLAN and user.
- Rate limiting only works for TCP and UDP traffic. Other types of traffic (IPSec, GRE, ICMP, CAPWAP, etc) cannot be limited.
- Using AVC rule, you can limit the bandwidth of a particular application for all the clients joined on the WLAN. These bandwidth contracts coexist with per-client downstream rate limiting. The per-client downstream rate limits takes precedence over the per-application rate limits.
- BDRL configuration in a mobility Anchor-Foreign setup needs to be done both on Anchor and Foreign WLC. As a best practice, it is recommended to do identical configuration on both the WLCs to avoid breakage of any feature.
- Regarding Mobility Express deployments, starting AireOS 8.7, Bi-Directional Rate limiting is supported on the following:
  - Per Client
  - Per BSSID
- Per WLAN BDRL is supported on these currently supported Wave1 APs: 1600/2600/3600, 1700/2700/3700, 3500.
- Per WLAN BDRL is supported on these currently supported Wave2 APs: 1800/2800/3800/4800.
- Per WLAN BDRL is supported on outdoor Wave2 APs APs: 1540 and 1560.
- All mesh platforms (1520, 1550, 1530, 1570 ...) do not support this feature.
- These controllers support Rate Limiting: 5508, 5520, WiSM-2, 3504, 7500 and 8500 series. On virtual controller platforms (vWLC), per-client downstream rate limiting is not supported in FlexConnect central switching.

### AAA Overrides of BDRL on an AP and WLC

You can have AAA overrides for FlexConnect APs to dynamically assign QoS levels and/or bandwidth contracts for both locally switched traffic on web-authenticated WLANs and 802.1X-authenticated WLANs. Both upstream and downstream parameters are sent to the corresponding AP.

### Table 1: This table illustrates where Bi-Directional Rate Limiting is enforced on Wave1 APs.

	Local Mode	FlexConnect Central Switching	FlexConnect Local Switching	Flex Connect Standalone
Per client Downstream	WLC	WLC	АР	AP
Per client Upstream	AP	АР	АР	AP

### Table 2: This table illustrates where Bi-Directional Rate Limiting is enforced on Wave2 APs.

	Local Mode	FlexConnect Central Switching	FlexConnect Local Switching	Flex Connect Standalone
Per client Downstream	AP	АР	AP	AP
Per client	AP	AP	AP	AP

Upstream		

There is an option to select the downstream rate limit thought the QoS profile page. Users that already make use of QoS profiles functionality have additional granularity and capabilities.

The trade off with configuring the rate limits under the QoS profile is that there are only four QoS profiles available. Thus, there are only four sets of configuration options to use.

Also, because the QoS profile is applied to all clients on the associated SSID, all clients connected to the same SSID will have the same rate limited parameters.

Table 3: This table shows order of ranking Bi-Directional Rate Limiting.

AAA	QoS Profile of AAA	WLAN	QoS Profile of WLAN	Applied to Client
100 Kbps	200 Kbps	300 Kbps	400 Kbps	100 Kbps
Х				200 Kbps
Х	Х			300 Kbps
Х	Х	Х		400 Kbps
X	X	X	Х	Unlimited

### **Restrictions for AAA Overrides for FlexConnect**

- If bidirectionalrate limiting is not present, AAA override cannot occur.
- The QoS profile of a client can be Platinum even if the QoS profile of the corresponding WLAN is Silver. The AP allows the client to send packets in voice queue. However, Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) snooping is disabled on the WLAN to ensure that the traffic for a SIP client does not go to the voice queue.
- The ISE server is supported.
- The upstream rate limit parameter is equal to the downstream parameter, from AAA override.
- Local authentication is not supported.

# WLC configuration for Bi-directional Rate Limiting – Central Switching

This section provides a sample topology, basic Switch Integration, for BDRL in Central Switching Mode configuration.

### Rate Limiting while Central Switching



Rate limiting parameters on the WLC are configured either using the GUI or the CLI. This configuration needs to be applied on both Anchor and Foreign WLC. Configuration is done by selecting the QoS profile and configuring the various rate limiting parameters. Configuration is done by selecting the QoS profile and configuring the various rate limiting parameters. When rate limiting parameters are set to "0", the rate limiting feature is not functional. Each WLAN has a QoS profile associated with it in addition to the configuration in the QoS profile. The WLAN configuration always overrides and supercedes the parameters configured in the QoS profile.

1. Configure or verify that the AP on the controller is configured as Flex Connect AP in a Centrally Switched mode, or in Local mode. Here is an example:

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✓ Radios 802.11a/n/ac 802.11b/g/n Duel Band Badies	General			Versions			ŕ
Global Configuration	AP Name	POD1-AP		Primary	Software Version	8.8.111.0	
Advanced	Location	default location		Backup :	Software Version	16.11.1.23	
Mesh	AP MAC Address	70:db:98:e1:3d:ec		Predown	load Status	None	
▶ ATF	Base Radio MAC	00:27:e3:36:4d:a0		Predown	loaded Version	None	
RF Profiles	Admin Status	Enable T		Predown	load Next Retry	Time NA	
ElexConnect Groups	AP Mode	FlexConnect 🔻		Predown	load Retry Count	NA	
FlexConnect ACLs	AP Sub Mode	None 🔻		Boot Ver	rsion	1.1.2.4	
FlexConnect MLAN	Operational Status	REG		IOS Vers	sion	8.8.111.0	
Templates	Port Number	1		Mini IOS	Version	0.0.0	
Network Lists	Venue Group	Unspecified 🔻		IP Config			
▶ 802.11a/n/ac	Venue Type	Unspecified 🔻		CAPWAP	Preferred Mode	Ipv4 (Global Config)	
▶ 802.11b/a/n	Add New Venue			DHCP Ip	v4 Address	192.168.100.1	
Media Stream	Venue Language Name			Static IP	(Ipv4/Ipv6)		
Application Visibility And Control	Network Spectrum Interface Key	08B7407546F273590A90E65	2EE16AFC7	Fabric			
Lync Server	GPS Location			Fabric St	tatus	Disabled	
Country	GPS Present	No		Fabric La	2 Instance ID	0	
Timers				Fabric L	3 Instance ID	0	
Netflow				Fabric R	locIp	0.0.0	
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2. Configure the WLAN, for example "bdrl-pod1" on the controller, with desired security. This example shows security set to **None** in order to simplify the test:

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SSID	bdrl-pod1				
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▶ Advanced	Layer 2 Layer 3 AAA Servers          Layer 2 Security        None         MAC Filtering        •         Fast Transition       Adaptive          Over the DS       •         Reassociation Timeout 20       Seconds         Lobby Admin Configuration       Lobby Admin Access	

3. Do not enable the WLAN at this point. This example is for Pod1:

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WLANS WLANS MLANS Advanced	WLANS > Edit 'BDRL Tes General Security Qc Profile Name Type SSID Status Security Policies Radio Policy Interface/Interface Group(G) Multicast Vlan Feature Broadcast SSID	ting' DS Policy-Mapping BDRL Testing WLAN bdrl-pod1 Enabled [WPA2][Auth(802.1X)] (Modifications done under see All T Enabled Enabled Enabled Enabled	Advanced	er applying the chang	ges.)	Apply
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4. Make sure the WLAN is configured for Central Switched mode under the Advanced tab and make sure Local Switching is not checked. Or, configure Local Switched mode.

Fl	exConnect	
	FlexConnect Local Switching <sup>2</sup>	Enabled
	FlexConnect Local Auth 12	Enabled
	Learn Client IP Address 💈	Enabled
	Vlan based Central Switching 12	Enabled
	Central DHCP Processing	Enabled
	Override DNS	Enabled
	NAT-PAT	Enabled

5. Configure or verify that all Rate Limiting parameters are set to "0" for both per-user and per-SSID on the WLAN "bdrl-pod1". QoS is set to Gold, Platinum, Silver or Bronze. In this example, it is set to

#### Silver.

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6. Configure the QoS Silver profile on the controller with the desired Rate Limit. In this example, Rate Limit is configured to 2 Mbps for both Downstream and Upstream, and for WLAN and per-user.

**Note:** Before the configuration, make sure 802.11a/b/g/n networks are disabled. After the configuration, enable them again. If networks are not disabled, the Rate Limiting configuration does not get saved.

Note: Data Rate setting is for TCP/IP traffic, and Real-Time Rate is for UDP traffic testing.

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FlexConnect VLAN Templates		DownStream	m UpStrea	am					
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802.11a/n/ac	Burst Data Rate	2000	2000						
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Media Stream	Burst Real-Time Rate	2000	2000						
Application Visibility	WLAN QoS Paramet	ers							
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- 7. Enable all networks. Also, enable the WLAN for the configuration to take effect.
- 8. In order to verify that Rate Limiting is configured properly, configure the Wireless Workstation with SSID as in example "bdrl-pod1" open authentication and connect to that WLAN.
- 9. When the system is connected to that WLAN, start a traffic generator (such as iPerf) and observe the rate limiting to 2 Mbps upstream and downstream.
- 10. The next configuration is to apply the Rate Limiting settings on the WLAN per-SSID. This example shows per-SSID Rate Limiting on the UpStream and DownStream is set to 3 Mbps.

**Note:** As indicated before when setting BDRL in both directions, per-user rate limit is checked first and per-SSID rate limit is checked second. Both override the Global QoS settings.

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Advanced	Override Per-User Ba	ndwidth Contr	acts (kbps) 16					*
		DownStream	UpStream					
	Average Data Rate	0	0					
	Burst Data Rate	0	0					
	Average Real-Time Rate	0	0					
	Burst Real-Time Rate	0	0					
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	Average Data Rate	3000	3000					
	Burst Data Rate	3000	3000					
	Average Real-Time Rate	3000	3000					
	Burst Real-Time Rate	3000	3000					
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This configuration demonstrates that the setting on the "per-SSID" supercedes the QoS setting.

- 11. Start the traffic generator as in the previous examples in both directions. First Upstream, then observe the Rate Limiting of the traffic. You will notice that Rate Limiting of the per-SSID superceded the Global QoS profile setting of 2 Mbps.
- 12. In the next configuration perform the same setting. However, this time per-user rate limiting is configured to 1 Mbps. The per-user Rate Limiting supercedes the global QoS setting and per-SSID setting.

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	Burst Data Rate	1000	1000						
	Average Real-Time Rate	1000	1000						
	Burst Real-Time Rate	1000	1000						
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	Burst Data Kate	3000	3000						
	Average Real-Time Rate	3000	3000						
	Burst Real-Time Rate	3000	3000						
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13. Start the traffic generator as in the previous examples in both directions. First Upstream, then observe the Rate Limiting of the traffic. You will notice that Rate Limiting of the per-user 1 Mbps setting supercedes that of per-SSID Rate Limiting of 3 Mbps, and the Global QoS profile setting of 2 Mbps.

# WLC configuration for Bi-directional Rate Limiting – Local Switching

This section provides a sample topology, basic Switch Integration, and sample test cases for the BDRL in Local Switching Mode configuration.

Note: This topology is not an actual Lab topology. It is only presented for feature explanation.



### Rate Limiting while Local Switching

When the AP enters standalone mode, the respective downstream policies and the upstream policies are installed on the AP. These policies are not permanent and will not be saved in the AP on reboot.

1. Configure or verify that the AP on the controller is configured as Flex Connect AP in a Locally Switched mode.

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WLANs	WLANs > Edit 'BDRL Testing' General Security QoS	Policy-Mapping Advanced
WLANS	FlexConnect	
Advanced	FlexConnect Local Switching 2 Ena	abled
	FlexConnect Local Auth 💶 🔲 Ena	abled
	Learn Client IP Address 互 🕑 Ena	abled
	Vlan based Central Switching <u>13</u> Ena	abled
	Central DHCP Processing 📃 Ena	abled
	Override DNS	abled
	NAT-PAT Ena	abled
	Central Assoc 📃 Ena	abled

- 2. Configure again all the Rate Limiting parameters for the Locally Switched mode as you did for the Centrally Switched or Local mode of the AP. Then, observe the results.
- 3. Perform steps 2-13 from the previous section.

### **Rate Limiting CLI configurations**

#### **QoS Profile Configuration:**

config qos [average-data-rate | average-realtime-rate | burst-data-rate | burst-realtime-rate]
[bronze | gold | silver | platinum] [per-ssid | per-client] [downstream | upstream] limit

#### WLAN Override Configuration:

config wlan override-rate-limit wlanid [average-data-rate | average-realtime-rate | burst-data-rat burst-realtime-rate] [per-ssid | per-client] [downstream | upstream] limit

Similar show commands are also provided to display the QoS profile configuration and packet statistics.

<#root>
(wlc)>show qos [bronze   gold   silver   platinum]
Description For Best Efform Maximum Priority besteffort Unicast Default Priority besteffort Multicast Default Priority besteffort protocol none

Per-ssid Limits	Upstream	DownStream
Average Data Rate	. 0	0
Burst Data Rate	. 0	0
Average Realtime Data Rate	0	0
Realtime Burst Data Rate	0	0
Per-client Limits	Upstream	DownStream
Per-client Limits Average Data Rate	Upstream . O	DownStream O
Per-client Limits Average Data Rate Burst Data Rate	Upstream . O . O	DownStream 0 0
Per-client Limits Average Data Rate Burst Data Rate Average Realtime Data Rate	Upstream 0 0 0	DownStream 0 0 0

#### <#root>

(wlc)> show wlan [wlan-id]

Quality of Service	Silver	
Scan Defer Priority	4,5,6	
Scan Defer Time	100 millised	conds
WMM	Allowed	
WMM UAPSD Compliant Client Support	Disabled	
Media Stream Multicast-direct	Enabled	
Rate-limit Override		Enabled/Disabled
Per-ssid Limits	Upstream	DownStream
Average Data Rate	0	0
Burst Data Rate	0	0
Average Realtime Data Rate	0	0
Realtime Burst Data Rate	0	0
Per-client Limits	Upstream	DownStream
Average Data Rate	0	0
Burst Data Rate	0	0
Average Realtime Data Rate	0	0
Realtime Burst Data Rate	0	0
CCX - AironetIe Support	Enabled	
CCX - Gratuitous ProbeResponse (GPR)	Disabled	
CCX - Diagnostics Channel Capability	Disabled	

#### <#root>

(wlc)> show client details [mac-addr]

### **Rate Limiting Central Switching – Sample CLI Configuration**

### Cases

### Rate limit applied per-SSID on downstream traffic configuration

This is to configure rate limit per-SSID on downstream traffic. The throughput is limited for all clients associated to that SSID as per configuration.

1. Disable both 802.11a and 802.11b radio using these commands:

config 802.11a disable network config 802.11b disable network

2. Enter this command in order to define the average data rate in Kbps for TCP traffic per-SSID:

config qos average-data-rate silver per-ssid downstream limit

3. Enter this command in order to define the burst data rate in Kbps for TCP traffic per-SSID:

config qos average-data-rate silver per-ssid downstream limit

4. Define the average real-time rate in Kbps for UDP traffic per-SSID:

config qos average-realtime-rate silver per-ssid downstream limit

5. Define the peak real-time rate in Kbps for UDP traffic per-SSID:

config qos burst-realtime-rate silver per-ssid downstream limit

6. Map this QoS profile in WLAN using this command:

config wlan qos wlan\_id silver

- 7. Enable both 802.11 a and 802.11 b radios.
- 8. Check that the above values are configured correctly using these **show** commands:

show qos silver
show wlan [wlan-id]

9. Associate two or more clients to the above WLAN. Then, start sending TCP and UDP traffic from wired to wireless clients using a traffic generator (for example, LAN traffic tool or iPerf) more than the defined parameters above.

For example, if average-data-rate = 1000 Kbps per SSID and burst data rate = 2000 Kbps per SSID, then all clients together share the bandwidth of that specific AP. Also, traffic of clients together should not exceed more than 1000 Kbps average per radio of AP.

10. Check client statistics using this **show** command:

```
(wlc) show client details [mac-addr]
Client Statistics:
    Number of Data Bytes Received...... 160783
    Number of Realtime Bytes Received...... 160783
    Number of Data Bytes Sent..... 23436
    Number of Realtime Bytes Sent..... 23436
```

11. Repeat the test case with other QoS profiles: bronze, gold and platinum.

## Rate limit is applied on both per-SSID and per-client on downstream traffic configuration

This is to configure rate limit per-SSID and per-client on downstream traffic. Throughput is limited accordingly.

1. Disable both 802.11a and 802.11b radio using these commands:

config 802.11a disable network config 802.11b disable network

2. Define the average data rate in Kbps for TCP traffic per-SSID and per-client:

config qos average-data-rate silver per-ssid downstream limit config qos average-data-rate silver per-client downstream limit

3. Define the burst data rate in Kbps for TCP traffic per-SSID and per-client:

config qos average-data-rate silver per-ssid downstream limit config qos average-data-rate silver per-client downstream limit 4. Define the average real-time rate in Kbps for UDP traffic per-SSID and per-client.

config qos average-realtime-rate silver per-ssid downstream limit config qos average-realtime-rate silver per-client downstream limit

5. Define the peak real-time rate in Kbps for UDP traffic per-SSID and per-client:

config qos burst-realtime-rate silver per-ssid downstream limit config qos burst-realtime-rate silver per-client downstream limit

6. Map this QoS profile in WLAN using this command:

```
config wlan qos wlan_id silver
```

- 7. Enable both 802.11 a and 802.11 b radios.
- 8. Check that the above values are configured correctly using these show commands:

```
show qos silver
show wlan [wlan-id]
```

- 9. Associate two or more clients to the above WLAN. Then, start sending TCP and UDP traffic from wired to wireless clients using a traffic generator (for example, LAN traffic tool or iPerf) more than the defined parameters above.
- 10. Check client statistics using this show command:

```
(wlc) show client details [mac-addr]
Client Statistics:
    Number of Data Bytes Received...... 160783
    Number of Realtime Bytes Received...... 160783
    Number of Data Bytes Sent..... 23436
    Number of Realtime Bytes Sent..... 23436
```

11. Repeat the test case with other QoS profiles: bronze, gold and platinum.

# Rate limit applied per-SSID supercedes global QoS profile on downstream traffic configuration

The rate limit defined on WLAN per-SSID downstream overrides values defined under QoS profiles.

- 1. Configure rate limits for UDP and TCP traffic under QoS profile, for example, Silver.
- 2. Map this QoS profile in WLAN.

3. Configure different rate limit values on WLAN using these commands:

```
config wlan override-rate-limit id average-data-rate per-ssid downstream limit
config wlan override-rate-limit id burst-data-rate per-ssid downstream limit
config wlan override-rate-limit id average-realtime-rate per-ssid downstream limit
config wlan override-rate-limit id burst-realtime-rate per-ssid downstream limit
```

- 4. Associate different clients to WLAN, and start sending traffic from wired to wireless side.
- 5. Check if value configured on WLAN is overriden. Use these **show** commands to validate that the WLAN override is enabled.

show wlan <id> config qos average-data-rate silver per-ssid downstream limit config qos average-data-rate silver per-client downstream limit

#### Rate limit applied per-SSID on upstream traffic configuration

This is to verify that the rate limit is applied per-SSID on upstream traffic. The throughput is limited for all clients associated to that WLAN as per configuration.

1. Disable both 802.11a and 802.11b radio using these commands:

config 802.11a disable network config 802.11b disable network

2. Define the rate in Kbps for TCP and UDP traffic per-SSID:

config qos average-data-rate silver per-ssid upstream limit config qos average-data-rate silver per-ssid upstream limit config qos average-realtime-rate silver per-ssid upstream limit config qos burst-realtime-rate silver per-ssid upstream limit

3. Map this QoS profile in WLAN using this command:

```
config wlanqoswlan_id silver
```

- 4. Enable both 802.11 a and 802.11 b radios.
- 5. Check that the above values are configured correctly using these **show** commands:

```
show qos silver
show wlan [wlan-id]
```

6. Associate two or more clients to the above WLAN. Then, start sending TCP and UDP traffic from wireless to wired client using a traffic generator (for example, LAN traffic tool) more than the defined parameters above.

For example, if average-data-rate = 1000 Kbps per SSID and burst data rate = 2000 Kbps per SSID, then all clients together share the bandwidth. Also, traffic of clients together should not exceed more than 1000 Kbps average per radio of AP.

7. Check client statistics using this **show** command:

(wlc) show client details [mac-addr]

8. Optional: Repeat the test case with other QoS profiles: bronze, gold and platinum.

#### Rate limit applied per-client on upstream traffic configuration

This to verify that when rate-limit is applied per-client on upstream traffic, the throughput is limited for all clients associated to that WLAN as per configuration.

1. Disable both 802.11a and 802.11b radio using these commands:

config 802.11a disable network config 802.11b disable network

2. Define the rate in Kbps for TCP and UDP traffic per-client:

config qos average-data-rate silver per-client upstream limit config qos average-data-rate silver per-client upstream limit config qos average-realtime-rate silver per-client upstream limit config qos burst-realtime-rate silver per-client upstream limit

3. Map this QoS profile in WLAN using this command:

config wlan qos wlan\_id silver

- 4. Enable both 802.11 a and 802.11 b radios.
- 5. Check that the above values are configured correctly using these **show** commands:

```
show qos silver
show wlan [wlan-id]
```

6. Associate two or more clients to the above WLAN. Then, start sending TCP and UDP traffic from wireless to wired client using a traffic generator (for example, LAN traffic tool) more than the defined parameters above.

For example, if average-data-rate = 1000 Kbps per SSID and burst data rate = 2000 Kbps per SSID, then all clients together share the bandwidth, and traffic of clients together should not exceed more than 1000 Kbps average per radio of AP.

7. Check client statistics using this **show** command:

(wlc) show client details [mac-addr]

8. Optional: Repeat the test case with other QoS profiles: bronze, gold and platinum.

#### Rate limit applied per-SSID and per-client together on upstream traffic configuration

This is to verify that when rate-limit is applied per-SSID and per-client on upstream traffic, the throughput is limited accordingly.

1. Disable both 802.11a and 802.11b radio using these commands:

config 802.11a disable network config 802.11b disable network

2. Define the rate in Kbps for TCP and UDP traffic per-client and per-SSID:

config qos average-data-rate silver per-client upstream limit config qos average-data-rate silver per-client upstream limit config qos average-realtime-rate silver per-client upstream limit config qos burst-realtime-rate silver per-client upstream limit config qos average-data-rate silver per-ssid upstream limit config qos average-data-rate silver per-ssid upstream limit config qos average-data-rate silver per-ssid upstream limit config qos average-realtime-rate silver per-ssid upstream limit 3. Map this QoS profile in WLAN using this command:

```
config wlan qos wlan_id silver
```

4. Enable both 802.11 a and 802.11 b radios.

5. Check that the above values are configured correctly using these **show** commands:

show qos silver
show wlan [wlan-id]

6. Associate two or more STA to the above WLAN. Then, start sending TCP and UDP traffic from wireless to wired client using a traffic generator (for example, LAN traffic tool) more than the defined parameters above.

For example, if average-data-rate = 5000 Kbps per SSID and average-data-rate = 1000 Kbps per client, then each of client is limited to 1000 Kbps. Also, all clients traffic together should not exceed more than 5000 Kbps average per radio of AP.

7. Check client statistics using this **show** command:

(wlc) show client details [mac-addr]

8. Optional :Repeat the test case with other QoS profiles: bronze, gold and platinum.

# Rate limit applied per-SSID supercedes global QoS profile on upstream traffic configuration

This is to verify rate limit defined on WLAN per-SSID upstream overrides values defined under QoS profiles.

- 1. Configure rate limits for UDP and TCP traffic under QoS profile, for example, Silver.
- 2. Map this QoS profile in WLAN.
- 3. Configure different rate limit values on WLAN using these commands:

config wlan override-rate-limit id average-data-rate per-ssid upstream limit config wlan override-rate-limit id burst-data-rate per-ssid upstream limit config wlan override-rate-limit id average-realtime-rate per-ssid upstream limit config wlan override-rate-limit id burst-realtime-rate per-ssid upstream limit

- 4. Associate different clients to WLAN, and start sending traffic from wireless to wired side.
- 5. Check if the value configured on WLAN is overriden. Use this **show** command to validate that the WLAN override is enabled.

show wlan<id>