

Exinda for Malls and Venues

Optimizing Bandwidth Management

Use case overview

In the modern world, internet coverage is ubiquitous in public spaces, serving both recreational purposes and supporting the marketing efforts of host organizations.

GFI Exinda Network Orchestrator AI is a versatile solution designed for a wide range of network management scenarios across various industries. While it offers powerful capabilities for many different environments, this document focuses on two specific use cases that highlight its flexibility and effectiveness: malls and event venues.

Use case #1 – Bandwidth Allocation in Malls

In most malls across the world, visitors can log in to a publicly available Wi-Fi network to use internet services provided by the mall. Simultaneously, retailers use the internet connection for their systems (e.g., cashier systems, in-house entertainment systems, info screens). Since retailers pay for their spot in the mall, their needs must be prioritized.

Mall infrastructure needs to:

- Prioritize bandwidth consumption for retailers.
- Prioritize different applications (often custom) based on their importance for individual retailers.
- Provide bandwidth for all visitors (shoppers) to enhance their experience.
- Consider prioritizing certain visitor applications (e.g., social networks) to support marketing efforts.
- Manage dynamic bandwidth allocation as the number of visitors and connected devices varies over time.

Based on this, we can identify 4 pain points:

1. Ability to divide and prioritize bandwidth between Retailers and Visitors.
2. Ability to prioritize bandwidth between individual applications used by single retailer.
3. Ability to provide dynamic but equal share between visitors.
4. Ability to prioritize bandwidth allocation to certain applications used by the visitors.

Addressing points 1,2 & 3

Virtual Circuit 50 - Retailer - Adidas (100000 kbps to / from 'Addidas - sports wear')		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Adidas - warehouse ordering system (Optimize 5% - 10%, Priority 1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="10"/>	Adidas - entertainment systems (Optimize 20% - 100%, Priority 1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="20"/>	Cashier system (Optimize 1% - 2%, Priority 3)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="30"/>	Security systems (Optimize 1% - 2%, Priority 7)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="40"/>	Employee wi-fi (Optimize 2% - 15%, Priority 1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>	Adidas guest_visitor wifi (Optimize 1% - 20%, Priority 1)

With GFI Exinda Network Orchestrator AI's QoS system, admins can easily create Virtual Circuits for every retailer segment along with one or multiple visitor segments. Virtual Circuits allow admins to allocate and maintain bandwidth consumption and prioritize different applications within a single segment/virtual circuit, as shown in the picture above.

Addressing point 4

Dynamic Virtual Circuit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dynamic Options	
Per Host Bandwidth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatically Share <input type="text" value="0"/> %
Per Host Max Bandwidth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Bursting Allowed <input type="text" value="0"/> %
Host Location	<input type="text" value="Internal"/>
Max Hosts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auto <input type="text" value="0"/>

Using the Dynamic Virtual Circuit feature, admins can deliver seamless and automatic equal bandwidth allocation among all hosts recognized within this Virtual Circuit. This option is available for each created virtual circuit (see more details in the previous section).

Use case #2 – Bandwidth allocation between visitors and internal systems at Venues

Venues (Arenas) are typically buildings capable of hosting thousands or tens of thousands of visitors in a single event. Paid visitors expect a certain level of hospitality, including mandatory Wi-Fi availability. At the same time, venues have various high-tech subsystems such as multimedia systems, security systems, and others.

Venue infrastructure should:

- Provide bandwidth for all event visitors to enhance their experience.
- Consider prioritizing certain visitor applications (e.g., social networks, streaming) to support marketing efforts.
- Manage dynamic bandwidth allocation as the number of visitors and connected devices varies.
- Prioritize streaming without impacting content quality.
- Ensure uninterrupted, stable bandwidth allocation for in-house systems (security, entertainment, broadcasting).
- Allow prioritization of emergency applications.
- Continuously measure the quality of key applications for broadcasters and venue entertainment systems.

Based on this we can identify 5 pain points:

1. Ability to divide and prioritize bandwidth between Venue (arena) systems and visitors.
2. Ability to prioritize bandwidth between individual applications used by venue systems.
3. Ability to provide dynamic but equal share between visitors.
4. Ability to prioritize bandwidth allocation to certain applications used by the visitors (e.g., social networks, streaming).
5. Ability to continuously measure quality of top applications used by broadcasters or venue multimedia systems.

Addressing points 1,2 & 4

The screenshot displays the configuration interface for two Virtual Circuits (VCs) in the GFI Exinda Network Orchestrator AI's QoS system. Each VC is configured with a specific bandwidth and a list of applications with their respective optimization and priority settings.

Virtual Circuit	Bandwidth	Source	Application	Optimize	Priority
Virtual Circuit 60	150000 kbps	Visitors Top floor	block updates (Discard)		
Virtual Circuit 60	150000 kbps	Visitors Top floor	Facebook streaming	30% - 40%	1
Virtual Circuit 60	150000 kbps	Visitors Top floor	YouTube streaming	20% - 40%	1
Virtual Circuit 60	150000 kbps	Visitors Top floor	Taxi booking apps	5% - 40%	1
Virtual Circuit 60	150000 kbps	Visitors Top floor	In house food ordering	15% - 20%	1
Virtual Circuit 60	150000 kbps	Visitors Top floor	Event main web page	5% - 30%	5
Virtual Circuit 70	100000 kbps	Arena multimedia	IPTV	20% - 40%	1
Virtual Circuit 70	100000 kbps	Arena multimedia	Public broadcast	40% - 100%	1
Virtual Circuit 70	100000 kbps	Arena multimedia	Stats sync	2% - 10%	4
Virtual Circuit 70	100000 kbps	Arena multimedia	Media files repository	1% - 40%	1

Additional details from the screenshot: The interface includes a 'Policy' dropdown set to '4587' and a button 'Add To 'Visitors Top floor''. A link 'Create New Policy...' is also visible.

Using GFI Exinda Network Orchestrator AI's QoS system, admins can easily create Virtual Circuits for every in-house venue segment along with one or multiple visitor segments. Virtual Circuits allow admins to allocate and maintain bandwidth consumption and prioritize different applications within a single segment/virtual circuit, as shown in the picture above.

Addressing point 3

Dynamic Virtual Circuit

Dynamic Options

Per Host Bandwidth Automatically Share
 %

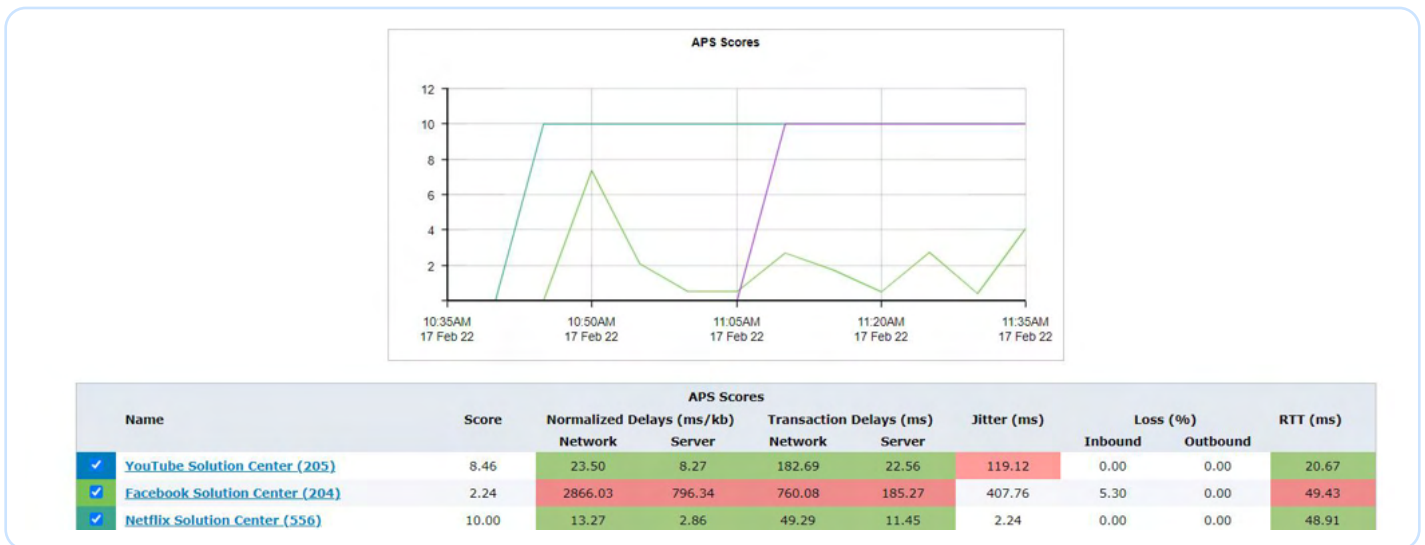
Per Host Max Bandwidth No Bursting Allowed
 %

Host Location

Max Hosts Auto

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Addressing point 5



Using the native GFI Exinda Network Orchestrator AI function - APS score, admins can set continuous evaluation of performance for chosen applications. This evaluation is done in the form of a "score" ranging from 1 to 10. This score is calculated from values such as Jitter, RTT, packet loss, transaction delay, etc. The value is measured every 10 seconds, providing early warnings on the poor performance of key applications or proof that the required performance has been delivered throughout the entire event.