#### Towards Service Differentiation on the Internet

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# Limitations of the current Internet

#### Bandwidth Raw bandwidth is not a problem: DWDM Provisioning bandwidth on demand is more problematic Latency Mean latencies on Internet is about 80-160ms Bounding latencies or ensuring lower latencies is a problem End-to-end performances Links are getting faster and faster! Why my FTP is still going so slow? Communication models Only unicast communications are well-defined: UDP, TCP

Multi-parties communication models are slow to be deployed

# Revisiting the *same service for all* paradigm



# Service Differentiation

The real question is to choose which packets shall be dropped. The first definition of differential service is something like "not mine." -- Christian Huitema

Differentiated services provide a way to specify the relative priority of packets
Some data is more important than other
People who pay for better service get it!



## Divide traffic into classes



# Design Goals/Challenges

- Ability to charge differently for different services
- □ No per flow state or per flow signaling
- □ All policy decisions made at network boundaries
  - Boundary routers implement policy decisions by tagging packets with appropriate priority tag
- Traffic policing at network boundaries
- Deploy incrementally, then evolve
  - □ Build simple system at first, expand if needed in future



# Traffic Conditioning



# Differentiated Architecture



## Pre-defined PHB

# Expedited Forwarding (EF, premium):

- departure rate of packets from a class equals or exceeds a specified rate (logical link with a minimum guaranteed rate)
- Emulates leased-line behavior

#### □ Assured Forwarding (AF):

- 4 classes, each guaranteed a minimum amount of bandwidth and buffering; each with three drop preference partitions
- Emulates frame-relay behavior

## Premium Service Example



Fixed Bandwidth

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### Assured Service Example



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# Border Router Functionality



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# Internal Router Functionality



A DSCP codes aggregates, not individual flows No state in the core Should scale to millions of flows

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## DiffServ in action



# DiffServ in action (con't)



# DiffServ in commercial products

Most switch/router manufacturer (Cisco, Juniper, Procket...) have DiffServ implementations (and other advanced QoS features: WFQ, RED, WRED...) in their products for corporates, ISP, operators.