PacketExpert™ 1G ExpertSAM (ITU-T Y.1564)

Overview

The ExpertSAM (ITU-T Y.1564) applications is designed for multiservice testing to measure the maximum performance of the Device or the Network Under Test. ExpertSAM is a set of procedures that test the ability of Ethernet-based services to carry a variety of traffic (voice, data, and video) at defined performance levels. In particular, it is aimed at addressing limitations of legacy RFC 2544 test procedures, especially for Service Level Agreements (SLA).

The application is available as an optional software with PacketExpert™1G, a Quad Port Ethernet / VLAN / MPLS / IP / UDP Tester with 4 Electrical Ethernet ports. 2 of the 4 ports includes optical ports along with electrical, enabling testing on optical fiber links. The electrical ports support 10/100/1000 Mbps. The optical ports support 1000 Mbps using SFPs. PacketExpert™ 1G is available in portable as well as Rack mount platforms. The portable PacketExpert™ 1G platform supports all the features of high-end taps providing mobility and storage capacity to reach any point in the network.

In ExpertSAM test methodology Bandwidth CIR/EIR/Overshoot traffic, Frame Loss, Frame Delay and Frame Delay Variation are measured and compared to the expected values for each service ensuring it is within its committed range or the threshold defined for guaranteed traffic such as CIR (Committed Information Rate).

For detailed information on PacketExpert™, visit [https://www.gl.com/itu-t-y.1564-expertsam-testing-packetexpert.html](https://www.gl.com/itu-t-y.1564-expertsam-testing-packetexpert.html)

Features

- Complete validation of Ethernet Service-Level Agreements (SLAs) in a single test.
- Supports Service Configuration and Service Performance tests in compliance with ITU-T Y.1564 standard.
- Supports multiple services (up to 12 services) with varying performance requirements that meets full load conditions.
- KPIs like Information Rate (IR) or Throughput, Frame Loss Ratio (FLR), Frame Transfer Delay (FTD) or Latency, and Frame Delay Variation (FDV) or Jitter, measured simultaneously for multi streams, and Pass/Fail verdict declared.
- Capability to generate traffic at throughput of CIR (guaranteed traffic), EIR (best effort bandwidth) and Traffic Policing rates (dropped bandwidth) ensuring Key performance indicators (KPI) validation.
- Color Aware mode supported – generates Green/Yellow color marked traffic at the configured rates, and provides Green and Yellow measurements separately. VLAN PCP, IP TOS and IP DSCP color marking supported.
- EMIX (Ether MIX) frame sizes supported per service – up to 7 frame sizes can be defined per service.
- Stacked VLAN supported – C-Tag (Customer Tag) and S-Tag (Service Tag) to simulate Carrier Ethernet traffic.
- Simultaneous validation of all the services for quality over the time.
- Command Line Interface (requires CXE100) for automated testing and remote accessibility using API clients TCL, C#, Python and MAPS™ Client Server architecture.
Ethernet VLAN C-TAG Configuration

User can enable VLAN configuration and set the C-Tag (Customer Tag) and S-Tag (Service Tag) VLAN Type, ID, and Priority. The 2 byte VLAN segment Tag Control Information (TCI) includes 3 bit Carry Priority Information (PCP) field which indicates traffic priorities, which the user can configure.

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Bandwidth (BW) Profile Configuration

Customer traffic is classified into three classes, and each is assigned a specific color:

- **Committed information rate (CIR), or green traffic:** guaranteed bandwidth available at all times for a specific service.
- **Excess information rate (EIR), or yellow traffic:** excess bandwidth above CIR that may be available depending on network usage.
- **Traffic Policing, or red traffic:** traffic above the CIR or the CIR/EIR rate, and that cannot be forwarded without disrupting other services; red traffic is therefore discarded.

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ITU-T Y.1564 ExpertSAM Module

The ITU-T Y.1564 is built around two key subtests, the service configuration test and the service performance test:

- **Service Configuration Test** – confirms the end to end configuration with the SLA parameters for all configured traffic streams.
- **Service Performance Test** – transmits all configured traffic streams simultaneously confirming all traffic is able to transverse the network under full load with the SLA parameters.

![Service Configuration Diagram]

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![Service Configuration Collapsed Summary View]

![Bandwidth Profile Configuration Diagram]
VLAN C-Tag Color Method Configuration

Color aware is a bandwidth profile property where a pre-determined level of bandwidth profile compliance for each service frame is taken into account when determining the level of compliance for each service frame.

The VLAN C-Tag PCP field is assigned priority level from 1 to 4 to be considered as green frames equivalent to CIR and priority level from 5 to 7 to be considered as yellow frames equivalent to EIR.

SAC Parameter Configuration

SAC (Service Acceptance Criteria) is the part of the network operators SLA which references the Frame Transfer Delay (FTD) in msec, Frame Delay Variations (FDV) in msec, and Frame Loss Ratio (FLR) requirements for the network path under test.

Test Selection Configuration

CIR, EIR and Traffic Policing are the three phases of Service Configuration Test performed per service sequentially, which can be configured in steps. The Service Configuration step is executed for each service within the specified step duration.

Once the configuration of each service is validated, the service performance test simultaneously validates the quality of all the services over the specified time duration.

Results

The Service Configuration Results Overview pane displays the Service Name for which the test is running, the Verdict of the configuration test, Current Step of the service (CIR/EIR/Traffic Policing), Max IR (Mbps), FLR (%), Max FTD (msec), and Max FDV (msec) parameters for each configured service.

The service performance results display includes all Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) parameter results for each service - IR, FLR, FTD, FDV (Current, Minimum, Mean, & Maximum).

Over all test status provides a quick view of the test in the form of Alarm LEDs. Green LED indicates that the tests meet the Frame Loss Ratio (FLR), Frame Transfer Delay (FTD), and Frame Delay Variations (FDV) defined criteria. The overall global verdict (PASS/FAIL) of the tests is also reported.
**Tx and Rx Frame Statistics**

Detailed statistics per port are provided, parameters include Frame Count, Frame Rate, Link Utilization, others are provided based on various categories like Frame Type (Unicast/Broadcast/Multicast, VLAN), frame lengths (64, 65-127, 1024-1518, Oversized, Undersized), Protocol Type (IPv4, IPv6, UDP, TCP, ICMP, IGRP, etc). VLAN Statistics (per Stack position), are also displayed for the configured stacks.

**Command Line Interface (CLI)**

PacketExpert™ is enhanced to support Command Line Interface (CLI) to access all the functionalities remotely using TCL or Python clients and MAPS™ CLI Server/Client architecture.

The CLI supports all the PacketExpert™ test modules including - All Port Bert, Bert Loopback, All Port Loopback, RFC 2544, Record Playback, ExpertSAM™, PacketBroker, Multi Stream Traffic Generator and Analyzer, and ExpertTCP™.

**Report Generation**

The Report Generation option allows to create detailed test report in PDF and CSV formats. This window lets the user configure the report file details.

**Buyer’s Guide**

**PXE106 - ExpertSAM™ 1G**

**CXE100 - CLI support for PXE100**

**Related Hardware**

**PXE100 – PacketExpert™ 1G**

**PXE104 - PacketExpert™ - SA (4 ports) 1G**

**PXE112 - PacketExpert™ -SA (12 Ports) 1G**

**PXE124 - PacketExpert™ -SA (24 Ports) 1G**

**PXG100 - PacketExpert 10G™**

**PXG101 - PacketExpert 10G™ Tablet**

**PXG104 - PacketExpert™ 10G Rackmount**

**Related Software**

**PXE105 - Wire speed Record /Playback 1G**

**PXE107 - PacketBroker 1G**

**PXE108 - Multi Stream Traffic Generator and Analyzer 1G**

**PXE108 - ExpertTCP™ 1G**

**ETH100 - PacketCheck™**

**PKV100 - PacketScan™ (Online and Offline)**