

Asynchronous Gates P802.1Qci

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Synchronous Gates in 802.1Q Today





Adding Asynchronous Gate Control



- Time-based gate control list can be masked, and asynchronous gate control can take over
- Both control lists and also the mask can be updated by/based-on Frame Processing



Synchronous gate control

Asynchronous

gate control

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Use Case 1 – Block Misbehaving Stream

 A Stream Filter detecting misbehaving stream can mask the time-based gate control and set the gate Closed in the asynchronous gate control



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Use Case 2 – Goal: Assured Frame Order



- Frame of flow A and flow B arrive more or less the same time
- If we do not do anything, then the transmission order is not deterministic → delay variation



 Assured frame transmission order is desired, e.g., to decrease delay variation



Use Case 2 – Implementation



- Arrival/transmission of frame A (queue A) controls gate B (gate A is always open)
- > Flow A is CBR, flow B is arbitrary (can be CBR as well)
- When frame A arrives and gets transmitted, gate B gets open and scheduled to be closed after Period minus Tolerance time
 - Can be made periodic based on local clock



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> Add support for asynchronous gate control