LANforge-FIRE Stateful Network Traffic Generator



- IPv4/6, TCP, UDP
- iPerf
- Ping, DNS
- IP ToS (QoS) support
- VOIP: SIP/RTP
- HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, Curl

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LANforge FIRE generates and receives various network protocols. It is used to create load on a network under test. It reports statistics such as packets sent and received, latency, packet-loss and many other network characteristics. LANforge supports real protocols and stateful TCP connections, so it can generate load against web servers, VOIP gateways, firewalls, load-balancers and many other network components. LANforge can virtualize network adapters and wifi station interfaces. It can also act as a router or group of routers supporting OSPF, RIP, BGP and Multicast (PIM, IGMP). LANforge supports IPv4 and IPv6.

The LANforge system consists of a single manager process, and one or more traffic generator machines (resources). The resources are connected to the manager over a management network. Devices under test are connected to the non-management ports of LANforge systems. If needed, LANforge can also generate traffic on the management network.

The LANforge GUI may run on the LANforge machines or on the customer's PCs. The GUI should connect to the manager machine. Multiple GUIs can be used concurrently.

LANforge FIRE Use Cases

- Validate network equipment for throughput, stability and performance, at up to 10Gbps speeds. All supported protocols can be used concurrently for a very realistic traffic mix.
- 24 and 48-port modules especially cost-effective for testing many slower systems, such as DSL, Cable-Modem, and Satellite modems.
- WiFIRE models can emulate up to 1200 WiFi stations per chassis for testing access points and other wireless infrastructure.
- VOIP Call generation can be used to load SIP gateways and other VOIP infrastructure. It can report various statistics, including PESQ quality scores.

- HTTP, HTTPS, FTP and similar load generation can be used to test web servers, load balancers, and related equipment.
- LANforge can support 50,000+ concurrent stateful TCP connections, so it can be used to test firewalls, routers, and other equipment that pays close attention to higher level protocols.

LANforge FIRE Protocols & Connections

- 1. Supports real-world protocols: (Benchmarked on high-end Candela Technologies-supplied hardware)
 - 1. Layer 2: Raw-Ethernet
 - 2. PPP: Supports PPPoE interfaces
 - 3. Layer 3: Armageddon accellerated UDP/IP (9.99 Gbps+ with 1514 byte frames on 10 GE; 990 Mbps, 81,800 pps on GigE; both symmetrical and bidirectional, sending to self (2 ports)) *
 - 4. Layer 3: UDP/IP (6 Gbps+ bi-directional, 3 streams, 24k byte PDUs, 1500 MTU, 10G, to self, some drops)
 - 5. Layer 3: UDP/IPv6 (6 Gbps+ bi-directional, 3 streams, 24k byte PDUs, 1500 MTU, 10G, to self, some drops)
 - 6. Layer 3: IGMP Multicast UDP (500+ receivers)
 - 7. Layer 3: IGMP Multicast UDP over IPv6 (500+ receivers)
 - 8. Layer 3: Stateful TCP/IP (9.8Gbps+ on wire, 9.3Gbps goodput, bi-directional with 24K byte writes, 30 streams, 1500 MTU, 10G, to self)
 - 9. Layer 3: Stateful TCP/IPv6 (9.8Gbps+ on wire, 9.1Gbps goodput, bi-directional with 24K byte writes, 30 streams, 1500 MTU, 10G, to self)
 - 10. Layer 3: Stateful SCTP/IP (850Mbps, bi-directional, 3 streams. No hardware offload exists, CPU bound.)
 - 11. Layer 3: Stateful SCTP/IPv6 (850Mbps, bi-directional, 3 streams. No hardware offload exists, CPU bound. Requires global-scope IPv6 addresses.
 - 12. Layer 4-7: FTP
 - 13. Layer 4-7: SFTP
 - 14. Layer 4-7: HTTP (9 Gbps+ download, 65,000+/13,000+ Requests per Second, 6,000+ concurrent connections)
 - 15. Layer 4-7: HTTPS (1 Gbps+ download)
 - 16. Layer 4-7: SCP
 - 17. Layer 4-7: TFTP (1400+ concurrent connections, ~1Gbps throughput)
 - 18. Layer 4-7: TELNET
 - 19. Layer 4-7: DNS (Used and Reported by most Layer 4-7 traffic types)
 - 20. Layer 4-7: PING (via integrated script)
 - 21. Layer 4-7: VolP Call Generator (SIP, RTP, RTCP, PESQ/MOS), 1000+ calls per machine.*
 - 22. File-IO: NFS 17+Gbps (dual 10G NICs, mostly reading), 1000+ virtual clients.
- Supports over 50,000 concurrent TCP connections on a single high-end machine with appropriate licenses. Base license includes 1000 concurrent connections. Supports around 2000 concurrent Layer 4-7, UDP and other connection types. *
- 3. Supports real-world compliance with ARP protocol.
- 4. Supports ToS (QoS) settings for TCP/IP and UDP/IP connections.
- 5. Utilizes libcurl for FTP, SFTP, TFTP, SCP, TELNET, HTTP and HTTPS (SSL) protocols.
- 6. Supports file system test endpoints (can be used for NFS, NFSv4, SMB, and iSCSI file systems too!). Can emulate 1000+ CIFS and/or NFS clients with unique mount points, IPs, MACs, etc *
- 7. Supports custom and command-line programs, like nmap and ping.

- 8. Custom packet builder interface allows hand crafting of headers and payloads. Headers supported at Layer 2 include ARP, SNAP/LLC, 802.1Q, 802.1QinQ and MPLS. Some Layer 3 protocol headers supported include IP, IPX, UDP, TCP, ICMP, IGMP, IP-ENCAP, RDP, IPinIP and IPv6 protocols.
- 9. Uses publicly available Linux or Windows networking stack for increased standards compliance.
- 10. Supports 20 or more physical data-generating Ethernet ports per 2U LANforge chassis.
- 11. Emulates over 2000 unique machines with one physical interface with the MAC-VLAN feature! *
- 12. Supports over 2000 802.1Q VLANs .*
- 13. Supports PPPoE, including automated creation and deletion of the PPP interfaces
- 14. Supports 802.11a/b/g/n/AC with WiFIRE feature set (see below.)

LANforge FIRE Reporting

- 1. Comprehensive traffic reports include: Packet Transmit rate, Packet Receive rate, Packet Receive Drop %, Transmit Bytes, Receive Bytes, Latency, various Ethernet driver level counters, and much more.
- 2. Supports generation of reports that are ready to be imported into your favorite spread-sheet.
- 3. Allows packet sniffing and network protocol decoding with the integrated Wireshark protocol sniffer.

Management & Platform Support

- Comprehensive management information detailing all aspects of the LANforge system including machine statistics, test cases, and Ethernet port statistics.
- The LANforge Management GUI manages the LANforge systems and may be run locally on the LANforge system or over the network.
- The GUI can manage multiple units, tests, and testers simultaneously.
- The GUI is supported on Linux, Windows, MAC, and other operating systems.
- Supports scriptable command line interface (telnet) which can be used to automate test scenarios. Perl libraries and example scripts are also provided!
- LANforge testing software supported on Linux and Microsoft Windows.
- Automatic discovery of LANforge systems simplifies maintenance and use of LANforge test equipment.
- The modular architecture allows you to leverage your existing LANforge investment as your need for capacity increases.
- LANforge FIRE feature set may be combined with LANforge ICE to provide background traffic for more realistic testing.

LANforge VoIP/RTP Call Generator Feature Highlights

- 1. SIP protocol used for call management.*
 - 1. SIP/UDP supported.
 - 2. Can use directed mode, where VoIP phones call directly to themselves.
 - 3. Can also use Gateway mode where the VoIP phones register with a SIP gateway.
 - 4. SIP authentication is supported.
- 2. RTP protocol used for streaming media transport, and supports the following CODECS. More codecs may be supported in the future.
 - 1. G.711u: 64kbps data stream, 50 packets per second
 - 2. G.729a: 8kbps data stream, 50 packets per second
 - 3. Speex: 16kbps data stream, 50 packets per second (Linux ONLY)
 - 4. G.726-16: 16kbps data stream, 50 packets per second
 - 5. G.726-24: 24kbps data stream, 50 packets per second
 - 6. G.726-32: 32kbps data stream, 50 packets per second
 - 7. G.726-40: 40kbps data stream, 50 packets per second

- 8. NONE: A messaging-only configuration is now supported
- 3. Supports PESQ automated voice quality testing.
- 4. RTCP protocol used for streaming media statistics
- 5. Each LANforge VoIP/RTP endpoint can play from a wav file and record to a separate wav file. Almost any sound file can be converted to the correct wav file format with tools bundled with LANforge. Sample voice files are included.
- 6. Support for 1000 or more emulated VoIP phones per machine (hardware dependent).
- 7. LANforge VoIP/RTP endpoints can call other LANforge endpoints or third party SIP phones like Cisco and Grandstream. Third party phones can also call LANforge endpoints and hear the WAV file being played.

LANforge WiFIRE 802.11a/b/g/n/AC Stateful Traffic Generator

- 1. See some Example WiFi Reports supported by LANforge.
- 2. Useful for testing Wireless Access Points and deployments.
- 3. Can emulate up to 200 802.11a/b/g/n wireless client stations (Virtual STAs) per a/b/g/n radio, and up to 64 per /a/b/g/n/AC radio.
- 4. Each radio can run on only a single frequency at a time. So, all stations on a radio must be able to connect to an AP on the same channel.
- 5. Each Virtual STA can be associated with a particular Access Point (AP).
- 6. Each Virtual STA can be set to a specific protocol (/a, /b, /g, /n, /AC) or be told to use the best option available.
- 7. For 802.11n and AC, HT-40 can be disabled.
- 8. For all protocols, the rates can be specified or left auto.
- 9. AMPDU density and factor can be modified for 802.11n stations.
- 10. Each Virtual STA has unique MAC address, IP address and routing table.
- 11. 128bit WEP, WPA, WPA2 (PSK), WPA3 and related wpa_supplicant authentication methods supported.
- 12. Advanced authentication support includes: 802.1x, 802.11u, HotSpot 2.0/HS2.0, EAP-TLS, EAP-TTLS with MSCHAPv2, EAP-SIM, EAP-AKA, etc.
- 13. Automated captive portal login support for Virtual STAs.
- 14. Supported standards include: 802.11r (OTA and over DS), 802.11w, 802.11k, 802.11v
- 15. Supports **all** LANforge FIRE stateful traffic generation features, including HTTP, TCP, UDP, TCPv6, UDPv6, VOIP (SIP, RTP) * and more.
- 16. Supports bridge mode where wired Ethernet traffic can connect to the wired port on the LANforge an have their traffic sent onto the wireless network. This allows third-party traffic generators to be used. Each MAC address is associated with a single WiFi station in LANforge. With release 5.2.2, traffic can be bridged by IP address as well.
- 17. Supports powerful Chamber View scenario-creation to quickly create WiFi testing configurations.

LANforge NetReplay & Backtrack Feature Highlights

- 1. Using a combination of the LANforge FIRE traffic generation and LANforge ICE network emulation, LANforge supports capture and replay of Ethernet packet streams.
- 2. Capture protocol can be converted to standard 'libpcap' format for use with other tools such as Wireshark and tcpdump.
- 3. Capture has been benchmarked at 1Gbps bi-directional on high-end hardware using 6TB RAID configuration.

Virtual Network Builder

links, bridges (switches), virtual and physical interfaces, and more. When using routers, it supports static, OSPF, BGP, Multicast (IGMP, PIM) and other protocols for IPv4 and IPv6. LANforge FIRE stateful traffic generating connections and LANforge ICE network emulations are easily placed in the virtual networks. The virtual routers can connect to external routers and other network elements for easy integration into your network.

- 1. Emulates networks of arbitrary complexity using real-world routing protocols by integrating with the XORP router daemon.
- 2. Supports IPv4 and IPv6 static routing.
- 3. Supports IPv4 and IPv6 OSPF routing.
- 4. Supports IPv4 and IPv6 multicast routing.
- 5. Supports basic RIP, OLSR, and BGP routing protocol features.
- 6. Supports Ethernet bridges (switches), including spanning tree protocol (STP).
- 7. The virtual interfaces are 'real', so you can configure them like normal network interfaces and use sniffers and other tools on the individual interfaces.
- 8. Virtual router interconnections can be associated with LANforge ICE network emulations.
- 9. Interfaces can be associated with LANforge FIRE stateful traffic generation connections.
- 10. See the LANforge FIRE and LANforge ICE and cookbook for examples of how Netsmith works.

LANforge FIRE Systems

LANforge FIRE is often customized to a customer's specifications. In particular all of the LANforge ICE Network Emulation feature set is available. Some standard systems are listed below, but please contact sales@candelatech.com to discuss your requirements in detail and for a customized quote.

Gigabit in a Box: CT502-1G	Simulate up to 250 ethernet devices with unique MAC, IP Address and routing table over 6 physical ports with gigabit traffic generation. Excellent for testing routers and firewalls that monitor traffic flows.	HTML PDF
802.11a/b/g/n/AC WiFi: CT523-328-2ac-1n	Simulate up to 328 802.11a/b/g/n/AC Wireless Stations in one small system (200 per /n radio, 64 per /AC radio). Each Virtual Station device has its own IP address, IP port space, MAC address and routing table. Excellent for testing Access Points and other WiFi networks.	HTML PDF
VoIP Call Generator: CT505-30	Generate up to 30 concurrent SIP calls with RTP. Excellent for testing SIP gateways, routers and QoS configurations. Includes optional PESQ module that provides automated perceptive quality scoring for the individual calls.	HTML PDF
10 Gigabit Generator: CT503-10G	Generate and receive 10 Gbps of traffic with a single system. The CT503-10G is configured with two 10 Gigabit Fiber interfaces. This system is excellent for testing multi-port high- speed networks.	HTML PDF
48-port Last-Mile Traffic Generator: CT570	Generate and receive up to 2 Gbps of traffic across 48 10/100 ethernet interfaces utilizing a single LANforge machine and a 48-port managed ethernet switch. This system is excellent for testing DSL, Cable Modem, and other networks with a large number of lower-speed network devices.	HTML PDF

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LANforge-FIRE Related Screen Shots

Layer 3 (Ethernet, UDP, TCP) Connections

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kcdx-1	LF/UDP	Run	17,294	17,549	9,998,239	9,997,437	0	0	0	0	1
kcdx-10	LF/UDP	Run	17,377	17,716	9,997,632	9,996,340	0	0	0	0	0
cdx-2	LF/UDP	Run	17,548	17,802	9,997,351	9,996,964	0	0	0	0	0
cdx-3	LF/UDP	Run	17,633	17,802	9,997,891	9,996,964		0	0	0	0
cdx-4	LF/UDP	Run	17,633	17,802	9,997,891	9,996,964	0	0	0	0	1
cdx-5	LF/UDP	Run	17,718	17,036	9,997,947	9,992,326	0	0	0	0	1
cdx-6	LF/UDP	Run	17,718	17,044	9,997,947	9,997,018	0	0	0	0	1
cdx-7	LF/UDP	Run	17,718	17,044	9,997,947	9,997,018	0	0	0	0	1
cdx-8	LF/UDP	Run	17,718	17,044	9,997,947	9,997,516	0	0	0	0	1
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udp-se - Create/Modify Cross Connect + - All Display Sync Batch-Create Apply OK Cancel Cross-Connect Cross-Connect CX Name: Report Timer: udp-se default (5 s) -CX Type: LANforge / UDP -Endpoint A Endpoint B Endpoint A Endpoint B Pld Pattern increasing increasing • 1 (brent-6port) -1 (brent-6port) Resource: -▼ AUTO • AUTO Min IP Port: 1 (eth0) 2 (eth1) Port: -• • Max IP Port: Same • Same Min Tx Rate: lew Modem (56 Kbps) -New Modem (56 Kbps) • Forever Forever • Min Duration: • Max Tx Rate: Same -Same • • • Same Max Duration: Same Min PDU Size: AUTO -AUTO • • (0 ms) Min Reconn: (0 ms) - 0 Max PDU Size: Same -Same • Max Reconn: Same -Same • ▼ Best Effort (0) Best Effort (0) • IP ToS: Normal (0) ▼ Normal (0) • Multi-Conn: Pkts To Send: Infinite ▼ Infinite • Script Script Thresholds Thresholds Cross-Connect Endpoint A Endpoint B Test Manager default_tm -Snd Buff Size: OS Default ▼ OS Default • Quiesce: 3 (3 sec) -OS Default ▼ OS Default • Rcv Buff Size: Send Bad FCS: Endpoint A Endpoint B IP Addr: AUTO ▼ AUTO -Src MAC: Replay File Replay File Use-Proxy Use-Proxy Loop Loop Proxy Addr: Dest Mac Dest Mac Proxy Port: Filename: 0 Socket Priority: 0 Dest MAC: Payload Payload Endpoint A Endpoint B Endpoint A Endpoint B Do Checksum Do Checksum Conn Timeout: UnManaged TCP MSS: Duration Quiesce Duration Quiesce Quiesce-After-Range Quiesce-After-Range TCP NODELAY TCP NODELAY Concurrent IP Addrs Concurrent IP Addrs Clear-Port-On-Start Clear-Port-On-Start Linear-IP-Ports Linear-IP-Ports udp-se-A udp-se-B Endp Name:

Layer 3 Create/Modify Screen

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LANforge on Microsoft Windows

features and higher stability, performance and precision.

Some features currently supported on Windows:

- 1. Layer 2: Raw-Ethernet
- 2. Layer 3: IPv4: UDP, TCP, Custom UDP, Custom TCP
- 3. Layer 3: IPv6: UDP, TCP (XP only, not available on Vista currently)
- 4. Layer 4-7: HTTP, HTTPS (SSL), FTP, VoIP (SIP, RTP), File-IO (CIFS, etc.)
- 5. Display of interface (adapter) related statistics and settings
- 6. Custom packet builder interface allows hand crafting of headers and payloads. Headers supported at Layer 2 include ARP, SNAP/LLC, 802.1Q, 802.1QinQ and MPLS. Some Layer 3 protocol headers supported include IP, IPX, UDP, TCP, ICMP, IGMP, IP-ENCAP, RDP and IPinIP.
- 7. For detailed information on specific features, please contact Candela Technologies or your sales representative

Some features currently **NOT** supported on Windows:

- 1. Layer 3: IPv6 on Vista (Supported on XP)
- 2. Armageddon UDP packet generator
- 3. PPPoE, PPP/T1
- 4. LANforge WiFIRE 802.11a/b/g/n client emulation.
- 5. Virtual interfaces (802.1Q, MAC-VLANs)
- 6. Virtual routers.
- 7. Configuration of interfaces (adapters) through LANforge. You can configure the interfaces through the normal Windows tools instead.
- 8. For detailed information on specific features, please contact Candela Technologies or your sales representative.

Additional Feature Upgrades

Unless otherwise noted in the product description, these features usually cost extra:

- WanPaths (LANforge-ICE feature set)
- Virtual Interfaces: MAC-VLANs, 802.1Q VLANs, WiFi stations, etc
- FIRE Connections: Base FIRE license includes 1000 active connections.
- LANforge-ICE Network Emulation.
- VOIP: Each concurrent call over the included package requires a license.
- VoIP-Mobile Audio Quality Testing using POLQA/PESQ.
- Mobile-Mobile Audio Quality Testing using POLQA/PESQ.
- Armageddon: Each pair of ports requires a license if not already included.
- RF Chambers for WiFi testing.
- External battery pack: 12+ hours for CT520, CT523, CT92X and other platforms.

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