



Xena2544

RFC2544 testing made easy

Xena2544 is a free PC application developed by Xena Networks for testing throughput, latency, loss, and burst performance as defined by the IEEE RFC 2544 methodology.

In addition to full support for all of the configuration and performance test types described in RFC 2544, Xena2544 offers a number of powerful functional extensions.

Using the same terminology as RFC 2544, Xena2544 features a simple intuitive GUI that makes it easy to create, edit and execute test configurations for Layer 2 and Layer 3 on one or more XenaCompact and/or XenaBay chassis.

Different network topologies and traffic flow directions can be defined, and protocol layers can be MAC only, VLAN, Q-in-Q, MPLS, IPv4, IPv6, and UDP.

Test reports can be generated in both PDF and XML format and extensive configuration options are available for fine-tuning the tests.

Include Xena2544 in automated scripting environments

The Xena2544 GUI application is suitable for interactive sessions, and the companion Xena2544Run utility makes it possible to perform RFC2544 testing from fully-automated scripting environments.

The Xena2544Run utility lets you execute any test configuration created by the Xena2544 GUI applications from the command line. Note that this utility is only capable of executing a Xena2544 generated test configuration, so the test configuration must still be created with the Xena2544 GUI.

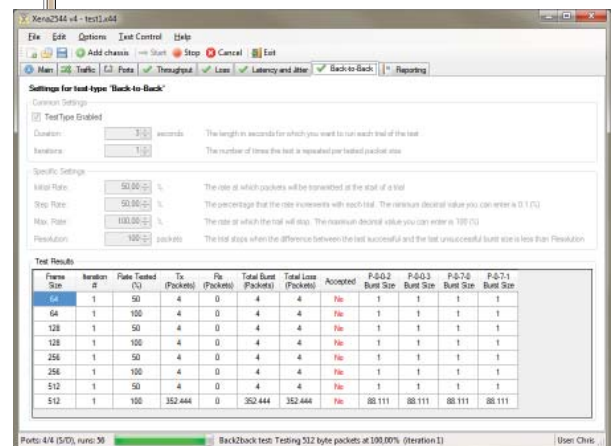
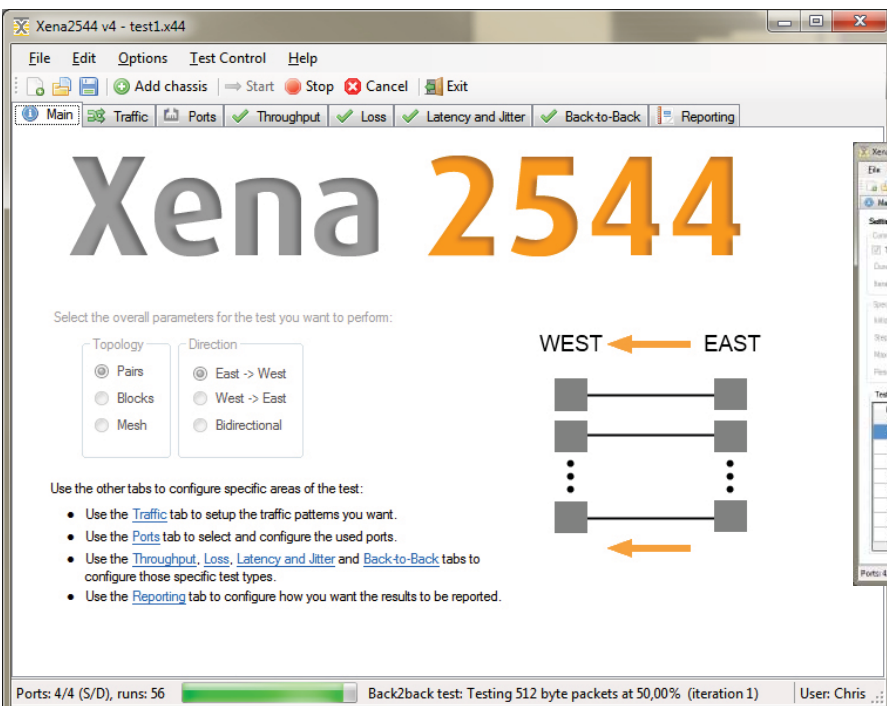
The test reports can be created in either PDF or XML format or both. The automated script environment may need to perform post-processing actions on the generated reports, either by parsing the data or sending the report somewhere else (by email or by copying it to a remote server). The XML report contains both a test results section and a test configuration section. The results section will contain the actual results, whereas the configuration section contains the full configuration used to perform the test.

Scripting examples showing how easy it is to launch Xena2544 from any scripting language using Xena2544Run, are available via Xena's website, as well as examples showing how the XML result file can be parsed and the results extracted.



TOP FEATURES - XENA2544

- All RFC 2544 tests over VLAN, Q-in-Q, IPv4, IPv6, UDP, and MPLS protocols
- Large port count and full mesh tests, uni-directional or bi-directional testing
- Easy point-to-point, point-to-multipoint, and multipoint-to-point testing
- Multiple powerful functional extensions to the standard RFC 2544 functions
- Reduce time-to-test through easy GUI configuration
- Summary and result reports in PDF and XML formats
- Easy execution and results parsing from automated scripting environments
- User-friendly GUI makes Xena2544 simple to learn and easy to use.
- Free software (included with all Xena test equipment)





Specifications

RFC 2544	Features
Key Tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughput Latency (FIFO, and LIFO) and Jitter Frame loss Back-to-back frames
Traffic Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethernet, VLAN, Q-in-Q, MPLS, IPv4 and IPv6 frame support Custom field setting for any protocol Forwarding, including throughput and forwarding rates with a 16ns resolution Configurable maximum test rates Native and public IP addressing for NAT and firewall testing
Learning Parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatic learning packets for both Layer 2 and 3 Repeat count Per test, per trial and per frame size learning
Test Topologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full mesh Point-2-Point, Point-2-MultiPoint, MultiPoint-2-Point Multi-port pair definitions, East/West Uni-directional or Bi-directional testing Testing between any combinations of port-speeds
Large Mesh Test Port Matrix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Layer 2 – Up to 320 ports for 1G ports, up to 1000 ports for 10G ports, up to 320 ports for 40/100G ports Layer 3* – Up to 32 ports for 1G ports, up to 256 ports for 10G ports, up to 64 ports for 40/100G ports (*Latency/jitter results may not be available for small packets - such as 64 bytes - in certain L3 packet header types)
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports are available in PDF and .xml format

Excel version also available

Xena2544 is also available as a MS Excel sheet which uses Excel's embedded Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) language to execute scripting command to the Xena testers.

All results and graphs are stored in the Excel sheet, from where the user can easily print test reports and charts, and export test results.

The **Throughput** test determines the maximum rate at which the DUT receives and forwards frames without any frame loss. Frames are initially sent at a user-specified rate and a binary search algorithm is used to obtain a rate at which the DUT does not lose frames. Results include throughput rates in frames per second obtained for each frame size.

The **Latency** test determines the latency of the DUT. In the Latency test, frames are transmitted for a fixed duration. Frames are transmitted and tagged with timestamps. Latency is calculated by subtracting the transmit timestamp from the receive timestamp. Results include latencies for each frame size and the average, minimum, and maximum latencies for all the trials.

The **Frame Loss** Test determines how many frames the DUT loses at various frame rates. The number of frames to transmit is specified along with the initial transmit rate, and the percentage decrease in the frame rate for each iteration. Results include frame loss at various rates for each frame size.

The **Back to Back** Test determines the maximum time that the DUT can receive and forward without frame loss. Frames are sent at a user-specified rate, generally the maximum theoretical rate based on the speed of the port. The results of the test show the number of back-to-back frames obtained for each frame size and the average and total back-to-back frames for all the trials. Results include total back-to-back frames without loss for each frame size.

Further resources:

- wiki.xenanetworks.com
- www.xenanetworks.com/html/documentation.html



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