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Optimizing Network Traffic Management Using Software-Defined Networking (SDN)

Rationale/ Introduction

As digital infrastructure continues to expand, network congestion and inefficient bandwidth allocation remain major challenges for enterprises and service providers. Traditional network management approaches rely on static configurations, making them less adaptable to dynamic traffic demands. Software-Defined Networking (SDN) offers a flexible and programmable solution by decoupling the control and data planes, enabling intelligent traffic routing and real-time optimization. This research aims to explore how SDN can be used to optimize network traffic management, improve bandwidth efficiency, and reduce latency in large-scale networks.

Significance of the Study

This study is significant as it examines the potential of SDN to enhance network performance by optimizing traffic flows and resource allocation. The findings will provide valuable insights for IT administrators, data center operators, and network engineers in improving network efficiency. Additionally, the research will contribute to the development of adaptive traffic management strategies, helping organizations reduce operational costs and enhance user experience.

Scope and Limitations of the Study

This study will focus on optimizing network traffic management using SDN-based solutions. It will analyze SDN's impact on network performance metrics such as bandwidth utilization, packet loss, and latency. However, the study will not explore SDN hardware development or compare SDN with traditional networking architectures outside of traffic management.

**Objectives of the Study** 

This research aims to optimize network traffic management using Software-Defined Networking. Specifically, it will:

1. Analyze how SDN improves network traffic control and bandwidth allocation.

2. Identify challenges in implementing SDN-based traffic optimization.

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3. Provide recommendations for enhancing network performance using SDN technologies.

## **Expected Outputs**

The research is expected to provide an optimized SDN-based traffic management framework, improving network efficiency and scalability. Findings will include an analysis of SDN's impact on traffic routing, congestion management, and resource utilization. Additionally, the study will offer recommendations for IT professionals on best practices for implementing SDN to enhance network performance.

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