

Functional Requirements

allowRequest(request):boolean

NonFunctional Requirements

Low Latency (make decision as soon as possible)

Accurate (as we can get)

Scalable (Supports arbitrary large number of hosts in the cluster)

-High Availability (not necessary, do not throttle if do not know)

Design

Data Structure & Algorithms

- Token Bucket Algorithm
- Leaky bucket Algorithm
- Sliding Window Algorithm
- Fixed Window Algorithm

Protocols

- Gossip
- Raft

Message Broadcasting (RateLimiters talk to each other to pass currently utilized tokens)

- 1) Full Mesh
- 2) Gossip Protocol
- 3) Using Distributed Cache (**Redis**)
- 4) Coordination Service (Leader Election: Paxos, Raft) - High Maintenance, Sophisticated

Communication Protocol

- 1) TCP (Accurate)
- 2) UDP (Faster)

Hosting

- 1) Library
 - a) Faster
 - b) Resilient to interprocess call failures
- 2) **Process**
 - a) Programming Language Agnostic
 - b) Uses it's own memory space
 - c) Easier to deal with service teams paranoia