



## ***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'tc-sample.8'***

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### NAME

sample - packet sampling tc action

### SYNOPSIS

tc ... action sample rate RATE group GROUP [ trunc SIZE ] [ index INDEX ]

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### DESCRIPTION

The sample action allows sampling packets matching classifier.

The packets are chosen randomly according to the rate parameter, and are sampled using the psample generic netlink channel. The user can also specify packet truncation to save user-kernel traffic. Each sample includes some informative metadata about the original packet, which is sent using netlink attributes, alongside the original packet data.

The user can either specify the sample action parameters as presented in the first form above, or use an existing sample action using its index, as presented in the second form.

## SAMPLED PACKETS METADATA FIELDS

The metadata are delivered to userspace applications using the psample generic netlink channel, where each sample includes the following netlink attributes:

### PSAMPLE\_ATTR\_IIFINDEX

The input interface index of the packet, if there is one.

### PSAMPLE\_ATTR\_OIFINDEX

The output interface index of the packet. This field is not relevant on ingress sampling

### PSAMPLE\_ATTR\_ORIGSIZE

The size of the original packet (before truncation)

### PSAMPLE\_ATTR\_SAMPLE\_GROUP

The psample group the packet was sent to

### PSAMPLE\_ATTR\_GROUP\_SEQ

A sequence number of the sampled packet. This number is incremented with each sampled packet of the current psample group

### PSAMPLE\_ATTR\_SAMPLE\_RATE

The rate the packet was sampled with

## OPTIONS

### rate RATE

The packet sample rate. RATE is the expected ratio between observed packets and sampled packets. For example, RATE of 100 will lead to an average of one sampled packet out of every 100 observed.

### trunc SIZE

Upon set, defines the maximum size of the sampled packets, and causes truncation

cation if needed

#### group GROUP

The psample group the packet will be sent to. The psample module defines the concept of groups, which allows the user to match specific sampled packets in the case of multiple sampling rules, thus identify only the packets that came from a specific rule.

#### index INDEX

Is a unique ID for an action. When creating new action instance, this parameter allows to set the new action index. When using existing action, this parameter allows to specify the existing action index. The index must 32bit unsigned integer greater than zero.

#### EXAMPLES

Sample one of every 100 packets flowing into interface eth0 to psample group 12:

```
tc qdisc add dev eth0 handle ffff: ingress
tc filter add dev eth0 parent ffff: matchall \
    action sample rate 100 group 12 index 19
```

Use the same action instance to sample eth1 too:

```
tc qdisc add dev eth1 handle ffff: ingress
tc filter add dev eth1 parent ffff: matchall \
    action sample index 19
```

#### SEE ALSO

tc(8), tc-matchall(8) psample(1)