

# Chapter 4 Conceptual Overview

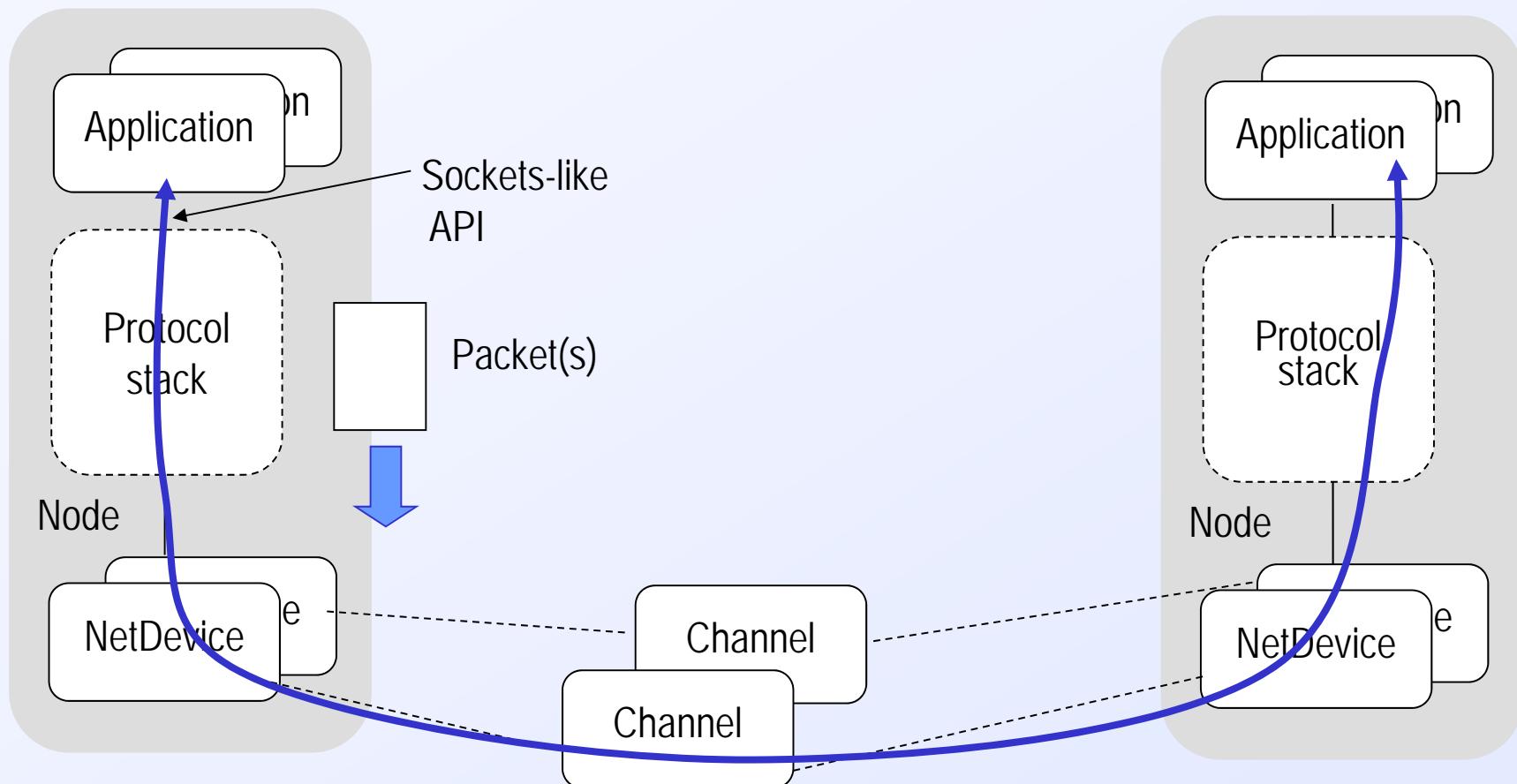
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## Source material:

- [https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/tutorial/html/  
conceptual-overview.html](https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/tutorial/html/conceptual-overview.html)
- <https://www.nsnam.org/tutorials/ns-3-tutorial-Walid-Younes.pdf>

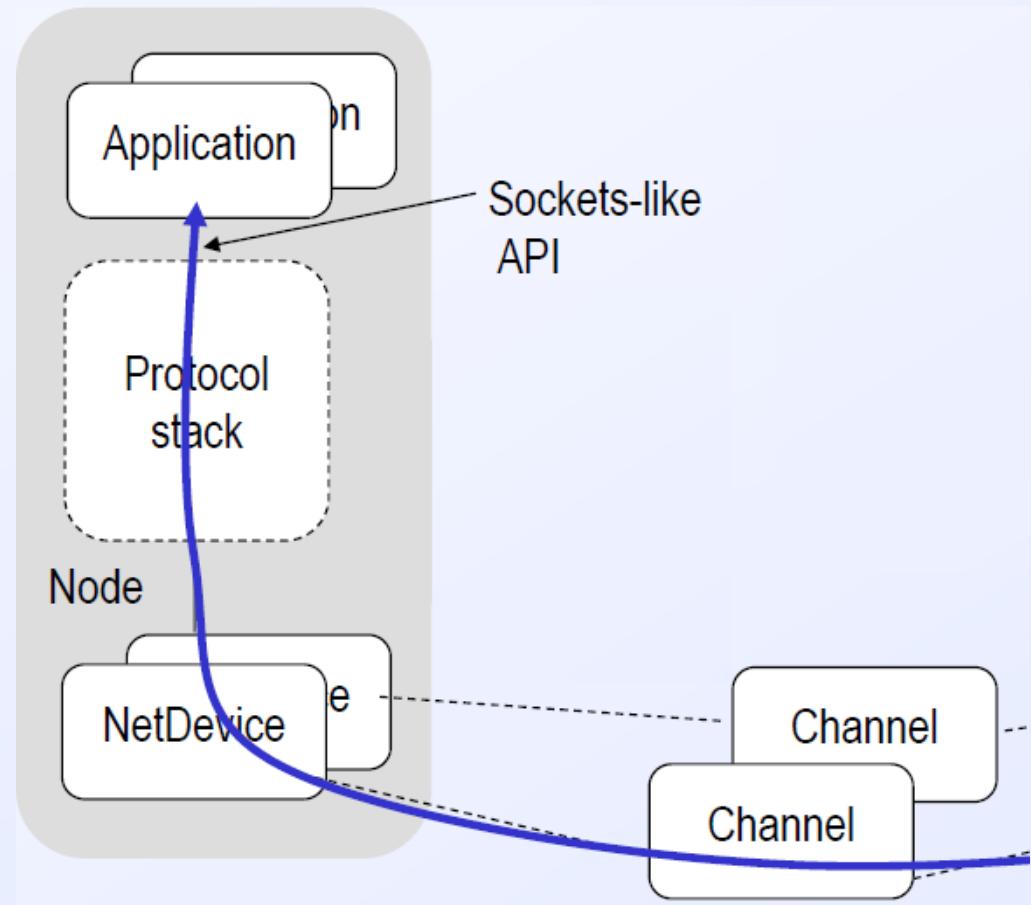


# The basic ns-3 architecture



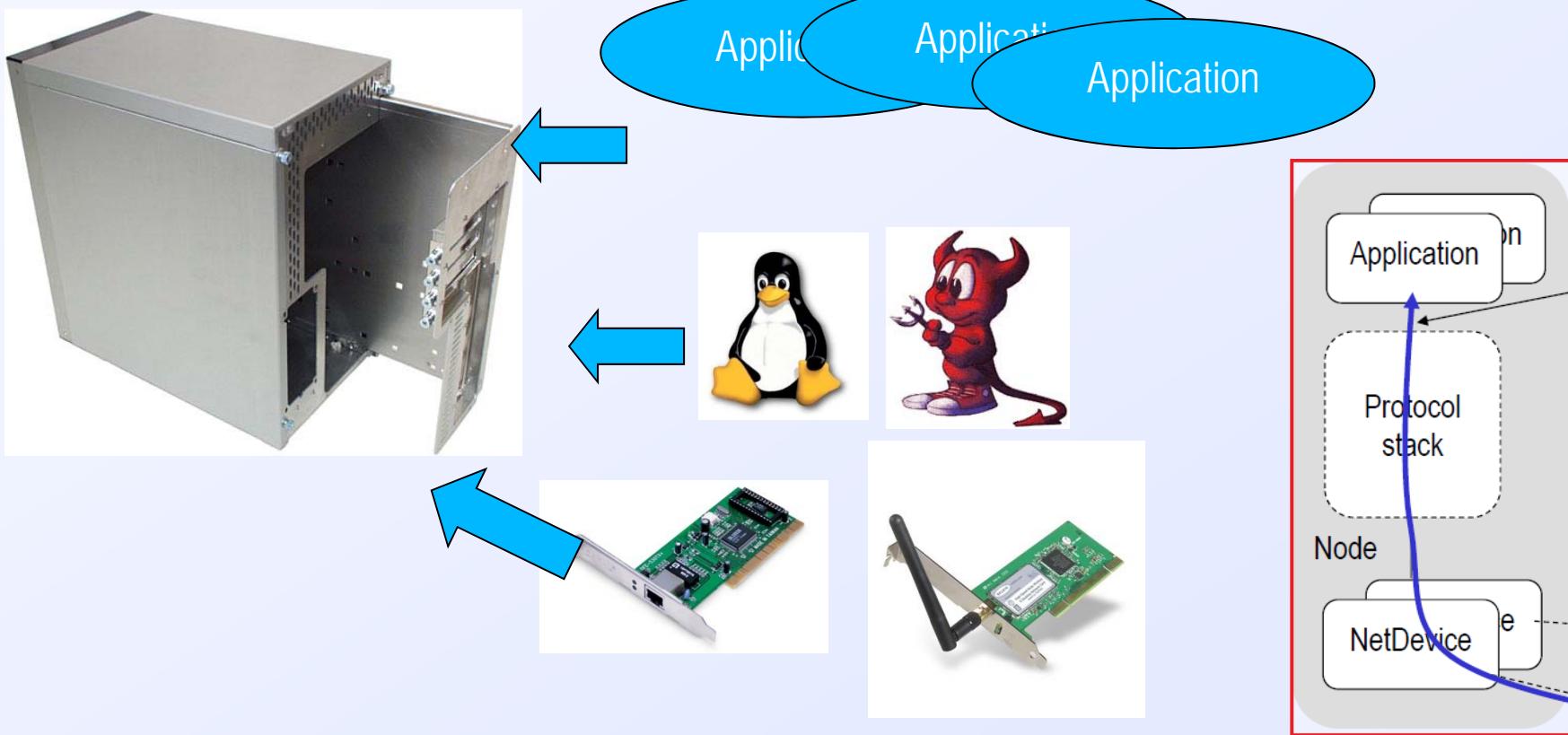
# Components

- Basic Components
  - Nodes
  - Net Device
  - Channels
  - Application
  - Protocol Stack



## Node basics

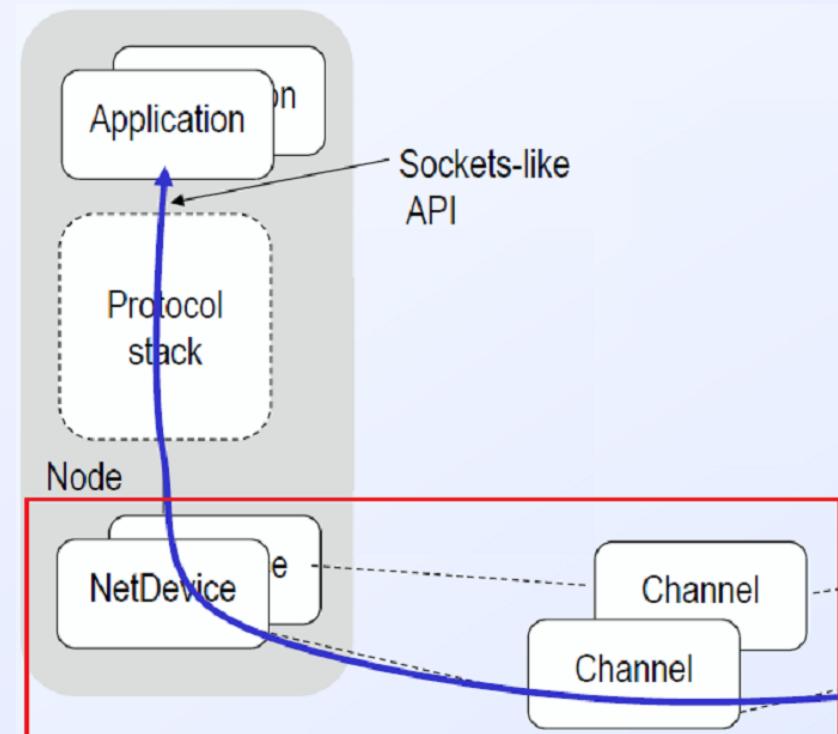
A Node is a shell of a computer to which applications, stacks, and NICs are added



# NetDevices and Channels

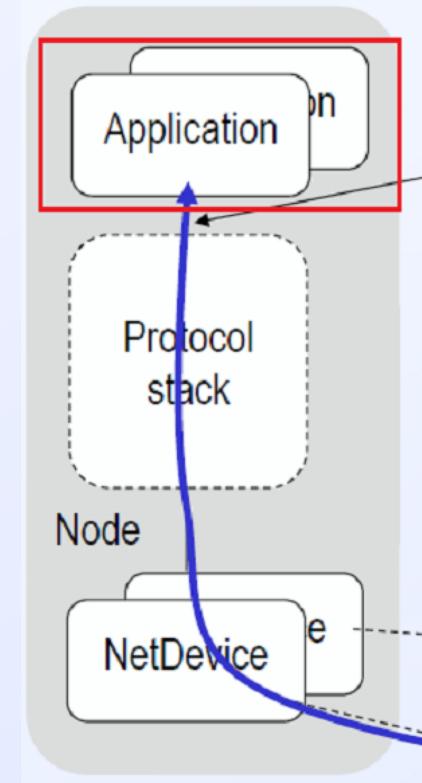
- NetDevices are strongly bound to Channels of a matching type
- Net Devices examples
  - Ethernet NIC
  - Wifi Net Device
- Channel examples
  - CSMA Channel
  - Wifi Channel
- Point-to-point – PPP link
- CSMA – Ethernet Link
- Wifi – 802.11 link
- and many more

Nodes are architected for multiple interfaces



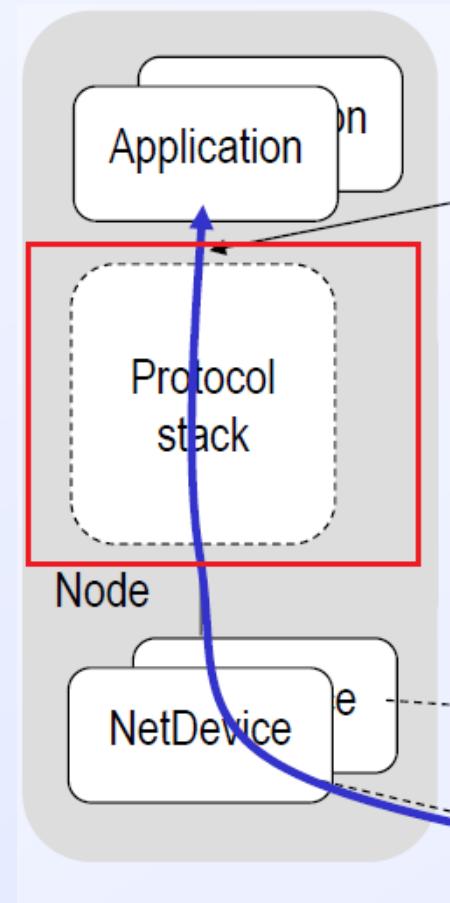
# Application (Traffic Generator)

- Bulk-Send – Send data as fast as possible
  - `BulkSendApplication`
- On-Off – On off pattern
  - `OnOffApplication`
- Packet Sink - receives packets
  - `PacketSink`
- Udp-Server – Receive UDP packets
  - `UdpServer`, `UdpServerHelper`
- UDP-Client – UDP packet with seq no and time stamp
  - `UdpClient`, `UdpClientHelper`
- **UDP-echo-client, UDP-echo-server**
  - `UdpEchoClient`, `UdpEchoServer`



# Internet Stack

- Internet Stack
  - Provides IPv4 and some IPv6 models currently
- No non-IP stacks ns-3 existed until 802.15.4 was introduced in ns-3.20
  - but no dependency on IP in the devices, Node object, Packet object, etc.(partly due to the object aggregation system)



## Other basic models in ns-3

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- Error models and queues
- Mobility models
- Packet routing
  - OLSR, AODV, DSR, DSDV, Static, Nix-Vector, Global (link state)



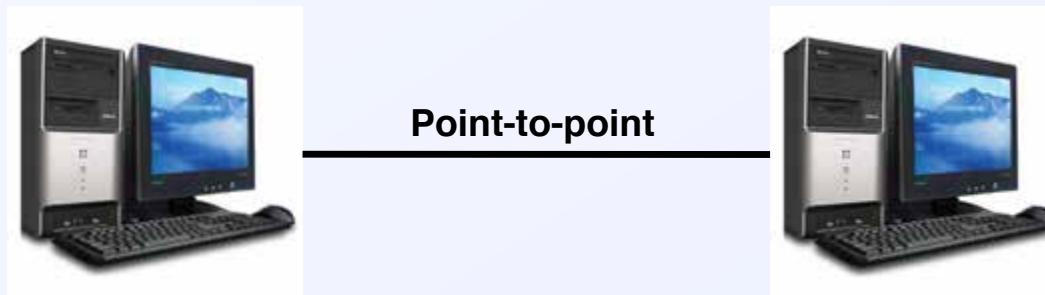
## Structure of a generic ns-3 script

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- Boilerplate: important for documentation
- Module includes: include header files
- ns-3 namespace: global declaration
- Logging: optional
- Main function: declare main function
- Topology helpers: objects to combine distinct operations
- Applications: on/off, UdpEchoClient/Server
- Tracing: .tr and/or .pcap files
- Simulator: start/end simulation, cleanup

# Let's write a first network simulation

- A word about programming languages
  - I'll use C/C++, but also possible to use python
- Let's simulate a simple dumbbell topology:



- You will see a lot of container and helper classes
  - **Containers** are a convenient way of creating, managing, accessing groups of similar objects
  - **Helpers** make life easier by providing **higher-level commands** to execute common pieces of code

# Containers and Helpers

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- The general idea
  - Sets of objects are stored in Containers
  - Operations encoded in Helper object, apply to Container
- Provide high-level wrappers
- Easy way to build network models with repeating patterns of components, configurations
- With helpers, model description is
  - High level
  - More readable

# Examples

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- **Containers**
  - `NodeContainer`
  - `NetDeviceContainer`
  - `Ipv4AddressContainer`
- **Helper classes**
  - `InternetStackHelper`
  - `WifiHelper`
  - `MobilityHelper`
  - `OlsrHelper`
- **Many models provides a helper class**
  - `See files in src/*/helper for source code`

We will see examples in the various tutorial scripts

# The C++ program that does the work: examples/tutorial/first.cc

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No need to squint: we're going to look at this in detail!



# Some standard overhead

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Now traffic activity will be printed to the console

# Focus first on the lines that create the network topology

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NodeContainer nodes;  
nodes.Create(2);

Node 0

Node 1

These nodes don't do anything yet

## Next, define the point-to-point channel

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point-to-point  
channel

We've created the channel, but it's not connected to anything yet

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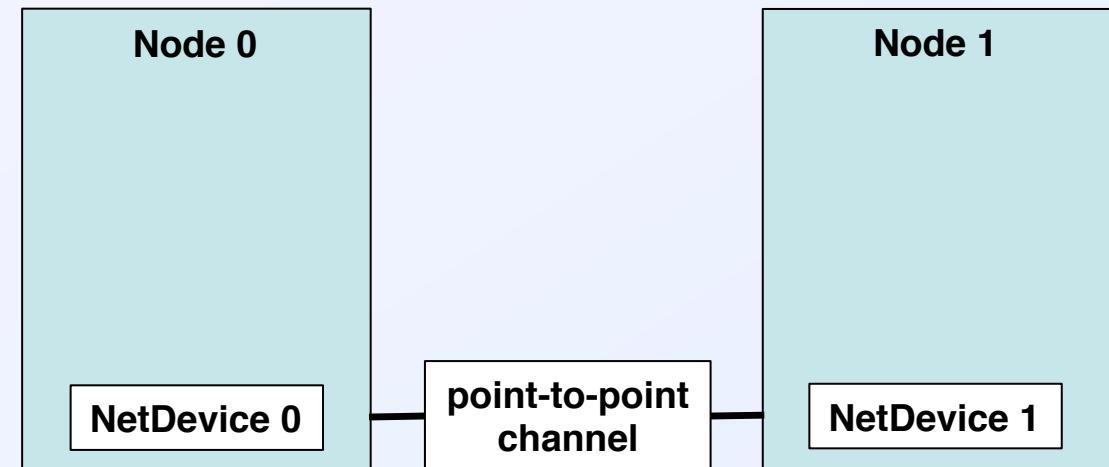
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We've installed NICs on the nodes, and linked them via the p2p channel

## Now we install Internet stack

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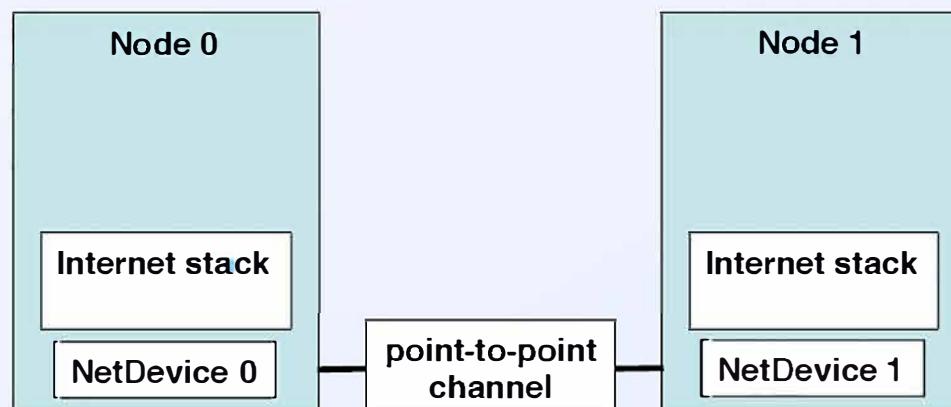
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```

InternetStackHelper stack;  
stack.Install(nodes);



We have installed Internet stack on both nodes.



# Let's define IP addresses

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```

- **Mask = 255.255.255.0**
- **1<sup>st</sup> address = 10.1.1.1**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> address = 10.1.1.2**
- ...

# Now we assign the IP addresses

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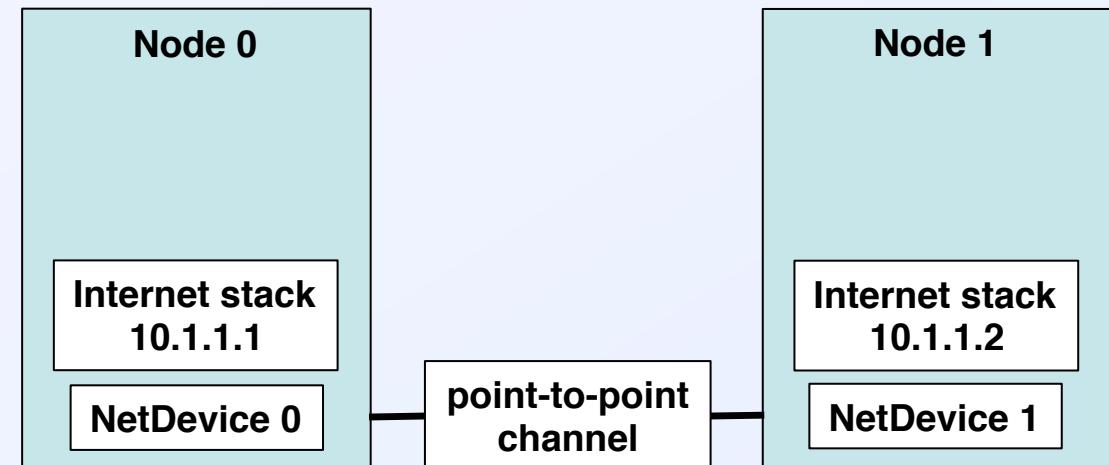
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All we need now are applications to generate some traffic

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UdpEchoServerHelper echoServer (9);

- Sets up User Datagram Protocol echo server
- Uses port 9
- Echo server just echoes back any packet it receives
  - used, e.g., for testing or troubleshooting

# Install the server application

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    nodes.Create (2);

    PointToPointHelper pointToPoint;
    pointToPoint.SetDeviceAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue ("5Mbps"));
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    NetDeviceContainer devices;
    devices = pointToPoint.Install (nodes);

    InternetStackHelper stack;
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    address.SetBase ("10.1.1.0", "255.255.255.0");
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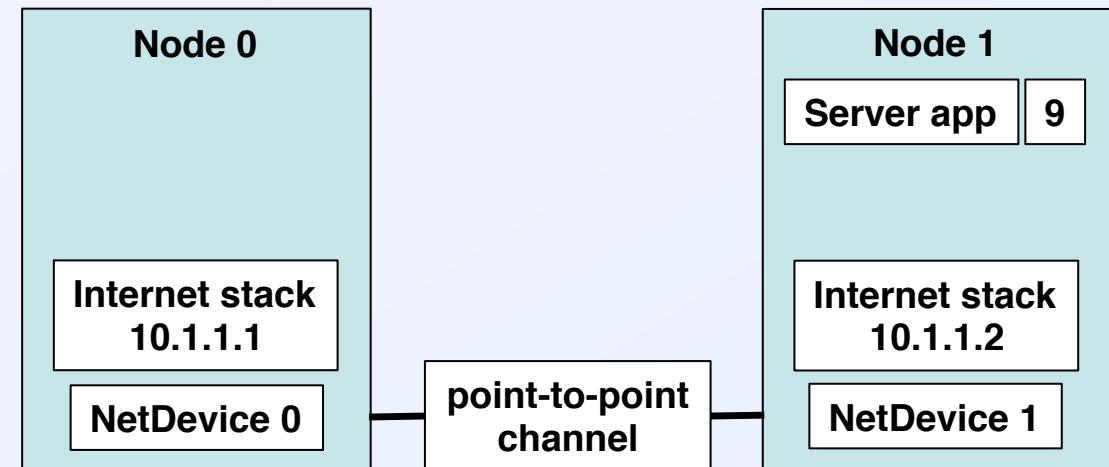
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    ApplicationContainer serverApps = echoServer.Install (nodes.Get (1));
    serverApps.Start (Seconds (1.0));
    serverApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    UdpEchoClientHelper echoClient (interfaces.GetAddress (1, 9));
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    echoClient.SetAttribute ("Interval", TimeValue (Seconds (1.0)));
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UintegerValue (1024));

    ApplicationContainer clientApps = echoClient.Install (nodes.Get (0));
    clientApps.Start (Seconds (2.0));
    clientApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    Simulator::Run ();
    Simulator::Destroy ();
    return 0;
}
```

```
ApplicationContainer serverApps =
echoServer.Install (nodes.Get (1));
```



# Schedule the server activity

```
#include "ns-3/core-module.h"
#include "ns-3/network-module.h"
#include "ns-3/internet-module.h"
#include "ns-3/point-to-point-module.h"
#include "ns-3/applications-module.h"

using namespace ns3;

NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("FirstScriptExample");

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoClientApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);
    LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoServerApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);

    NodeContainer nodes;
    nodes.Create (2);

    PointToPointHelper pointToPoint;
    pointToPoint.SetDeviceAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue ("5Mbps"));
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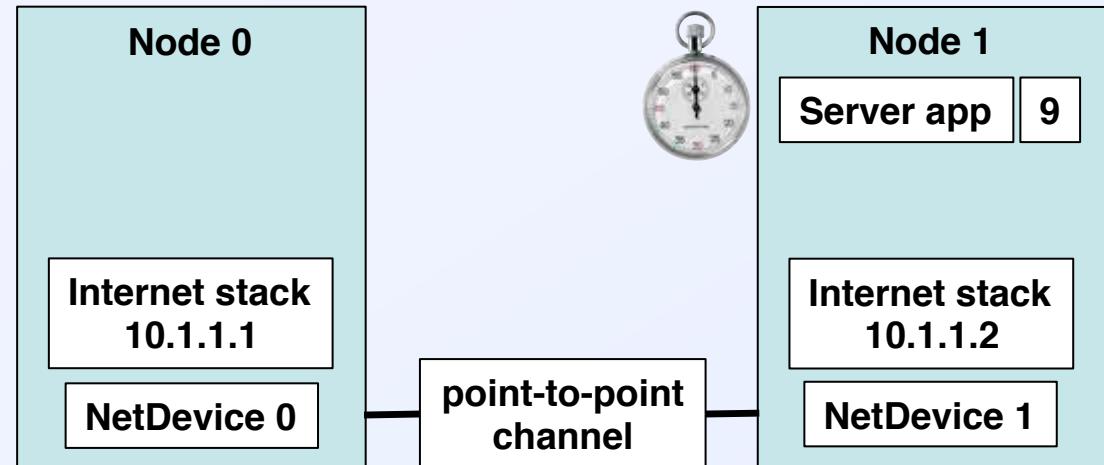
    UdpEchoClientHelper echoClient (interfaces.GetAddress (1), 9);
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("MaxPackets", UintegerValue (1));
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("Interval", TimeValue (Seconds (1.0)));
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UintegerValue (1024));

    ApplicationContainer clientApps = echoClient.Install (nodes.Get (0));
    clientApps.Start (Seconds (2.0));
    clientApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    Simulator::Run ();
    Simulator::Destroy ();
    return 0;
}
```

```
serverApps.Start (Seconds (1.0));
serverApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));
```

- Echo server enabled at t = 1s
- Echo server disabled at t = 10s



Now the server knows when to listen: who's going to talk to it?

# Define the client application

```
#include "ns-3/core-module.h"
#include "ns-3/network-module.h"
#include "ns-3/internet-module.h"
#include "ns-3/point-to-point-module.h"
#include "ns-3/applications-module.h"

using namespace ns3;

NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("FirstScriptExample");

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoClientApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);
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    NodeContainer nodes;
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    ApplicationContainer clientApps = echoClient.Install (nodes.Get (0));
    clientApps.Start (Seconds (2.0));
    clientApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    Simulator::Run ();
    Simulator::Destroy ();
    return 0;
}
```

```
UdpEchoClientHelper echoClient
(interfaces.GetAddress (1), 9);
```

- **Remote address** = server's IP = 10.1.1.2
- **Remote port** = 9

```
echoClient.SetAttribute ("MaxPackets", UintegerValue (1));
echoClient.SetAttribute ("Interval", TimeValue (Seconds (1.0)));
echoClient.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UintegerValue (1024));
```

- **MaxPackets** = max number of packets to send
- **Interval** = time between sent packets
- **PacketSize** = size (1024 bytes in this case)

# Install the client application

```
#include "ns-3/core-module.h"
#include "ns-3/network-module.h"
#include "ns-3/internet-module.h"
#include "ns-3/point-to-point-module.h"
#include "ns-3/applications-module.h"

using namespace ns3;

NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("FirstScriptExample");

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoClientApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);
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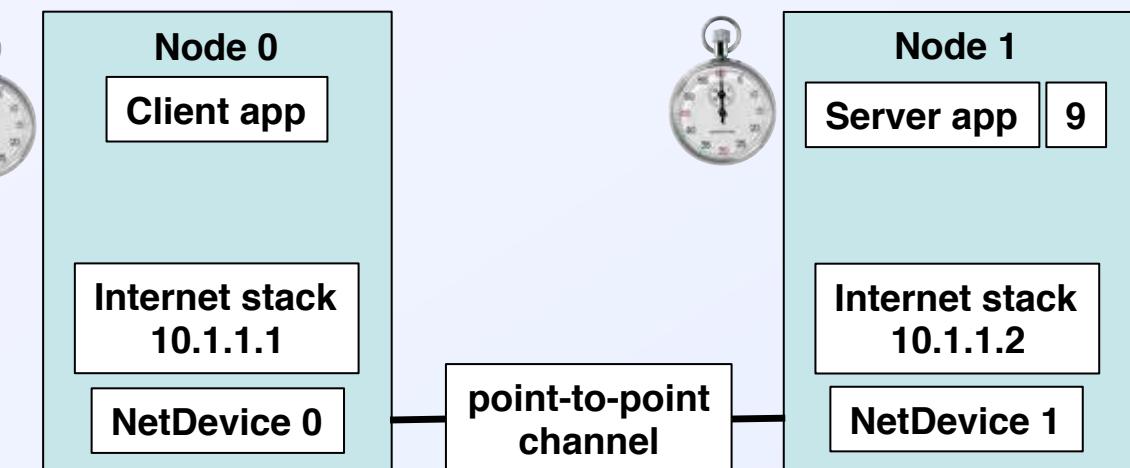
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    serverApps.Start (Seconds (1.0));
    serverApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    UdpEchoClientHelper echoClient (interfaces.GetAddress (1), 9);
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("MaxPackets", UintegerValue (1));
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("Interval", TimeValue (Seconds (0.1)));
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UintegerValue (1024));

    ApplicationContainer clientApps = echoClient.Install (nodes.Get (0));
    clientApps.Start (Seconds (2.0));
    clientApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    Simulator::Run ();
    Simulator::Destroy ();
    return 0;
}
```

```
ApplicationContainer clientApps =
    echoClient.Install (nodes.Get (0));
clientApps.Start (Seconds (2.0));
clientApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));
```



Client: at  $t = 2\text{s}$  send a packet to the server

# Finally: run the simulation & clean up

```
#include "ns-3/core-module.h"
#include "ns-3/network-module.h"
#include "ns-3/internet-module.h"
#include "ns-3/point-to-point-module.h"
#include "ns-3/applications-module.h"

using namespace ns3;

NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("FirstScriptExample");

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
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    clientApps.Start (Seconds (2.0));
    clientApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    Simulator::Run ();
    Simulator::Destroy ();
    return 0;
}
```

Simulator::Run () ;

- Run the simulation

Simulator::Destroy () ;  
return 0;

- Clean up

What about output?

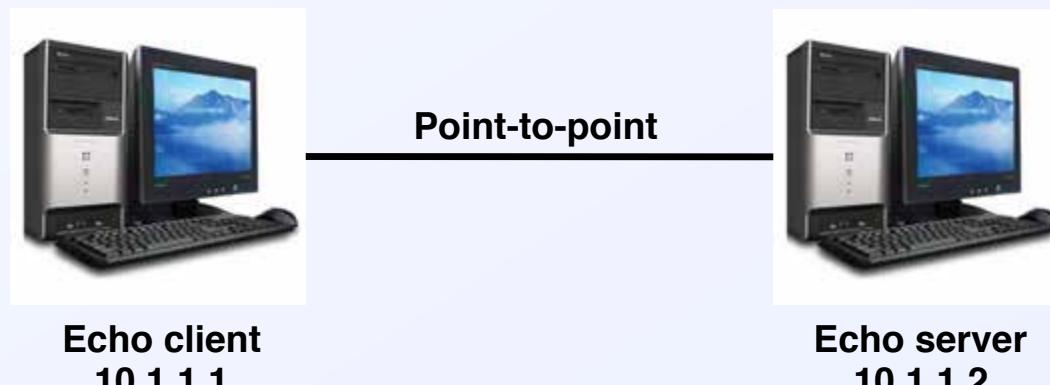
## Building and running the script

- Copy examples/tutorial/first.cc into the scratch directory
  - \$ cp examples/tutorial/first.cc scratch/myfirst.cc
- Build your script using WAF
  - \$ ./waf
- Run it out of the scratch directory
  - \$ ./waf --run scratch/myfirst
- Output:

```
Waf: Entering directory `/mypath/ns-3-dev/build'
Waf: Leaving directory `/mypath/ns-3-dev/build'
'build' finished successfully (5.283s)
Sent 1024 bytes to 10.1.1.2
Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.1
Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.2
```

## Closer look at the output from the script

```
Sent 1024 bytes to 10.1.1.2  
Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.1  
Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.2
```



- Pretty terse output: can we get more?
  - Who did the sending & receiving?
  - Event times?
  - More...
- What if we want more than 2 nodes?

# Now that you've had your first taste of ns-3: what else is there?

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- Getting info out of your script
  - For debugging: logging
  - For actual work: tracing (we'll spend plenty of time on this)
- Building topologies
- Models, attributes and reality
- Where to go for more info
  - Official tutorial:  
<https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/tutorial/html/>
  - Doxygen: <https://www.nsnam.org/doxygen/index.html>
  - Forum:  
<https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!forum/ns-3-users>
  - Mathieu Lacage video (philosophy and design of ns-3):  
<http://inl.info.ucl.ac.be/tutorials/tfiss09-lacage>

# Chapter 5: Tweaking

## Source material:

- **Online tutorial:**  
[https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/tutorial/html/  
tweaking.html](https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/tutorial/html/tweaking.html)
- **M. Lacage (2009):**  
<http://www.nsnam.org/tutorials/ns-3-tutorial-tunis-apr09.pdf>

# Logging

- Not the same thing as tracing
- Used primarily for
  - Quick messages
  - Debugging, not meant for extracting results!
- Macros of the form “NS\_LOG\*”
- Define logging component for your script
  - NS\_LOG\_COMPONENT\_DEFINE(...)
- Enable logging for the script
  - LogComponentEnable(...)
- Disable logging for the script
  - LogComponentDisable(...)

# Different logging levels for different levels of verbosity

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- **Seven Logging levels**
  - `LOG_ERROR(...)`: serious error messages only
  - `LOG_WARN(...)`: warning messages
  - `LOG_DEBUG(...)`: rare ad-hoc debug messages
  - `LOG_INFO(...)`: informational messages (e.g., banners)
  - `LOG_FUNCTION(...)`: function tracing
  - `LOG_LOGIC(...)`: control flow tracing within functions
  - `LOG_ALL(...)`: log everything
- `LOG_LEVEL_TYPE = LOG_TYPE + all the levels above it`
  - `LOG_LEVEL_INFO=LOG_INFO+LOG_DEBUG+LOG_WARN+LOG_ERROR`
- **Displaying log messages: two ways**
  - In your script: `LogComponentEnable(...)`
  - Using the `NS_LOG` environment variable

# Using the NS\_LOG environment variable

- With NS\_LOG you can
  - Turn logging on/off for specific components
  - Set logging level
- In general you do something like this:
  - `export NS_LOG="name_of_logging_component=logging_flag"`
    - Or `setenv NS_LOG ...` if you're using csh
  - The `logging_flag` can be
    - A logging level (e.g., `level_all`)
    - A combination of flags OR-ed together to print more info
- To set logging levels for several components use ":" between components

Let's look at some examples

## Let's go back to first.cc

```
#include "ns-3/core-module.h"
#include "ns-3/network-module.h"
#include "ns-3/internet-module.h"
#include "ns-3/point-to-point-module.h"
#include "ns-3/applications-module.h"

using namespace ns-3;

NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("FirstScriptExample");

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoClientApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);
    LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoServerApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);

    NodeContainer nodes;
    nodes.Create (2);

    PointToPointHelper pointToPoint;
    pointToPoint.SetDeviceAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue ("5Mbps"));
    pointToPoint.SetChannelAttribute ("Delay", StringValue ("2ms"));

    NetDeviceContainer devices;
    devices = pointToPoint.Install (nodes);

    InternetStackHelper stack;
    stack.Install (nodes);

    Ipv4AddressHelper address;
    address.SetBase ("10.1.1.0", "255.255.255.0");

    Ipv4InterfaceContainer interfaces = address.Assign (devices);

    UdpEchoServerHelper echoServer (9);

    ApplicationContainer serverApps = echoServer.Install (nodes.Get (1));
    serverApps.Start (Seconds (1.0));
    serverApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    UdpEchoClientHelper echoClient (interfaces.GetAddress (1), 9);
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("MaxPackets", UintegerValue (1));
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("Interval", TimeValue (Seconds (1.0)));
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UintegerValue (1024));

    ApplicationContainer clientApps = echoClient.Install (nodes.Get (0));
    clientApps.Start (Seconds (2.0));
    clientApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    Simulator::Run ();
    Simulator::Destroy ();
    return 0;
}
```

NS\_LOG\_COMPONENT\_DEFINE ("FirstScriptExample");

LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoClientApplication",  
LOG\_LEVEL\_INFO);  
LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoServerApplication",  
LOG\_LEVEL\_INFO);

\$ ./waf -run scratch/myfirst

Sent 1024 bytes to 10.1.1.2  
Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.1  
Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.2

How do we get more info out of the client app  
without recompiling?

## Getting debugging info from the client application

```
$ setenv NS_LOG "UdpEchoClientApplication=level_all"  
$ ./waf --run scratch/myfirst
```



```
UdpEchoClientApplication:UdpEchoClient()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:SetDataSize(1024)  
UdpEchoClientApplication:StartApplication()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:ScheduleTransmit()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:Send()  
Sent 1024 bytes to 10.1.1.2  
Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.1  
UdpEchoClientApplication:HandleRead(0x683d40, 0x6845c0)  
Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.2  
UdpEchoClientApplication:StopApplication()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:DoDispose()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:~UdpEchoClient()
```

Now we can see all the function calls made by the application  
Next: who sent and received what?

## Adding a prefix to logged messages

Use “|” to combine flags

Use “:” to separate multiple components

```
$ setenv NS_LOG "UdpEchoClientApplication=level_all|prefix_func:  
UdpEchoServerApplication=level_all|prefix_func"  
$ ./waf -run scratch/myfirst
```



Don't use a newline here!

```
UdpEchoServerApplication:UdpEchoServer()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:UdpEchoClient()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:SetDataSize(1024)  
UdpEchoServerApplication:StartApplication()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:StartApplication()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:ScheduleTransmit()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:Send()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:Send(): Sent 1024 bytes to 10.1.1.2  
UdpEchoServerApplication:HandleRead(): Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.1  
UdpEchoServerApplication:HandleRead(): Echoing packet  
UdpEchoClientApplication:HandleRead(0x683d50, 0x6845d0)  
UdpEchoClientApplication:HandleRead(): Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.2  
UdpEchoClientApplication:StopApplication()  
UdpEchoServerApplication:StopApplication()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:DoDispose()  
UdpEchoServerApplication:DoDispose()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:~UdpEchoClient()  
UdpEchoServerApplication:~UdpEchoServer()
```

Note these lines

## Who said what when? Extracting timing information

```
$ setenv NS_LOG "UdpEchoClientApplication=level_all|prefix_func|prefix_time:  
UdpEchoServerApplication=level_all|prefix_func|prefix_time"  
$ ./waf -run scratch/myfirst
```

```
0s UdpEchoServerApplication:UdpEchoServer()  
0s UdpEchoClientApplication:UdpEchoClient()  
0s UdpEchoClientApplication:SetDataSize(1024)  
1s UdpEchoServerApplication:StartApplication()  
2s UdpEchoClientApplication:StartApplication()  
2s UdpEchoClientApplication:ScheduleTransmit()  
2s UdpEchoClientApplication:Send()  
2s UdpEchoClientApplication:Send(): Sent 1024 bytes to 10.1.1.2  
2.00369s UdpEchoServerApplication:HandleRead(): Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.1  
2.00369s UdpEchoServerApplication:HandleRead(): Echoing packet  
2.00737s UdpEchoClientApplication:HandleRead(0x6842a0, 0x684b20)  
2.00737s UdpEchoClientApplication:HandleRead(): Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.2  
10s UdpEchoClientApplication:StopApplication()  
10s UdpEchoServerApplication:StopApplication()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:DoDispose()  
UdpEchoServerApplication:DoDispose()  
UdpEchoClientApplication:~UdpEchoClient()  
UdpEchoServerApplication:~UdpEchoServer()
```



# Adding your own log messages to the script

```
#include "ns-3/core-module.h"
#include "ns-3/network-module.h"
#include "ns-3/internet-module.h"
#include "ns-3/point-to-point-module.h"
#include "ns-3/applications-module.h"

using namespace ns3;

NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("FirstScriptExample");

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoClientApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);
    LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoServerApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);

    NodeContainer nodes;
    nodes.Create (2);

    PointToPointHelper pointToPoint;
    pointToPoint.SetDeviceAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue ("5Mbps"));
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    NetDeviceContainer devices;
    devices = pointToPoint.Install (nodes);

    InternetStackHelper stack;
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    Ipv4AddressHelper address;
    address.SetBase ("10.1.1.0", "255.255.255.0");
    Ipv4InterfaceContainer interfaces = address.Assign (devices);

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    UdpEchoClientHelper echoClient (interfaces.GetAddress (1), 9);
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("MaxPackets", UintegerValue (1));
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("Interval", TimeValue (Seconds (1.0)));
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UintegerValue (1024));

    ApplicationContainer clientApps = echoClient.Install (nodes.Get (0));
    clientApps.Start (Seconds (2.0));
    clientApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    Simulator::Run ();
    Simulator::Destroy ();
    return 0;
}
```

Add the line:  
NS\_LOG\_INFO("Creating Topology");

```
$ setenv NS_LOG "FirstScriptExample=info"  
$ ./waf --run scratch/myfirst
```

Creating Topology ← Note this line  
Sent 1024 bytes to 10.1.1.2  
Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.1  
Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.2

# Using Command Line Arguments

- **Adding command line argument “nPackets”**

...

```
CommandLine cmd;  
cmd.AddValue("nPackets", "Number of packets to echo", nPackets);  
cmd.Parse (argc, argv);
```

...

- **Use the variable “nPackets”**

```
echoClient.SetAttribute ("MaxPackets", UIntegerValue (nPackets));
```

- **Run the script with user argument**

```
$ ./waf --run "scratch/myfirst --nPackets=2"
```

- **Find out more on arguments**

```
$ ./waf --run "scratch/myfirst --PrintHelp"
```



# A first (quick) look at tracing

- Tracing is a structured form of simulation output
- Built on the principle of trace sources and sinks
  - Trace source: signals sim event and provides access to the data
  - Trace sink: consumes the trace information
- For now: high-level tracing
  - Use pre-defined trace sinks in helpers
- Two types of tracing are available
  - ASCII tracing: produces readable files
  - PCAP tracing: produces files for traffic analyzers (tcpdump, wireshark)

Let's look at some examples

# ASCII tracing in myfirst.cc

```
#include "ns-3/core-module.h"
#include "ns-3/network-module.h"
#include "ns-3/internet-module.h"
#include "ns-3/point-to-point-module.h"
#include "ns-3/applications-module.h"

using namespace ns3;

NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("FirstScriptExample");

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
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    pointToPoint.SetDeviceAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue ("5Mbps"));
    pointToPoint.SetChannelAttribute ("Delay", StringValue ("2ms"));

    NetDeviceContainer devices;
    devices = pointToPoint.Install (nodes);

    InternetStackHelper stack;
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    Ipv4AddressHelper address;
    address.SetBase ("10.1.1.0", "255.255.255.0");
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    ApplicationContainer clientApps = echoClient.Install (nodes.Get (0));
    clientApps.Start (Seconds (2.0));
    clientApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    Simulator::Run ();
    Simulator::Destroy ();
    return 0;
}
```

```
AsciiTraceHelper ascii;
pointToPoint.EnableAsciiAll( ascii.CreateFileStream("myfirst.tr"));
```

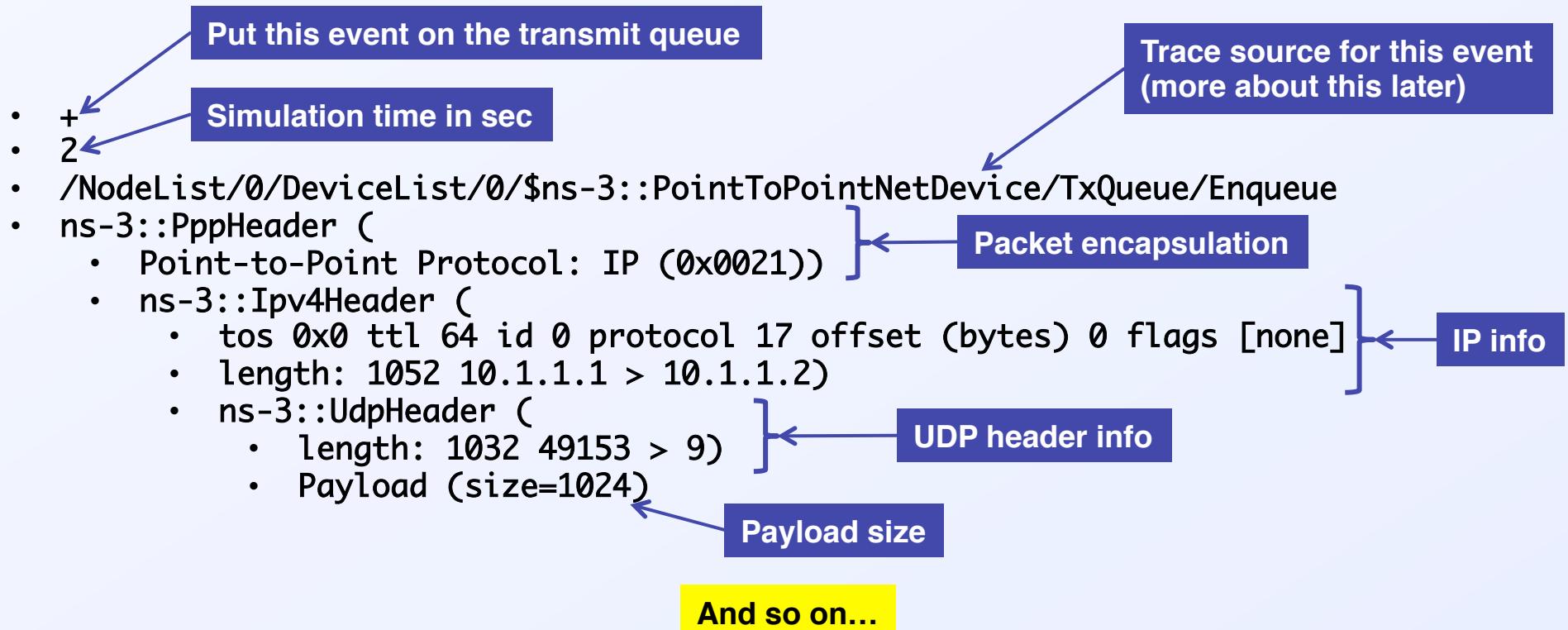
```
$ ./waf --run scratch/myfirst
```



- Creates myfirst.tr in top level directory
- Each line = one trace event

## The myfirst.tr file: breakdown of the 1<sup>st</sup> line

```
+2 /NodeList/0/DeviceList/0/$ns-3::PointToPointNetDevice/TxQueue/Enqueue  
ns-3::PppHeader (Point-to-Point Protocol: IP (0x0021)) ns-3::Ipv4Header  
(tos 0x0 ttl 64 id 0 protocol 17 offset (bytes) 0 flags [none] length:  
1052 10.1.1.1 > 10.1.1.2) ns-3::UdpHeader (length: 1032 49153 > 9) Payload  
(size=1024)
```



# PCAP tracing in myfirst.cc

```
#include "ns-3/core-module.h"
#include "ns-3/network-module.h"
#include "ns-3/internet-module.h"
#include "ns-3/point-to-point-module.h"
#include "ns-3/applications-module.h"

using namespace ns3;

NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("FirstScriptExample");

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoClientApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);
    LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoServerApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);

    NodeContainer nodes;
    nodes.Create (2);

    PointToPointHelper pointToPoint;
    pointToPoint.SetDeviceAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue ("5Mbps"));
    pointToPoint.SetChannelAttribute ("Delay", StringValue ("2ms"));

    NetDeviceContainer devices;
    devices = pointToPoint.Install (nodes);

    InternetStackHelper stack;
    stack.Install (nodes);

    Ipv4AddressHelper address;
    address.SetBase ("10.1.1.0", "255.255.255.0");
    Ipv4InterfaceContainer interfaces = address.Assign (devices);

    UdpEchoServerHelper echoServer (9);
    ApplicationContainer serverApps = echoServer.Install (nodes.Get (1));
    serverApps.Start (Seconds (1.0));
    serverApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    UdpEchoClientHelper echoClient (interfaces.GetAddress (1), 9);
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("MaxPackets", UintegerValue (1));
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("Interval", TimeValue (Seconds (1.0)));
    echoClient.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UintegerValue (1024));

    ApplicationContainer clientApps = echoClient.Install (nodes.Get (0));
    clientApps.Start (Seconds (2.0));
    clientApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

    Simulator::Run ();
    Simulator::Destroy ();
    return 0;
}
```

`pointToPoint.EnablePcapAll("myfirst");`

`$ ./waf -run scratch/myfirst`

Creates pcap files in top level directory

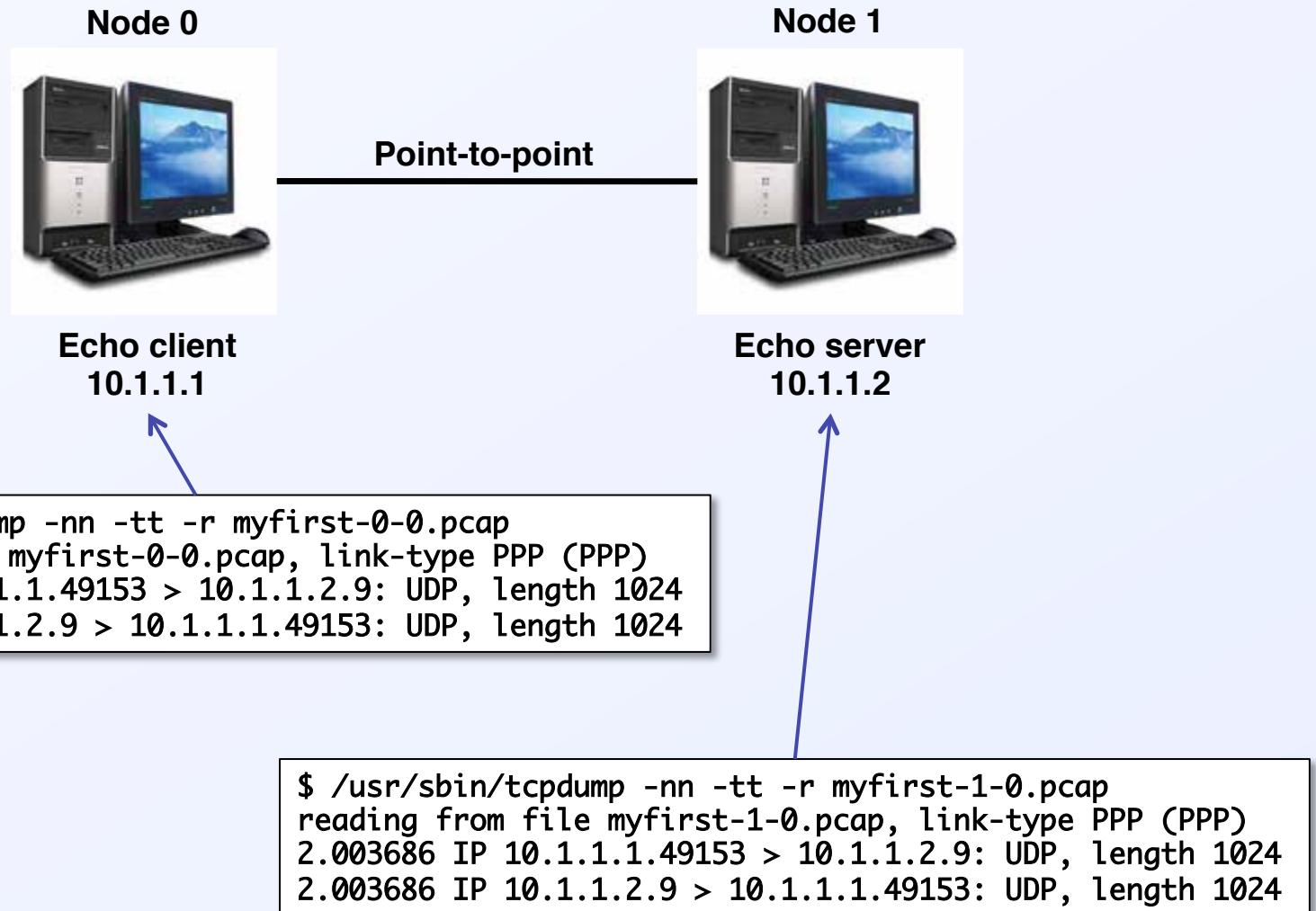
- `myfirst-0-0.pcap`
- `myfirst-1-0.pcap`

node

device

We'll see later how to give more descriptive names...

## Contents of the PCAP files



## Summary

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- **Using the Logging Module**
- **Using Command Line Arguments**
- **Using the Tracing System**



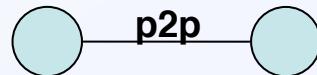
# Chapter 6: Building topologies

## Source material:

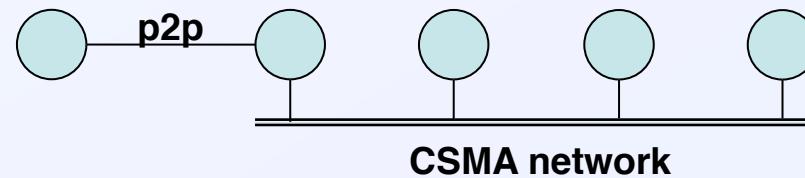
- **Online tutorial:**  
<https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/tutorial/html/building-topologies.html>
- **G. Riley (2008):** [http://www.wns2.org/docs/wns\\_tutorial-handout.pdf](http://www.wns2.org/docs/wns_tutorial-handout.pdf)

# Building topology: the goal

Expand from this:



To this:



## Anatomy of the second.cc script (orange⇒ not in first.cc)

```
#include "ns-3/core-module.h"
#include "ns-3/network-module.h"
#include "ns-3/csma-module.h"
#include "ns-3/internet-module.h"
#include "ns-3/point-to-point-module.h"
#include "ns-3/applications-module.h"
#include "ns-3/ipv4-global-routing-helper.h"

using namespace ns-3;

NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("SecondScriptExample");

int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    bool verbose = true;
    uint32_t nCsma = 3;

    CommandLine cmd;
    cmd.AddValue ("nCsma", "Number of \\\"extra\\\" CSMA nodes/devices", nCsma);
    cmd.AddValue ("verbose", "Tell echo applications to log if true", verbose);

    cmd.Parse (argc, argv);

    if (verbose)
    {
        LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoClientApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);
        LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoServerApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);
    }

    nCsma = nCsma == 0 ? 1 : nCsma;

    NodeContainer p2pNodes;
    p2pNodes.Create (2);

    NodeContainer csmaNodes;
    csmaNodes.Add (p2pNodes.Get (1));
    csmaNodes.Create (nCsma);

    PointToPointHelper pointToPoint;
    pointToPoint.SetDeviceAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue ("5Mbps"));
    pointToPoint.SetChannelAttribute ("Delay", StringValue ("2ms"));

    NetDeviceContainer p2pDevices;
    p2pDevices = pointToPoint.Install (p2pNodes);
}
```

```
CsmaHelper csma;
csma.SetChannelAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue ("100Mbps"));
csma.SetChannelAttribute ("Delay", TimeValue (NanoSeconds (6560)));

NetDeviceContainer csmaDevices;
csmaDevices = csma.Install (csmaNodes);

InternetStackHelper stack;
stack.Install (p2pNodes.Get (0));
stack.Install (csmaNodes);

Ipv4AddressHelper address;
address.SetBase ("10.1.1.0", "255.255.255.0");
Ipv4InterfaceContainer p2pInterfaces;
p2pInterfaces = address.Assign (p2pDevices);

address.SetBase ("10.1.2.0", "255.255.255.0");
Ipv4InterfaceContainer csmaInterfaces;
csmaInterfaces = address.Assign (csmaDevices);

UdpEchoServerHelper echoServer (9);

ApplicationContainer serverApps = echoServer.Install (csmaNodes.Get
(nCsma));
serverApps.Start (Seconds (1.0));
serverApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

UdpEchoClientHelper echoClient (csmaInterfaces.GetAddress (nCsma), 9);
echoClient.SetAttribute ("MaxPackets", UintegerValue (1));
echoClient.SetAttribute ("Interval", TimeValue (Seconds (1.)));
echoClient.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UintegerValue (1024));

ApplicationContainer clientApps = echoClient.Install (p2pNodes.Get (0));
clientApps.Start (Seconds (2.0));
clientApps.Stop (Seconds (10.0));

Ipv4GlobalRoutingHelper::PopulateRoutingTables ();

pointToPoint.EnablePcapAll ("second");
csma.EnablePcap ("second", csmaDevices.Get (1), true);

Simulator::Run ();
Simulator::Destroy ();
return 0;
}
```



## What's new? A couple of additional include files

```
#include "ns-3/csma-module.h"  
#include "ns-3/ipv4-global-routing-helper.h"
```

CSMA model definitions

Helper for setting up routers for all the nodes  
and constructing routing table (uses Open  
Shortest Path First protocol for each node)

## What's new? Command line parser

```
bool verbose = true;
uint32_t nCsma = 3;

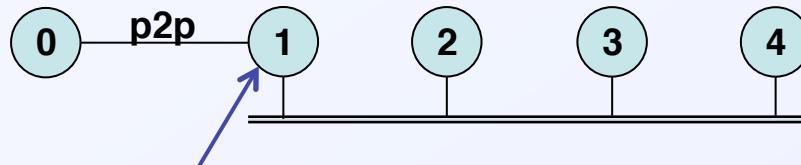
CommandLine cmd;
cmd.AddValue ("nCsma", "Number of \"extra\" CSMA nodes/devices", nCsma);
cmd.AddValue ("verbose", "Tell echo applications to log if true", verbose);

cmd.Parse (argc,argv);

nCsma = nCsma == 0 ? 1 : nCsma;
```

- Default value nCsma = 3
- CommandLine class can be used to parse command-line arguments
- User can register new arguments with AddValue(name,help,value)
  - name = name of user-supplied argument
  - help = some help text
  - value = reference to the variable where the value parsed will be stored
- The Parse method does exactly what it sounds like it does

## What's new? Two devices on a single node



Point-to-point and CSMA devices

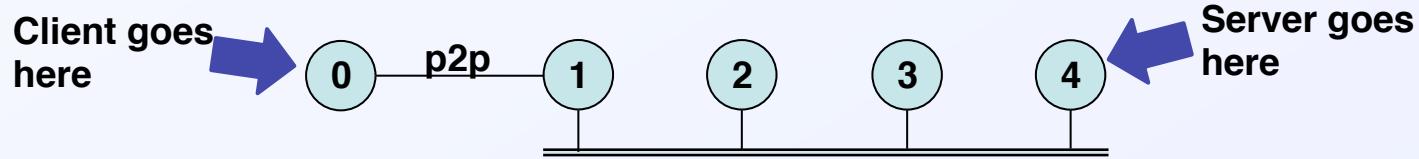
```
NodeContainer csmaNodes;  
csmaNodes.Add (p2pNodes.Get (1));  
csmaNodes.Create (nCsma);
```

Node 1 will get both types of devices  
Creates nCsma=3 additional nodes

```
stack.Install (p2pNodes.Get (0));  
stack.Install (csmaNodes);
```

No need to install a stack twice on node 1

## What's new? Where do we put the client and server?



```
NodeContainer csmaNodes;  
csmaNodes.Add (p2pNodes.Get (1));  
csmaNodes.Create (nCsma);
```

Adds our dual-purpose node  
Creates nCsma=3 additional nodes

- nCsma is the index of the last node in csmaNodes
- ⇒ The following lines refer to the server all the way to the right

```
ApplicationContainer serverApps = echoServer.Install (csmaNodes.Get (nCsma));
```

```
UdpEchoClientHelper echoClient (csmaInterfaces.GetAddress (nCsma), 9);
```

- The following line installs the client all the way to the left

```
ApplicationContainer clientApps = echoClient.Install (p2pNodes.Get (0));
```

## What's new? Not much else...

```
Ipv4GlobalRoutingHelper::PopulateRoutingTables();
```

↳ Constructs the routing tables

- The rest looks almost identical to the p2p setup

Set channel attributes and install CSMA devices

```
CsmaHelper csma;
csma.SetChannelAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue ("100Mbps"));
csma.SetChannelAttribute ("Delay", TimeValue (NanoSeconds (6560)));

NetDeviceContainer csmaDevices;
csmaDevices = csma.Install (csmaNodes);
```

```
address.SetBase ("10.1.2.0", "255.255.255.0");
Ipv4InterfaceContainer csmaInterfaces;
csmaInterfaces = address.Assign (csmaDevices);
```

Assign IP addresses to CSMA devices

```
csma.EnablePcap ("second", csmaDevices.Get (1), true);
```

File prefix

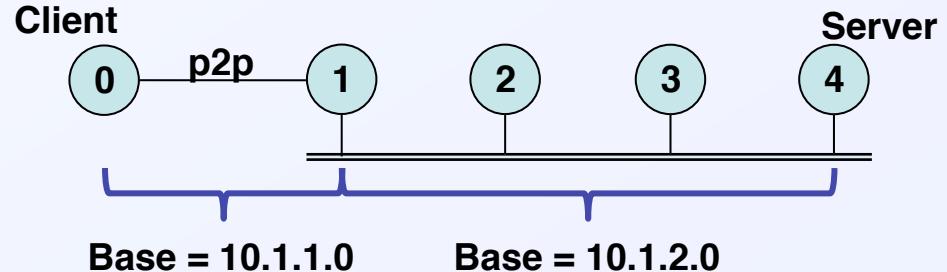
Device id

Promiscuous mode

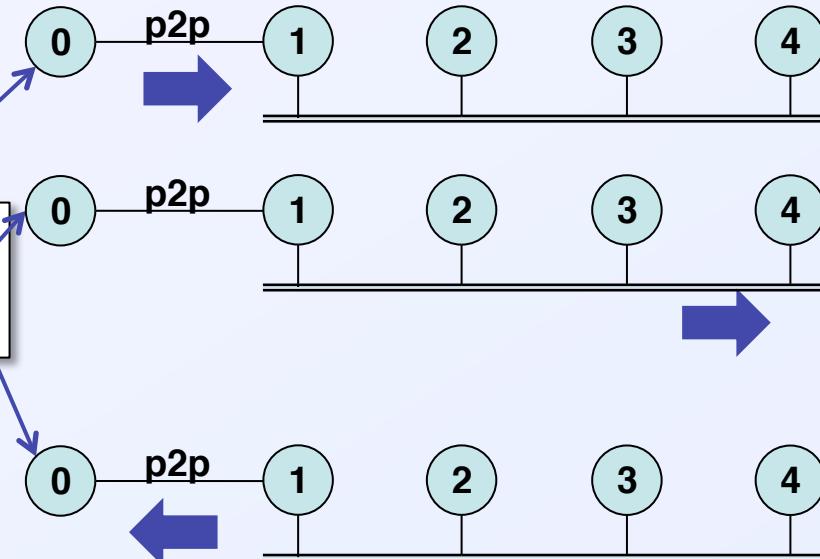


## Running mysecond: logging output to console

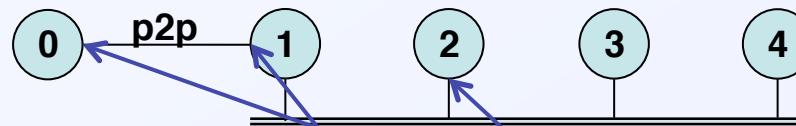
```
$ setenv NS_LOG=""  
$ ./waf -run scratch/mysecond
```



```
Sent 1024 bytes to 10.1.2.4  
Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.1.1  
Received 1024 bytes from 10.1.2.4
```



## Running mysecond.cc: PCAP files



```
$ /usr/sbin/tcpdump -nn -tt -r second-0-0.pcap
reading from file second-0-0.pcap, link-type PPP (PPP)
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Device = 0 (p2p)

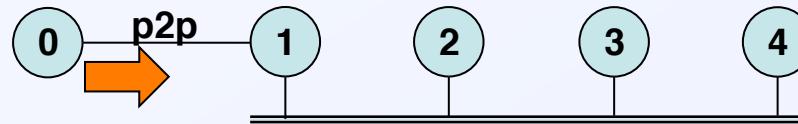
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2.013921 IP 10.1.2.4.9 > 10.1.1.1.49153: UDP, length 1024
```

Node = 1  
Device = 0 (p2p)

```
$ /usr/sbin/tcpdump -nn -tt -r second-2-0.pcap
reading from file second-2-0.pcap, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet)
2.007698 ARP, Request who-has 10.1.2.4 (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff) tell 10.1.2.1, length 50
2.007710 ARP, Reply 10.1.2.4 is-at 00:00:00:00:00:06, length 50
2.007803 IP 10.1.1.1.49153 > 10.1.2.4.9: UDP, length 1024
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2.013921 IP 10.1.2.4.9 > 10.1.1.1.49153: UDP, length 1024
```

Node = 2  
Device = 0 (CSMA)

## Running mysecond.cc: PCAP files



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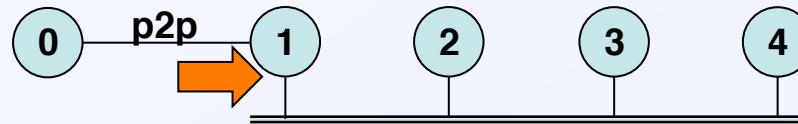
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Device = 0 (p2p)

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```

Node = 2  
Device = 0 (CSMA)

Packet leaves client, headed for server

## Running mysecond.cc: PCAP files



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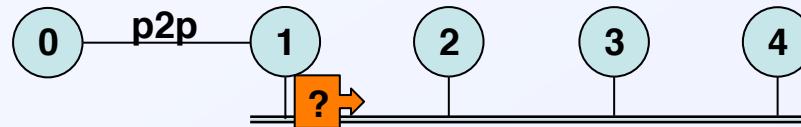
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## Running mysecond.cc: PCAP files



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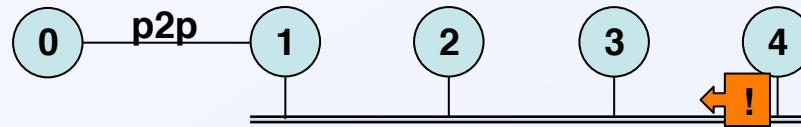
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## Running mysecond.cc: PCAP files



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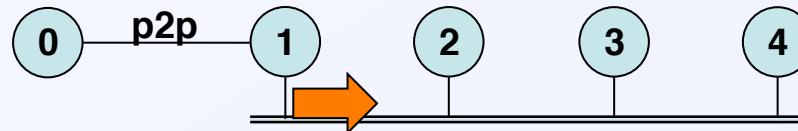
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Device = 0 (p2p)

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Node = 2  
Device = 0 (CSMA)

Node 4 replies with MAC address

## Running mysecond.cc: PCAP files



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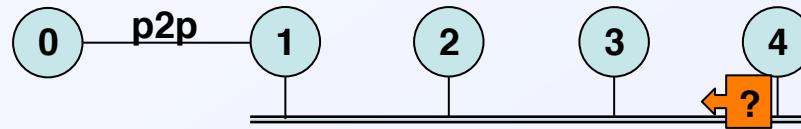
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```

Node = 2  
Device = 0 (CSMA)

Packet continues on its way to server

## Running mysecond.cc: PCAP files



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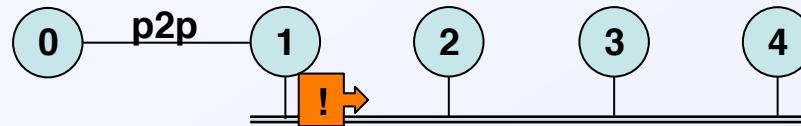
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## Running mysecond.cc: PCAP files



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```

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Device = 0 (p2p)

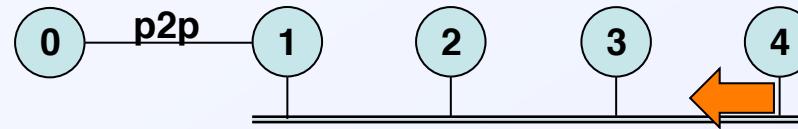
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Node = 1  
Device = 0 (p2p)

```
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2.007710 ARP, Reply 10.1.2.4 is-at 00:00:00:00:00:06, length 50
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Node = 2  
Device = 0 (CSMA)

## Running mysecond.cc: PCAP files



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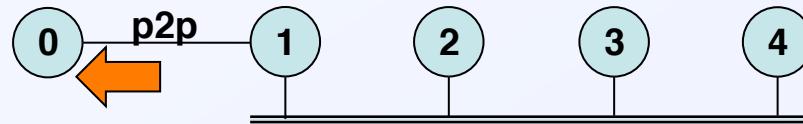
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## Running mysecond.cc: PCAP files



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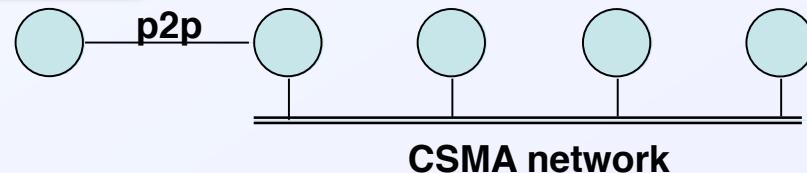
# Summary: building PointToPoint and CSMA networks

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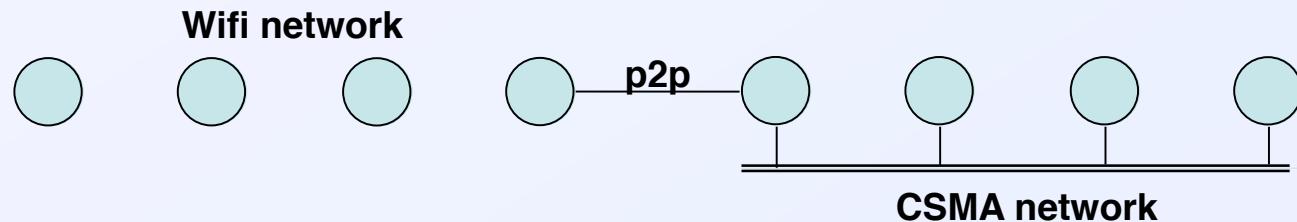
- Create nodes
  - `NodeContainer`
- Set channel attributes
  - `PointToPointHelper`
  - `pointToPoint.SetDeviceAttribute`
  - `pointToPoint.SetChannelAttribute`
- Install channel on nodes
  - `NetDeviceContainer devices;`
  - `devices = pointToPoint.Install (nodes);`
- Assign IP address to device
  - `Ipv4InterfaceContainer interfaces = address.Assign (devices);`

# Building wireless topology: the goal

Expand from this:

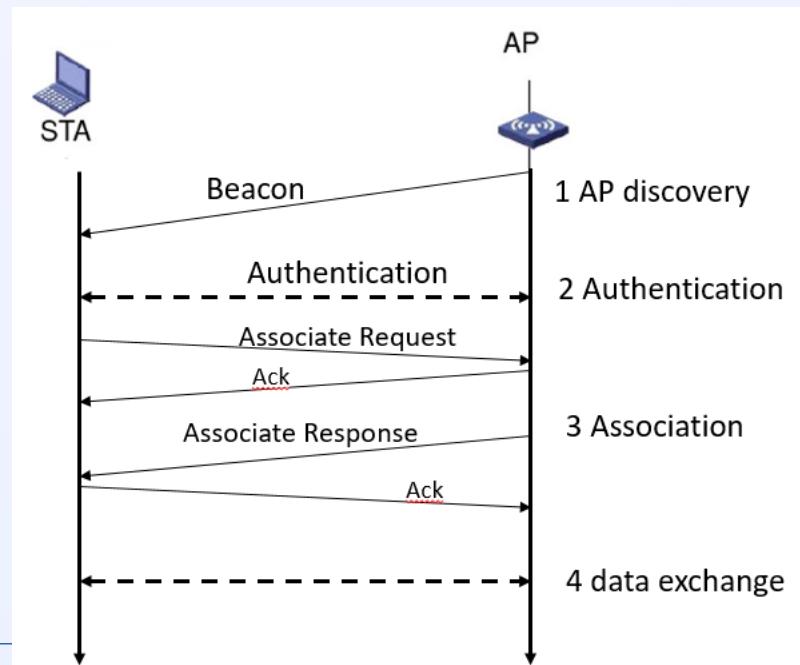
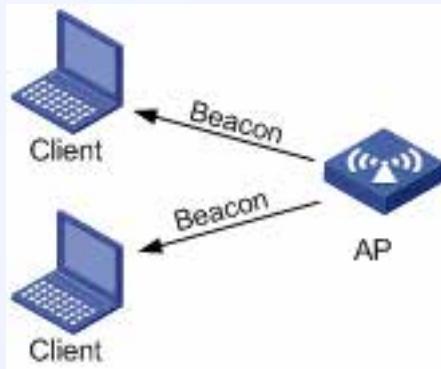


To this:



# Wireless networks 101

- Access point (AP) sends out beacons to advertise WLAN presence by revealing its Service Set ID (SSID = network name)
- WLAN client can
  - Broadcast probe request, wait for AP response (= **active probing**)
  - Wait for beacon from AP (= **passive probing**)
- Then (authentication followed by) association



# Creating a wireless network with ns-3: third.cc

## creating wireless network

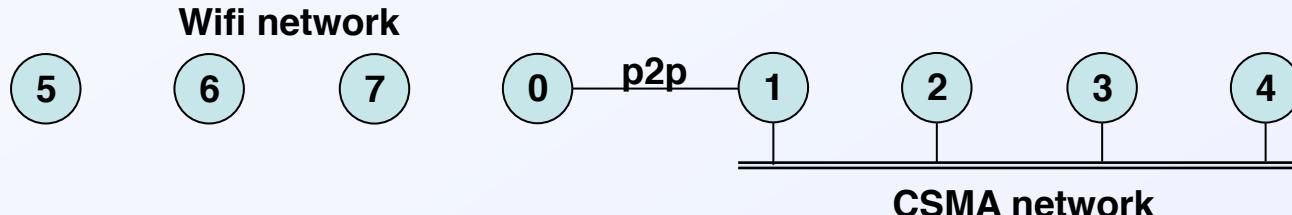
- Create 2 types of nodes
  - Stations
  - Access Points (AP)
- Create physical layer and channel, and associate
- Create MAC layer characteristics for node type
  - QoS or non-QoS
  - Assign Service Set Identifier (SSID)
  - And other MAC related attributes
- Install **phy**, and **mac** to nodes-> devices
  - `apDevices = wifi.Install (phy, mac, wifiApNode);`
- Set up mobility models
- Configure internet stack, application, routing models

## creating P2P network

- Create nodes
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- Set channel attributes
  - `PointToPointHelper`
  - `pointToPoint.SetDeviceAttribute`
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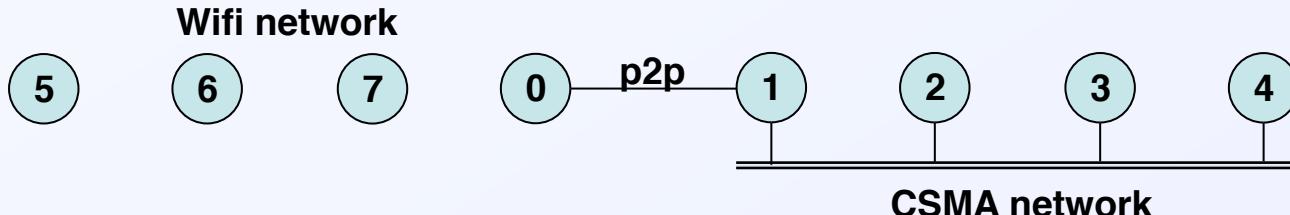
# Creating a wireless network with ns-3: third.cc



- Network topology
  - Wireless nodes/links
    - 3 STA nodes
    - 1 AP node
    - 802.11 links, non-QoS mode, beaconing enabled
  - Wired nodes
    - 2 connected via p2p link
    - 4 nodes on a CSMA LAN
- Applications: UdpEchoClient/Server
  - Client on a STA node
  - Server on CSMA subnetwork

Let's focus on the wireless-specific parts of the code

# Use helpers to create wireless channel/physical/MAC models

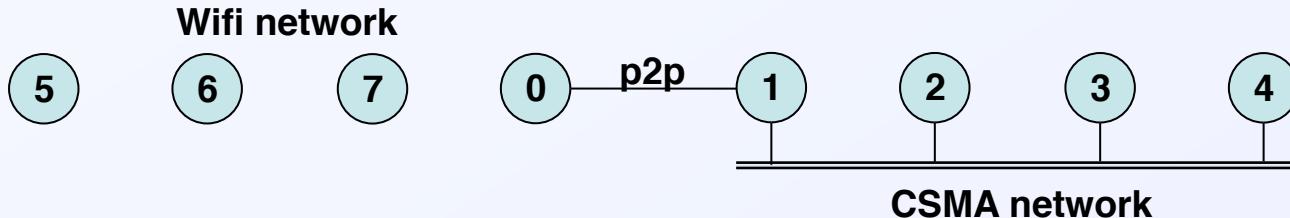


```
NodeContainer wifiStaNodes;  
wifiStaNodes.Create (nWifi);  
NodeContainer wifiApNode = p2pNodes.Get (0);  
  
YansWifiChannelHelper channel = YansWifiChannelHelper::Default ();  
YansWifiPhyHelper phy = YansWifiPhyHelper::Default ();  
phy.SetChannel (channel.Create ());  
  
WifiHelper wifi = WifiHelper::Default ();  
wifi.SetRemoteStationManager ("ns-3::AarfWifiManager");  
  
WifiMacHelper mac;
```

Annotations explain the code steps:

- Create nWifi = 3 station nodes**: Points to the line `wifiStaNodes.Create (nWifi);`
- Create 1 AP node**: Points to the line `wifiApNode = p2pNodes.Get (0);`
- Configure the physical and channel helpers**: Points to the lines `YansWifiChannelHelper channel = YansWifiChannelHelper::Default ();` and `YansWifiPhyHelper phy = YansWifiPhyHelper::Default ();`
- Connect all physical layer objects via the wireless channel**: Points to the line `phy.SetChannel (channel.Create ());`
- Configure the MAC layer**: Points to the line `WifiMacHelper mac;`

# Configure MAC types and install Wifi devices



```
WifiMacHelper mac;
```

```
Ssid ssid = Ssid ("ns-3-ssid");
mac.SetType ("ns-3::StaWifiMac",
             "Ssid", SsidValue (ssid),
             "ActiveProbing", BooleanValue (false));

NetDeviceContainer staDevices;
staDevices = wifi.Install (phy, mac, wifiStaNodes);

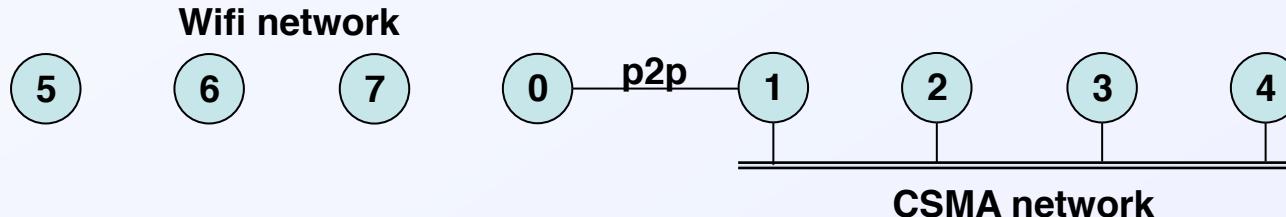
mac.SetType ("ns-3::ApWifiMac",
             "Ssid", SsidValue (ssid))

NetDeviceContainer apDevices;
apDevices = wifi.Install (phy, mac, wifiApNode);
```

- Station nodes:**
- 802.11 Service Set Identifier
  - No QoS support
  - Active probing disabled

- Access point node:**
- 802.11 Service Set Identifier
  - No QoS support

# Associate mobility models with all wireless nodes

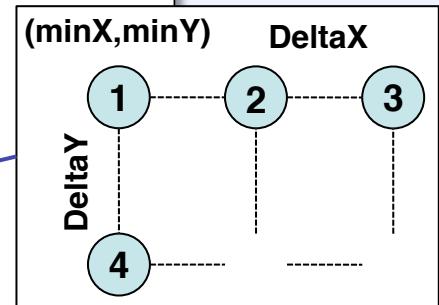


```
MobilityHelper mobility;
```

```
mobility.SetPositionAllocator ("ns-3::GridPositionAllocator",
    "MinX", DoubleValue (0.0),
    "MinY", DoubleValue (0.0),
    "DeltaX", DoubleValue (5.0),
    "DeltaY", DoubleValue (10.0),
    "GridWidth", UIntegerValue (3),
    "LayoutType", StringValue ("RowFirst"));
```

```
mobility.SetMobilityModel ("ns-3::RandomWalk2dMobilityModel",
    "Bounds", RectangleValue (Rectangle (-50, 50, -50, 50)));
mobility.Install (wifiStaNodes);
```

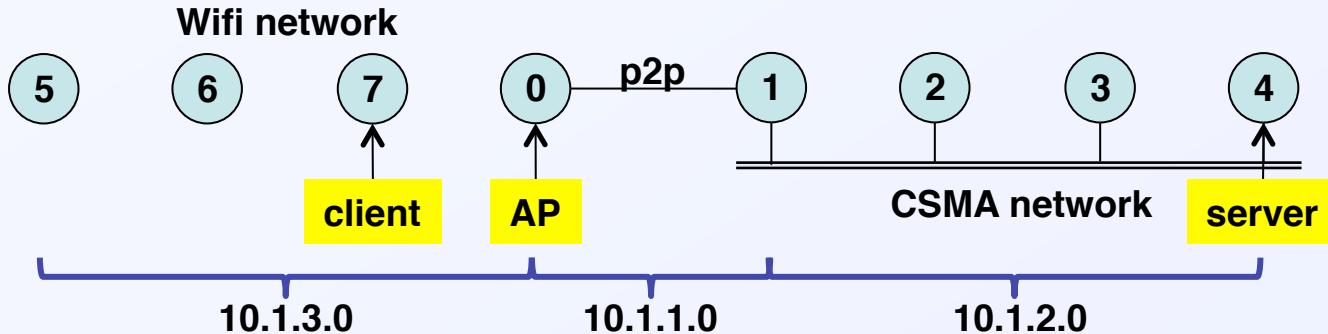
```
mobility.SetMobilityModel ("ns-3::ConstantPositionMobilityModel");
mobility.Install (wifiApNode);
```



**Brownian-motion model  
with elastic scattering off  
boundaries**

**Fixed access point**

## Some final points before we run the simulation



```
Simulator::Stop (Seconds (10.0));
```

Needed to prevent AP from scheduling an endless sequence of beacon events

```
pointToPoint.EnablePcapAll ("third");
phy.EnablePcap ("third", apDevices.Get (0));
csma.EnablePcap ("third", csmaDevices.Get (0), true);
```

Trace on:  
node 0, p2p device  
node 1, p2p device

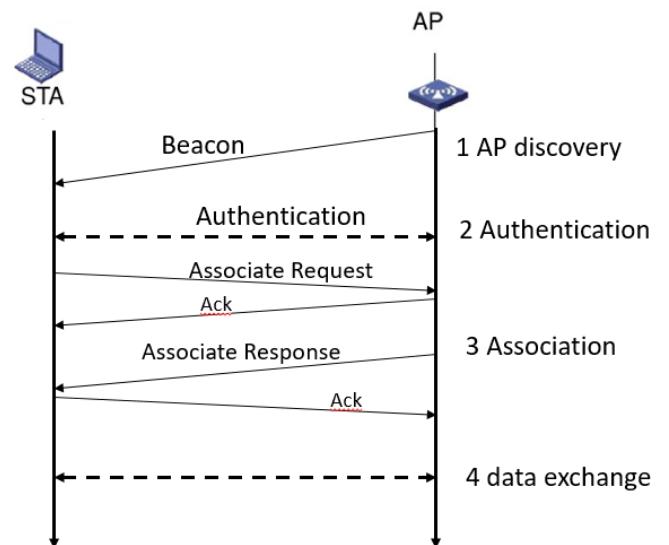
Trace on node 0, Wifi device

Promiscuous trace on node 1,  
CSMA device

# Running mythird.cc: PCAP trace of the Wifi network

```
[junhuatang@ubuntu:~/workspace/ns-allinone-3.28/ns-3.28$ tcpdump -nn -tt -r mythird-0-1.pcap
reading from file mythird-0-1.pcap, link-type IEEE802_11 (802.11)
0.032090 Beacon (ns-3-ssid) [6.0* 9.0 12.0* 18.0 24.0* 36.0 48.0 54.0 Mbit] ESS
0.032346 Assoc Request (ns-3-ssid) [6.0 9.0 12.0 18.0 24.0 36.0 48.0 54.0 Mbit]
0.032362 Acknowledgment RA:00:00:00:00:00:09
0.032554 Assoc Request (ns-3-ssid) [6.0 9.0 12.0 18.0 24.0 36.0 48.0 54.0 Mbit]
0.032570 Acknowledgment RA:00:00:00:00:00:08
0.032684 Assoc Response AID(1) :: Successful
0.032828 Acknowledgment RA:00:00:00:00:00:0a
0.032985 Assoc Request (ns-3-ssid) [6.0 9.0 12.0 18.0 24.0 36.0 48.0 54.0 Mbit]
0.033001 Acknowledgment RA:00:00:00:00:00:07
0.033133 Assoc Response AID(2) :: Successful
0.033277 Acknowledgment RA:00:00:00:00:00:0a
0.033392 Assoc Response AID(3) :: Successful
0.033536 Acknowledgment RA:00:00:00:00:00:0a
0.134490 Beacon (ns-3-ssid) [6.0* 9.0 12.0* 18.0 24.0* 36.0 48.0 54.0 Mbit] ESS
0.236890 Beacon (ns-3-ssid) [6.0* 9.0 12.0* 18.0 24.0* 36.0 48.0 54.0 Mbit] ESS
.....
2.006112 ARP, Request who-has 10.1.3.4 (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff) tell 10.1.3.3, length 32
2.006128 Acknowledgment RA:00:00:00:00:00:09
2.006233 ARP, Request who-has 10.1.3.4 (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff) tell 10.1.3.3, length 32
2.006433 ARP, Reply 10.1.3.4 is-at 00:00:00:00:00:0a, length 32
2.006605 Acknowledgment RA:00:00:00:00:00:0a
2.008133 IP 10.1.3.3.49153 > 10.1.2.4.9: UDP, length 1024
2.008149 Acknowledgment RA:00:00:00:00:00:09
2.031740 ARP, Request who-has 10.1.3.3 (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff) tell 10.1.3.4, length 32
2.032089 ARP, Reply 10.1.3.3 is-at 00:00:00:00:00:09, length 32
2.032105 Acknowledgment RA:00:00:00:00:00:09
2.032237 IP 10.1.2.4.9 > 10.1.3.3.49153: UDP, length 1024
2.033773 Acknowledgment RA:00:00:00:00:00:0a
2.080090 Beacon (ns-3-ssid) [6.0* 9.0 12.0* 18.0 24.0* 36.0 48.0 54.0 Mbit] ESS
2.182490 Beacon (ns-3-ssid) [6.0* 9.0 12.0* 18.0 24.0* 36.0 48.0 54.0 Mbit] ESS
2.284890 Beacon (ns-3-ssid) [6.0* 9.0 12.0* 18.0 24.0* 36.0 48.0 54.0 Mbit] ESS
```

Association requests establish link between AP and rest of Wifi network



Relevant IP addresses:  
10.1.3.3 = client on wifi network  
10.1.3.4 = AP on wifi network  
10.1.2.4 = server on CSMA network

Beacon interval = 2.5 s  
Stop at 10 s



# Chapter 7: Tracing

Source material:

- Online tutorial:

<https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/tutorial/html/tracing.html>

## More advanced tracing with ns-3

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- You can use ascii, pcap tracing or logging to get info from your sim
  - Need to write code to parse output
  - The info you want may not be obtainable by pre-defined mechanisms
- There is another way in ns-3
  - Add your own traces to events you care about
  - Produce output in a convenient form
  - Add hooks to the core that can be accessed by other users later

## You could use print statements, but I wouldn't recommend it

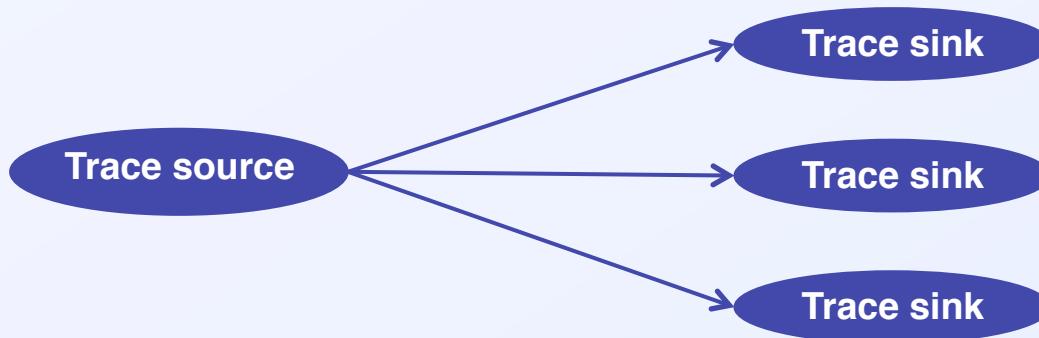
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- You may have to dig deep inside the ns-3 core to find the info you want
- More print statements ⇒ need way to enable/disable specific ones
  - Congratulations! You've just re-invented the ns-3 logging system!
- You could add logging statements to the core
  - Remember: ns-3 is open-source, evolving system
    - Core will bloat to include all possible log messages
    - Unwieldy gigantic log files ⇒ effectively useless
    - No guarantee specific log messages will survive releases

Logging ≠ Tracing

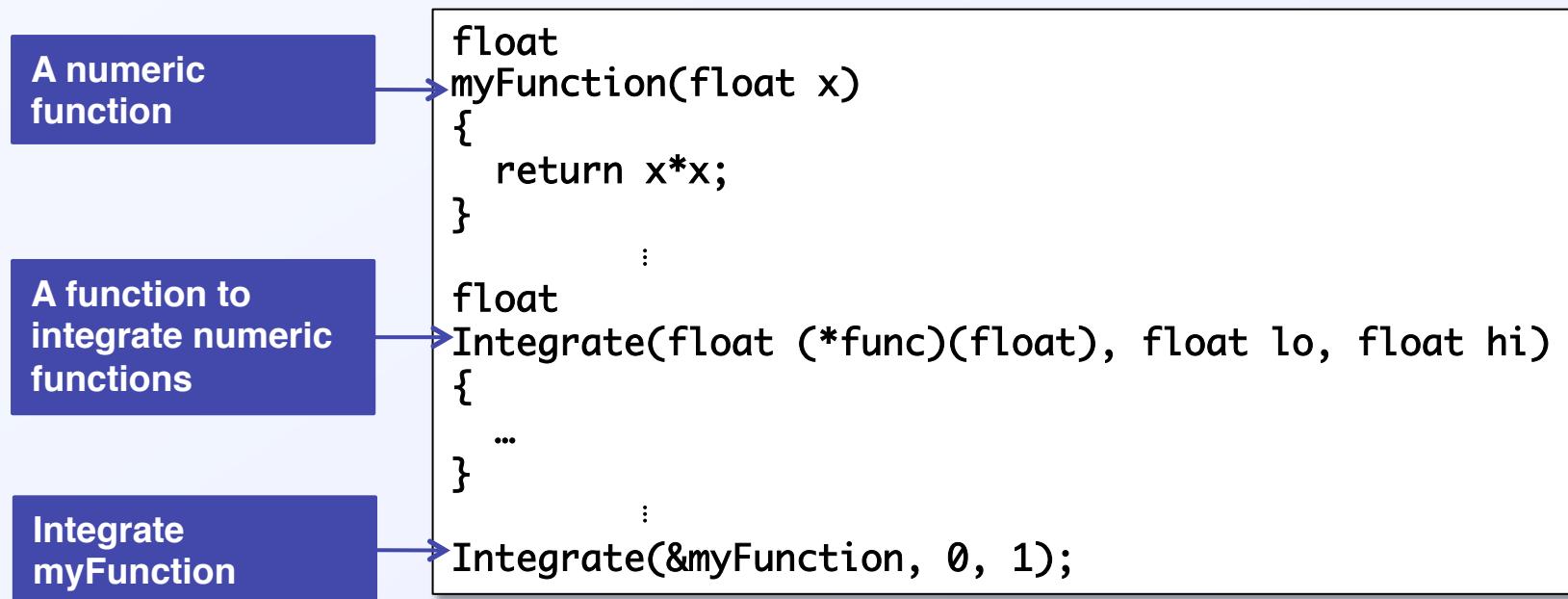
# The basic idea: trace sources and sinks

- You need:
  1. Trace source: signals sim event and provides access to the data
  2. Trace sink: consumes the trace info, do something useful with it
  3. Mechanism to connect trace source to trace sink
- Note: there can be many sinks connected to the same trace source



## A simple low-level example: callbacks

- This is the key to the way tracing works
- In C/C++ you can pass a pointer to a function: callback mechanism



- Trace source maintains a list of callback functions added by the sinks
- When an event of interest happens
  - Trace source passes data to the callback functions
  - Callback functions are executed

## A simple low-level example: fourth.cc

```
#include "ns-3/object.h"
#include "ns-3/uinteger.h"
#include "ns-3/traced-value.h"
#include "ns-3/trace-source-accessor.h"

#include <iostream>

using namespace ns-3;

class MyObject : public Object
{
public:
    static TypeId GetTypeId (void)
    {
        static TypeId tid = TypeId ("MyObject")
            .SetParent (Object::GetTypeId ())
            .AddConstructor<MyObject> ()
            .AddTraceSource ("MyInteger",
                            "An integer value to trace.",
                            MakeTraceSourceAccessor (&MyObject::m_myInt));
        return tid;
    }

    MyObject () {}
    TracedValue<int32_t> m_myInt;
};

void IntTrace (int32_t oldValue, int32_t newValue)
{
    std::cout << "Traced " << oldValue << " to " << newValue << std::endl;
}

int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    Ptr<MyObject> myObject = CreateObject<MyObject> ();
    myObject->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("MyInteger", MakeCallback (&IntTrace));

    myObject->m_myInt = 1234;
}
```

**Goal: trace changes made to a variable**

- i.e., notify user whenever
  - +, ++, =, etc.

Trace source

Trace sink

Connection

## A simple-low level example: the trace source

MyObject is derived from Object, inherits public members

```
class MyObject : public Object
{
public:
    static TypeId GetTypeId (void)
    {
        static TypeId tid = TypeId ("MyObject")
            .SetParent (Object::GetTypeId ())
            .AddConstructor<MyObject> ()
            .AddTraceSource ("MyInteger",
                            "An integer value to trace.",
                            MakeTraceSourceAccessor (&MyObject::m_myInt));
        return tid;
    }

    MyObject () {}
    TracedValue<int32_t> m_myInt;
};
```

Always need GetTypeId method for an object

- Provides run-time info on type
- Allows objects to be located via path (more on this later)
- Provides objects with attributes
- Provides objects with trace sources

## A simple-low level example: the trace source

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            .AddConstructor<MyObject> ()
            .AddTraceSource ("MyInteger",
                            "An integer value to trace.",
                            MakeTraceSourceAccessor (&MyObject::m_myInt));
        return tid;
    }

    MyObject () {}
    TracedValue<int32_t> m_myInt;
};
```

TypeId class records meta-information about MyObject

Provides unique identifier

Record TypeId of base class

Default constructor is accessible

Provides hook to connect to trace source:

- Name of source
- Help string
- Accessor = pointer to connect

./src/core/model/traced-value.h

Provides infrastructure to

- Overload operators
- Drive callback process

```
template <typename T> class TracedValue
{
public:
    ...
private:
    T m_v; /* The underlying value. */
    TracedCallback<T,T> m_cb; /* The connected Callback. */
};
```

## A simple low-level example: the trace sink

```
void IntTrace (int32_t oldValue, int32_t newValue)
{
    std::cout << "Traced " << oldValue << " to " << newValue << std::endl;
}
```

### A simple void function

- Takes in the old and new values of the traced variable
  - Will be supplied by the trace source
- Prints them to the screen

# A low-level example: the main function

ns-3 smart pointers provide garbage collection via reference counting  
Track number of pointers to an object  
Helps avoid memory leaks when you forget to delete an object

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    Ptr<MyObject> myObject = CreateObject<MyObject> ();
    myObject->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("MyInteger", MakeCallback (&IntTrace));

    myObject->m_myInt = 1234;
}
```

Wrapper for C++ “new”

If all goes as planned:  
should trigger callback

Connecting source to sink

- “MyInteger” = name of source
- Callback made from our sink function
- We’ll talk about “Context” next...

```
$ find . -name '*.h' | xargs grep TraceConnectWithoutContext
./src/core/model/object-base.h: bool TraceConnectWithoutContext (std::string name, const
CallbackBase &cb);
```

## A low-level example: running fourth.cc

```
$ cp examples/tutorial/fourth.cc scratch/myfourth.cc  
$ ./waf --run scratch/myfourth
```



Traced 0 to 1234

Assignment in: myObject->m\_myInt = 1234;  
triggers callback

Seems almost anticlimactic, but we've illustrated the main steps in tracing

- Define trace source
- Define trace sink
- Connect trace source to trace sink

## Using Config to connect to trace sources

- TraceConnectWithoutContext is not typical way to connect source to sink
  - Normally done via the **Config** subsystem in ns-3, by using a **config path**
    - A string that looks like a file path
    - Represents chain of objects leading to the desired event (or attribute)
  - e.g. in myfirst.cc
- 
- ```
Config::ConnectWithoutContext("/ NodeList/1/ DeviceList/0/  
$ns3::PointToPointNetDevice/MacTx", MakeCallback(&MyPacketTrace));
```

**Trace source:** (config path) "/ NodeList/1/ DeviceList/0/ \$ns3::PointToPointNetDevice/MacTx"

**Trace sink:** callback function **MyPacketTrace**

- **Config::ConnectWithoutContext**  
Ties the **trace source** to the **trace sink** callback function

# How to Find and Connect Trace Sources, and Discover Callback Signatures

- What trace sources are available (besides MacT )?
- How do I figure out the config path I need to connect to this source?
- What are the return type and arguments of my callback function?

```
void MyPacketTrace (Ptr< const Packet > packet)
```

```
void IntTrace (int32_t oldValue, int32_t newValue)
```

Doxygen and a little detective work will go a long way here

## What trace sources are available?

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- Doxygen has the answer!
  - Trace sources:  
[https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/doxygen/\\_trace\\_source\\_list.html](https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/doxygen/_trace_source_list.html)
  - Attributes:  
[https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/doxygen/\\_attribute\\_list.html](https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/doxygen/_attribute_list.html)
  - Global values:  
[https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/doxygen/\\_global\\_value\\_list.html](https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/doxygen/_global_value_list.html)

# What trace sources are available?

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the ns-3 documentation for version 3.28. The URL in the address bar is [https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/doxygen/\\_trace\\_source\\_list.html](https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/doxygen/_trace_source_list.html). The page title is "ns-3: All TraceSources". The left sidebar lists various documentation sections under "ns-3", with "All TraceSources" currently selected. The main content area shows the trace sources for the **ns3::MobilityModel** module. It includes a list of events and their descriptions:

- **TotalEnergyHarvested**: Total energy harvested by the harvester.
- **CourseChange**: The value of the position and/or velocity vector changed

Below this, another section is listed:

**ns3::UanPhyGen**

- **RxOk**: A packet was received successfully.
- **RxError**: A packet was received unsuccessfully.
- **Tx**: Packet transmission beginning.

At the bottom left, there is a logo for "Physical and Life Sciences". At the bottom right, there is a blue stylized logo and the number 90.

# What string do I use to connect?

click on ns3::MobilityModel and go to ns3::MobilityModel Class Reference site

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the ns-3 documentation website at [https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/doxygen/classns3\\_1\\_1\\_mobility\\_model.html](https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/doxygen/classns3_1_1_mobility_model.html). The page title is "ns3::MobilityModel Class Reference". The navigation bar includes links for HOME, TUTORIALS, DOCS, and DEVELOP. The main content area shows the class members for ns3::MobilityModel, including inheritance and collaboration diagrams, and a "Public Types" section.

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ns3::MobilityModel Class Reference abstract

**Mobility**

Keep track of the current position and velocity of an object. [More...](#)

```
#include "mobility-model.h"
```

► Inheritance diagram for ns3::MobilityModel:

► Collaboration diagram for ns3::MobilityModel:

**Public Types**

# What string do I use to connect?

- Scroll down the page to locate the Config Paths and TraceSources

## Detailed Description

Keep track of the current position and velocity of an object.

All space coordinates in this class and its subclasses are understood to be meters or meters/s. i.e., they are a

This is a base class for all specific mobility models.

## Config Paths

`ns3::MobilityModel` is accessible through the following paths with `Config::Set` and `Config::Connect`:

- `"/ NodeList/[i]/$ns3::MobilityModel"`

## Attributes

### TraceSources

trace source: `/ NodeList/[i]/$ns3::MobilityModel/CourseChange`

- **CourseChange:** The value of the position and/or velocity vector changed

Callback signature: `ns3::MobilityModel::TracedCallback`

**Size** of this type is 48 bytes (on a 64-bit architecture).

Definition at line 39 of file `mobility-model.h`.

# What return value and arguments for the callback function?

## TraceSources

- **CourseChange**: The value of the position and/or velocity vector changed

Callback signature: **ns3::MobilityModel::TracedCallback**

Size of this type is 48 bytes (on a 64-bit architecture).

Follow this link to find the return value  
and arguments of the callback function

```
typedef void(* ns3::MobilityModel::TracedCallback) (Ptr< const MobilityModel > model)
```

**TracedCallback** signature.

### Parameters

[in] **model** Value of the **MobilityModel**.

Definition at line **87** of file **mobility-model.h**.

# What return value and arguments for the callback function?

- The somewhat easy way
  - The return value is always “void”
  - Traced callback signature  
or in "src/mobility/model/mobility-model.h"

```
typedef void (* TracedCallback)(Ptr<const MobilityModel> model);
```

This is the argument we need!

- So for callback using Config::ConnectWithoutContext

```
void CourseChange(Ptr<const MobilityModel> model)
```

- And for callback using Config::Connect

```
void CourseChange(std::string path,Ptr<const MobilityModel> model)
```

Context (= config path) gets passed here

## Learn from other people's code

- look for config path in someone else's code
  - `$ find -name "*.cc" | xargs grep CourseChange | grep Connect`
  - Inside “`./src/mobility/examples/main-random-walk.cc`”:  

```
Config::Connect ("/ NodeList/*/$ns-3::MobilityModel/CourseChange",
    MakeCallback (&CourseChange));
```
  - Config path = `"/ NodeList/*/$ns-3::MobilityModel/CourseChange"`
  - And we then find the declaration of the “`CourseChange`” function:  

```
static void CourseChange (std::string foo, Ptr<const MobilityModel> mobility)
```

## A real example

From W. Richard Stevens, "TCP/IP Illustrated, Vol. I: The Protocols", Addison-Wesley (1994)

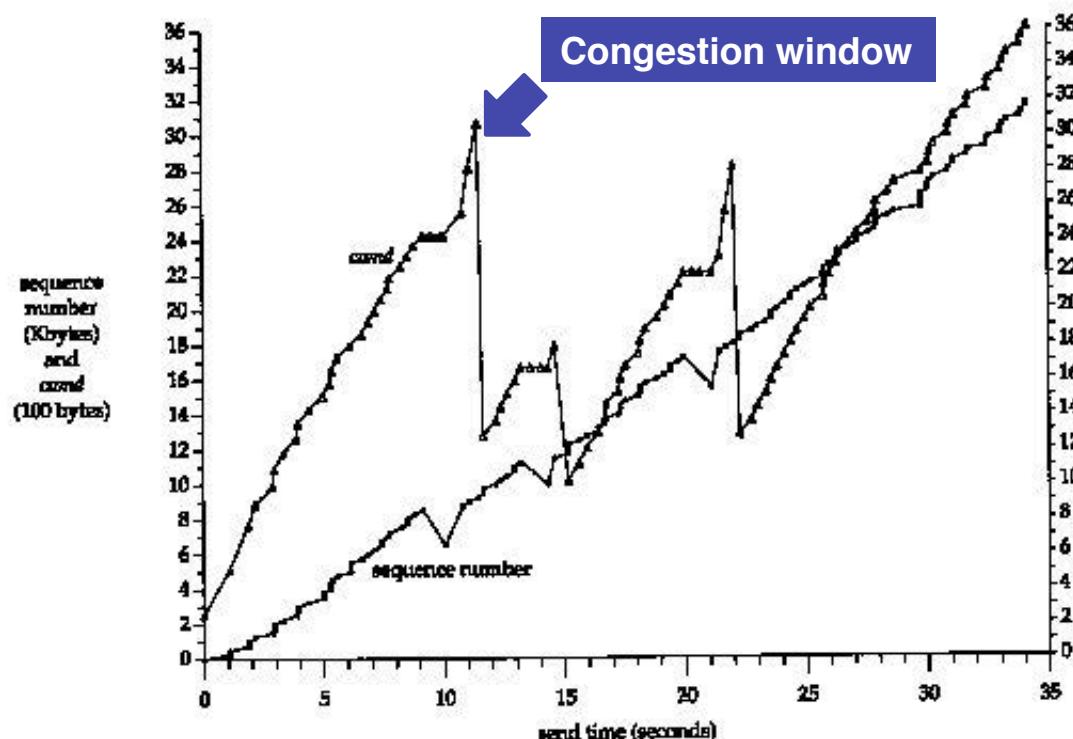


Figure 21.10 Value of *cwnd* and send sequence number while data is being transmitted.

Goal: simulate a TCP congestion window and look at the effect of dropped packets

## Congestion windows 101 (from Wikipedia)

- Congestion collapse occurs at choke points in the network
  - Wherever total incoming traffic to a node > outgoing bandwidth
  - e.g., connection points between LAN and WAN
- TCP uses network congestion avoidance algorithm
- Congestion window is part of TCP strategy to avoid congestion collapse
  - Limits total number of unacknowledged packets that may be in transit
  - The size of the window is adjusted dynamically by the sender
    - Based on how much congestion between sender and receiver
    - If all segments are received and the acks reach the sender on time
      - Add a constant to the window (typically 1 MSS = Max Segment Size)
    - Otherwise
      - Scale back by a set factor (typically 1/2)

Explains “sawtooth” shape of congestion window over time

# Are there trace sources available?

- From Doxygen's "The list of all trace sources": search for `congestionwindow`

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the ns-3 Doxygen documentation. The URL in the address bar is [https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/doxygen/\\_trace\\_source\\_list.html](https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/doxygen/_trace_source_list.html). The search bar at the top contains the text "congestion". The search results for "congestion" are displayed under the heading "ns3::TcpSocketBase". The results list several trace sources, including:

- RTO: Retransmission timeout
- RTT: Last RTT sample
- NextTxSequence: Next sequence number to send (SND.NXT)
- HighestSequence: Highest sequence number ever sent in socket's life time
- State: TCP state
- CongState: TCP Congestion machine state
- AdvWND: Advertised Window Size
- RWND: Remote side's flow control window
- BytesInFlight: Socket estimation of bytes in flight
- HighestRxSequence: Highest sequence number received from peer
- HighestRxAck: Highest ack received from peer
- CongestionWindow: The TCP connection's congestion window
- CongestionWindowInflated: The TCP connection's congestion window inflates as in older RFC

# Are there trace sources available?

## ns3::TcpSocketBase Class Reference

### TraceSources

- **RTO**: Retransmission timeout  
Callback signature: **ns3::TracedValueCallback::Time**
- **RTT**: Last RTT sample  
Callback signature: **ns3::TracedValueCallback::Time**

- .....
- **CongestionWindow**: The TCP connection's congestion window  
Callback signature: **ns3::TracedValueCallback::Uint32**

.....

```
typedef void(* ns3::TracedValueCallback::Uint32)(uint32_t oldValue, uint32_t newValue)
```

**TracedValue Callback** signature for POD.

these are the arguments of your callback function

### Parameters

[in] **oldValue** original value of the traced variable

[in] **newValue** new value of the traced variable

Definition at line 88 of file **traced-value.h**.

# How to connect ? Config or myObject->TraceConnect?

- learn from other people's code

```
$ find -name "*.cc" | xargs grep CongestionWindow | grep Connect
```

```
junhuatang@ubuntu:~/workspace/ns-allinone-3.28/ns-3.28$ find -name "*.cc" | xar  
gs grep CongestionWindow | grep Connect  
.examples/tutorial/fifth.cc: ns3TcpSocket->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("Conge  
stionWindow", MakeCallback (&CwndChange));  
.examples/tutorial/sixth.cc: ns3TcpSocket->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("Conge  
stionWindow", MakeBoundCallback (&CwndChange, stream));  
.examples/tutorial/seventh.cc: ns3TcpSocket->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("Con  
gestionWindow", MakeBoundCallback (&CwndChange, stream));  
.examples/tcp/tcp-large-transfer.cc: Config::ConnectWithoutContext ("/NodeLis  
t/0/$ns3::TcpL4Protocol/SocketList/0/CongestionWindow", MakeCallback (&CwndTrac  
er));  
.examples/tcp/tcp-variants-comparison.cc: Config::ConnectWithoutContext ("/No  
deList/1/$ns3::TcpL4Protocol/SocketList/0/CongestionWindow", MakeCallback (&Cwn  
dTracer));
```

```
.....  
.src/test/ns3tcp/ns3tcp-cwnd-test-suite.cc: ns3TcpSocket->TraceConnectWithout  
Context ("CongestionWindowInflated", MakeCallback (&Ns3TcpCwndTestCase2::CwndCh  
ange, this));  
.src/test/ns3tcp/ns3tcp-cwnd-test-suite.cc: ns3TcpSocket->TraceConnectWithout  
Context ("CongestionWindow", MakeCallback (&Ns3TcpCwndTestCase2::CwndChangeNotI  
nflated, this));  
junhuatang@ubuntu:~/workspace/ns-allinone-3.28/ns-3.28$
```

# How do we get started writing our script?

- The time-honored way: steal from someone else's code
  - `$ find -name "*.cc" | xargs grep CongestionWindow`
  - Look, e.g., in `./src/test/ns-3tcp/ns-3tcp-cwnd-test-suite.cc`
  - The connection between trace and source is done by

```
ns-3TcpSocket->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("CongestionWindow",
    MakeCallback (&ns-3TcpCwndTestCase1::CwndChange, this));
```

This is the callback function

```
void CwndChange (uint32_t oldCwnd, uint32_t newCwnd)
```

- We can also copy code from the function

```
void ns-3TcpCwndTestCase1::DoRun (void)
```

This is how fifth.cc was put together

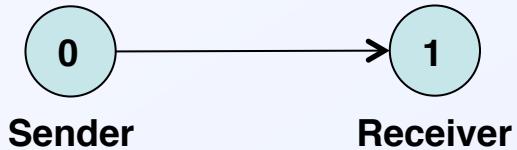
# Avoiding a common mistake in ns-3

- ns-3 scripts execute in three separate stages
  - Configuration time
  - Simulation time (i.e., Simulator::Run)
  - Teardown time
- TCP uses sockets to connect nodes
  - Sockets are created dynamically during simulation time
    - Want to hook the CongestionWindow on the socket of the sender
  - Connection to trace sources is established during configuration time
  - Can't put the cart before the horse!
- Solution:
  1. Create socket at configuration time
  2. Hook trace source then
  3. Pass this socket object to system during simulation time

Next: fifth.cc walkthrough

## Overview of fifth.cc

- Dumbbell topology, point-to-point network, like first.cc



- We will create our own application and **socket**
  - So we can access socket at configuration time
  - No helper, so we'll have to do the work manually
  - Connect to CongestionWindow trace source in sender socket
- Introduce errors into the channel between nodes
  - Dropped packets ⇒ interesting behavior in congestion window

# Creating our own application: the MyApp class

```
class MyApp : public Application
{
public:
    MyApp ();
    virtual ~MyApp();

    void Setup (Ptr<Socket> socket, Address address,
                uint32_t packetSize, uint32_t nPackets, DataRate dataRate);

private:
    virtual void StartApplication (void);
    virtual void StopApplication (void);

    void ScheduleTx (void);
    void SendPacket (void);

    Ptr<Socket>      m_socket;
    Address           m_peer;
    uint32_t          m_packetSize;
    uint32_t          m_nPackets;
    DataRate          m_dataRate;
    EventId           m_sendEvent;
    bool              m_running;
    uint32_t          m_packetsSent;
};
```

Initializes member variables

But this is the important bit: we will be able to

- Create socket
- Hook its CongestionWindow trace source
- Pass the socket to the application

All this at configuration time!

# Creating our own application: the MyApp class

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    MyApp ();
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private:
    virtual void StartApplication (void);
    virtual void StopApplication (void);

    void ScheduleTx (void);
    void SendPacket (void);

    Ptr<Socket>      m_socket;
    Address          m_peer;
    uint32_t         m_packetSize;
    uint32_t         m_nPackets;
    DataRate         m_dataRate;
    EventId          m_sendEvent;
    bool             m_running;
    uint32_t         m_packetsSent;
};
```

We also need to override these with our own implementations that will be called by the simulator to start and stop

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private:
    virtual void StartApplication (void);
    virtual void StopApplication (void);

    void ScheduleTx (void);
    void SendPacket (void);

    Ptr<Socket> m_socket;
    Address m_peer;
    uint32_t m_packetSize;
    uint32_t m_nPackets;
    DataRate m_dataRate;
    EventId m_sendEvent;
    bool m_running;
    uint32_t m_packetsSent;
};
```

2

1

3

1. StartApplication **calls** SendPacket
2. SendPacket **calls** ScheduleTx
3. ScheduleTx **set up next** SendPacket call
4. ...
5. Until StopApplication

## The trace sinks

- We want to trace 2 types of events
  - Updates to the congestion window:

```
static void CwndChange (uint32_t oldCwnd, uint32_t newCwnd)
{
    NS_LOG_UNCOND (Simulator::Now ().GetSeconds () << "\t" << newCwnd);
}
```

- Dropped packets

```
static void RxDrop (Ptr<const Packet> p)
{
    NS_LOG_UNCOND ("RxDrop at " << Simulator::Now ().GetSeconds ());
}
```

# Introducing errors in the channel

Determines which packets will not be received due to transmission errors, corresponding to underlying

- Distribution = random variable
- Rate  $\leftrightarrow$  mean duration between errors
- Unit = per-bit, per-byte, or per-packet

```
Ptr<RateErrorModel> em = CreateObjectWithAttributes<RateErrorModel> (
    "RanVar", RandomVariableValue (UniformVariable (0., 1.)),
    "ErrorRate", DoubleValue (0.00001));

devices.Get (1)->SetAttribute ("ReceiveErrorModel", PointerValue (em));
```

Will cause randomly dropped packets in the receiver device

## Setting the application on the receiver node

```
uint16_t sinkPort = 8080;
Address sinkAddress (InetSocketAddress (interfaces.GetAddress (1), sinkPort));
PacketSinkHelper packetSinkHelper ("ns-3::TcpSocketFactory",
                                  InetSocketAddress (Ipv4Address::GetAny (), sinkPort));
ApplicationContainer sinkApps = packetSinkHelper.Install (nodes.Get (1));
sinkApps.Start (Seconds (0.));
sinkApps.Stop (Seconds (20.));
```

- **PacketSink receives and consumes traffic generated to an IP address and port**
- **PacketSinkHelper creates sockets using an “object factory”**
  - **Object factories are used to mass produce similarly configured objects**
  - **Factory method doesn’t require you to know the type of the objects created**

# Connecting the sender's socket, and connecting the trace source

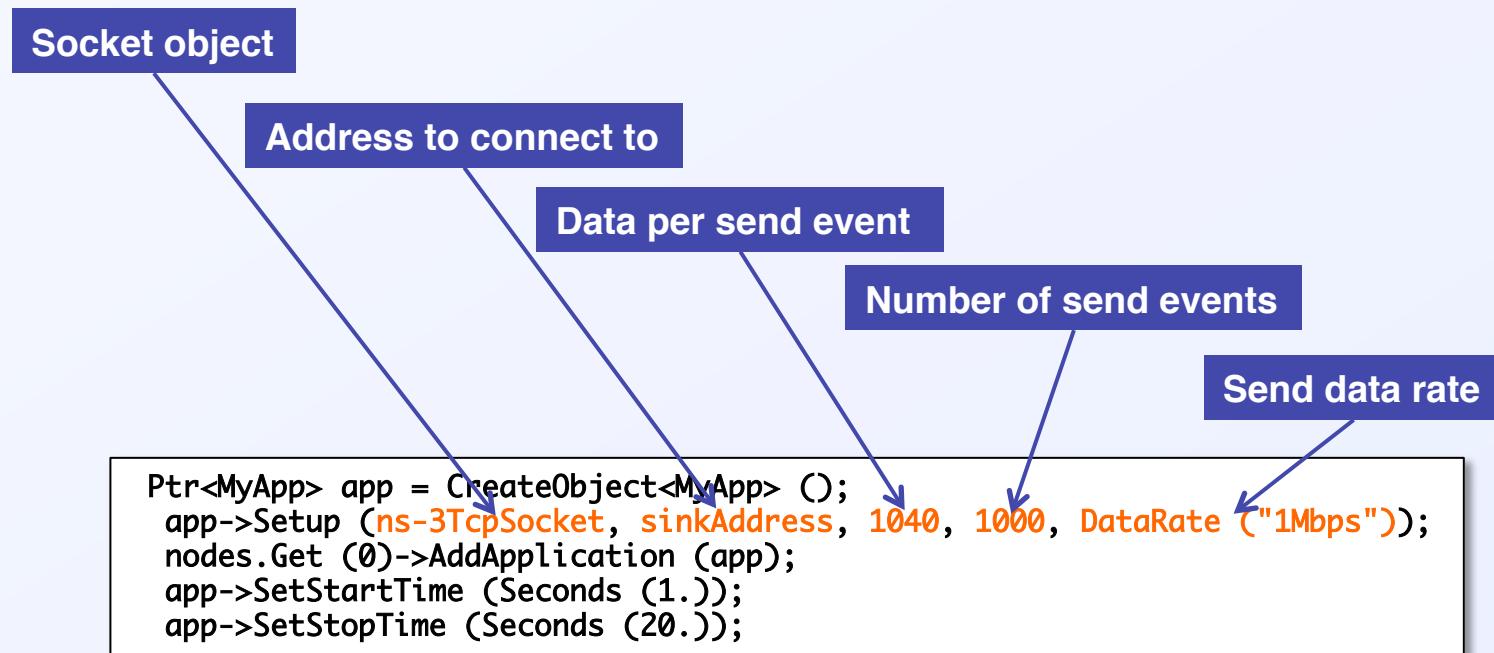
Another way of creating a socket using a socket factory

```
Ptr<Socket> ns-3TcpSocket = Socket::CreateSocket (nodes.Get (0), TcpSocketFactory::GetTypeId ());  
ns-3TcpSocket->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("CongestionWindow", MakeCallback (&CwndChange));
```

This should look familiar by now

Because we created our own app and socket at configuration time  
we can hook into its CongestionWindow trace source

# Setting up the application on the sender node



## Running fifth.cc: text output

```
$ ./waf -run scratch/myfifth > cwnd.dat 2>&1
```

Waf: Entering directory `/mypath/ns-3-dev/build'  
Waf: Leaving directory `/mypath/ns-3-dev/build'  
'build' finished successfully (1m58.520s)

```
1      536
1.00919 1072
1.01511 1608
1.02163 2144
1.02995 2680
1.03827 3216
1.04659 3752
1.05491 4288
1.06323 4824
1.07155 5360
1.07987 5896
1.08819 6432
1.09651 6968
1.10483 7504
1.11315 8040
1.12147 8576
1.12979 9112
RxDrop at 1.13692
1.13811 9648
1.15475 2900
1.15563 3436
:
```

Eliminate these lines by hand

## Running fifth.cc: plotting the results

Original by W. Richard Stevens

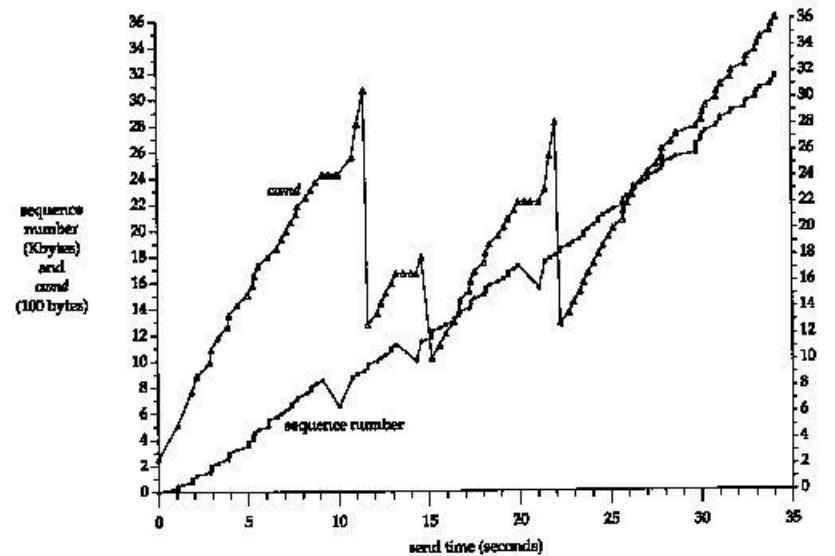
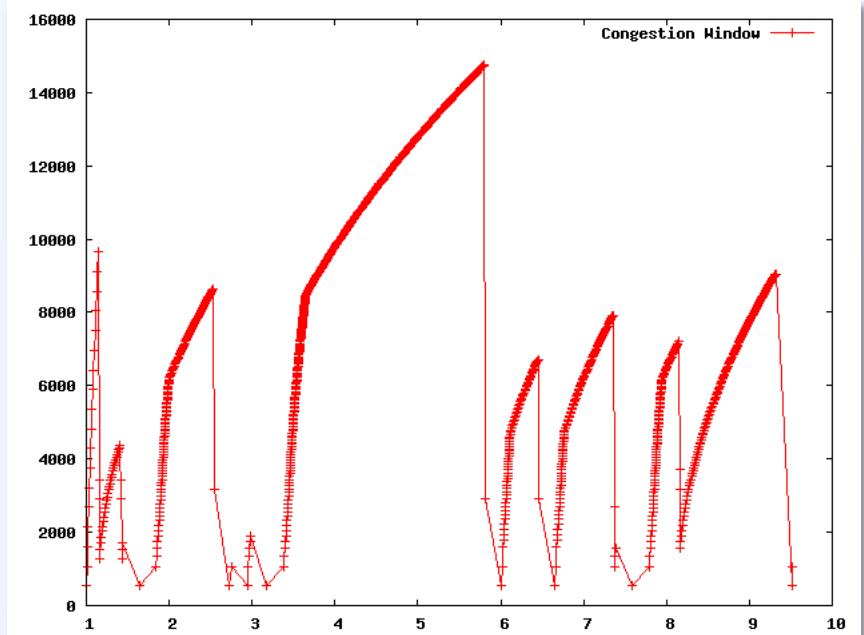


Figure 21.10 Value of *cwnd* and send sequence number while data is being transmitted.

Our result, using gnuplot



## That's nice, but...

- Remember after  

```
$ ./waf --run scratch/myfifth > cwnd.dat 2>&1
```
- We had to edit the file by hand to remove “junk” lines...
- But we said tracing gives you control over output format
- Is there a cleaner way to produce the output we need?
- Yes! Use trace helpers

Let's tweak fifth.cc to produce cleaner output ⇒ sixth.cc

# A sixth.cc walkthrough: CwndChange callback

- Modify the callback function:

```
static void CwndChange (Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> stream, uint32_t oldCwnd, uint32_t newCwnd)
{
    NS_LOG_UNCOND (Simulator::Now () .GetSeconds () << "\t" << newCwnd);
    *stream->GetStream () << Simulator::Now () .GetSeconds () << "\t"
        << oldCwnd << "\t" << newCwnd << std::endl;
}
```

Added to fifth.cc

Formatted output to the stream

- Add lines in the main to create stream:

```
AsciiTraceHelper asciiTraceHelper;
Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> stream = asciiTraceHelper.CreateFileStream ("sixth.cwnd");
ns3::TcpSocket->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("CongestionWindow",
    MakeBoundCallback (&CwndChange, stream));
```

Filename attached to stream

Causes the stream argument to be added to the function callback

## A sixth.cc walkthrough: RxDrop callback

- Modify the callback function:

```
static void RxDrop (Ptr<PcapFileWrapper> file, Ptr<const Packet> p)
{
    NS_LOG_UNCOND ("RxDrop at " << Simulator::Now ().GetSeconds ());
    file->Write (Simulator::Now (), p);
}
```

**Added to fifth.cc**

**Formatted output to the pcap file**

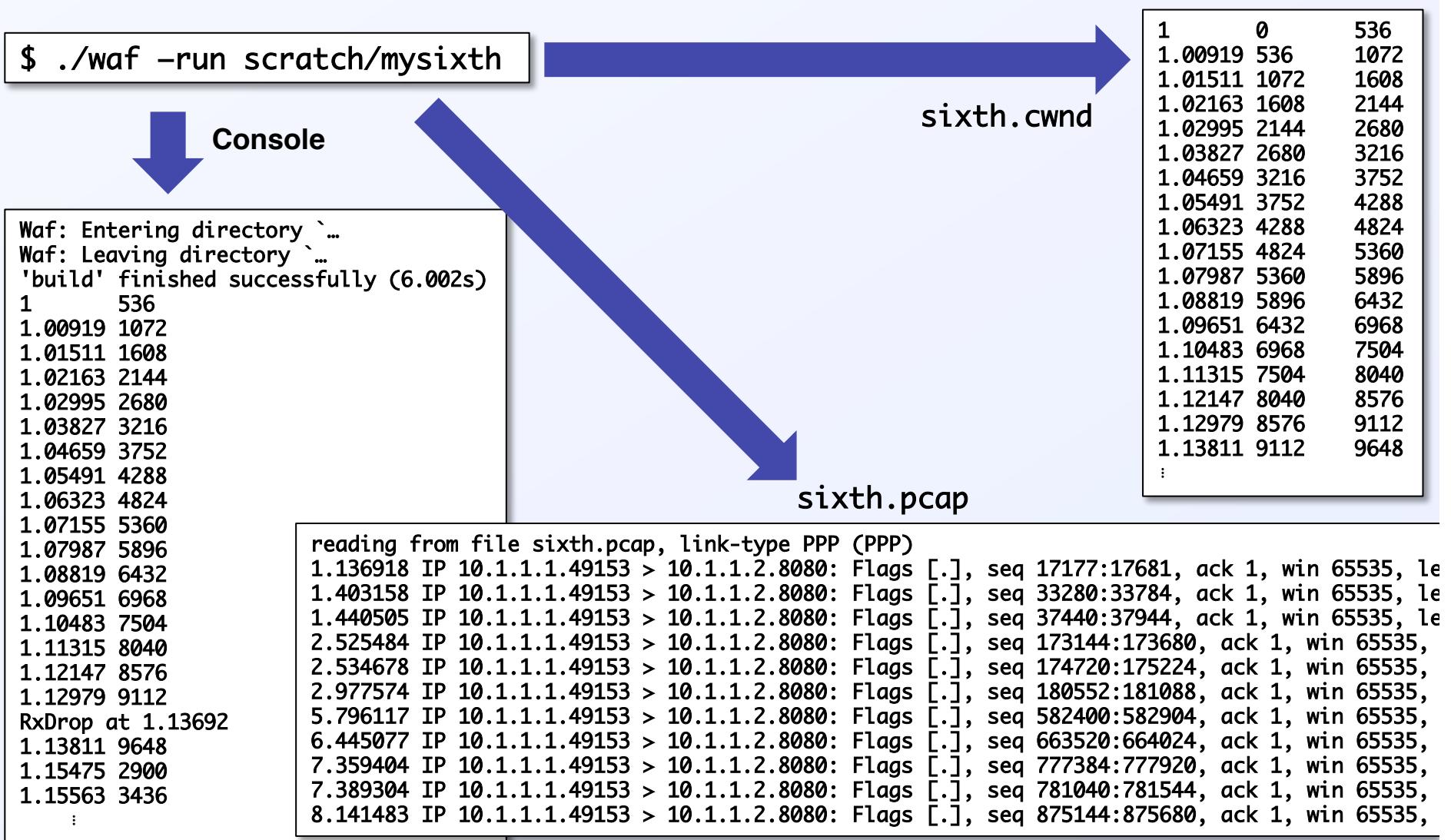
- Add lines in the main to create stream:

```
PcapHelper pcapHelper;
Ptr<PcapFileWrapper> file = pcapHelper.CreateFile ("sixth.pcap", std::ios::out, PcapHelper::DLT_PPP);
devices.Get (1)->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("PhyRxDrop", MakeBoundCallback (&RxDrop, file));
```

**Filename attached to file**

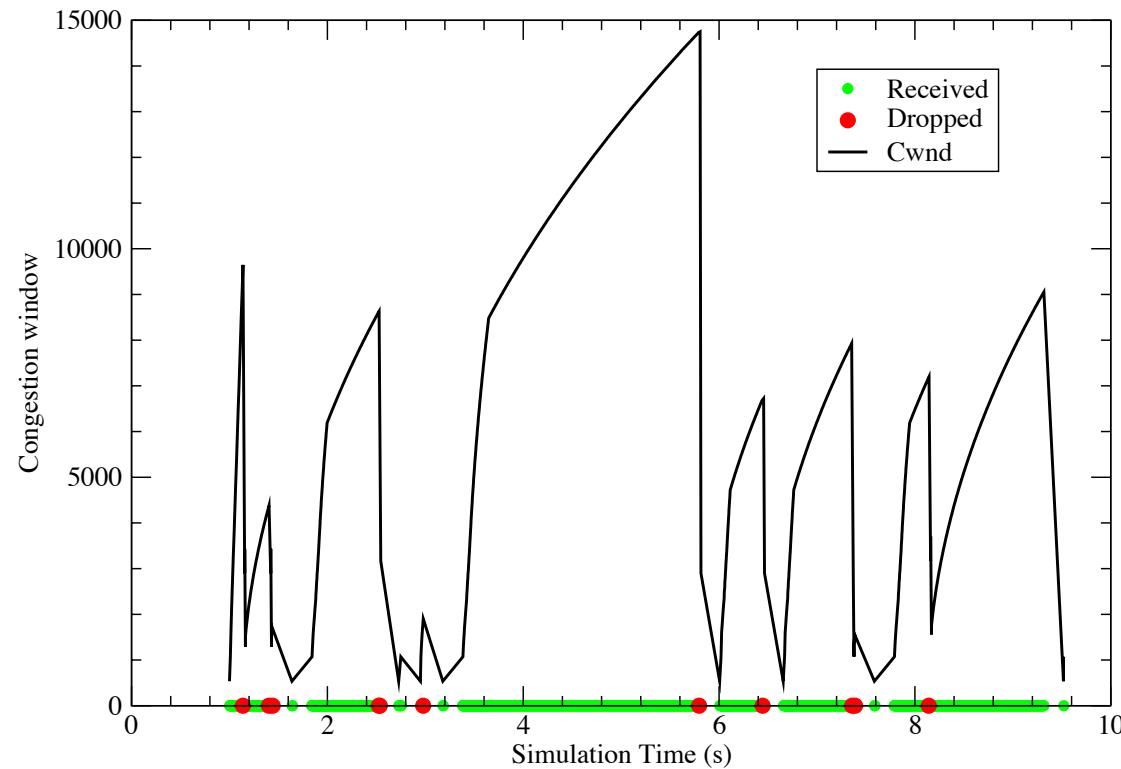
**Causes the file argument to be added to the function callback**

## Running sixth.cc



## Find out more: what happens to uncorrupted packets?

PhyRxEnd: Trace source indicating a packet has been completely received by the device



## Using trace helpers

- We've encountered trace helpers before

```
pointToPoint.EnablePcapAll ("second");
pointToPoint.EnablePcap ("second", p2pNodes.Get (0)->GetId (), 0);
csma.EnablePcap ("third", csmaDevices.Get (0), true);
pointToPoint.EnableAsciiAll (ascii.CreateFileStream ("myfirst.tr"));
```

- What other trace helpers are available?
- How do we use them?
- What do they have in common?

## Two categories of trace helpers

- **Device helpers**
  - Trace is enabled for node/device pair(s)
  - Both pcap and ascii traces provided
  - Conventional filenames: <prefix>-<node id>-<device id>
- **Protocol helpers**
  - Trace is enabled for protocol/interface pair(s)
  - Both pcap and ascii traces provided
  - Conventional filenames: <prefix>-n<node id>-i<interface id>
    - “n” and “i” to avoid filename collisions with node/device traces

## ns-3 uses “mixin” classes to ensure tracing works the same way across all devices or interfaces

- Mixin classes in ns-3 (see Doxygen for more info):

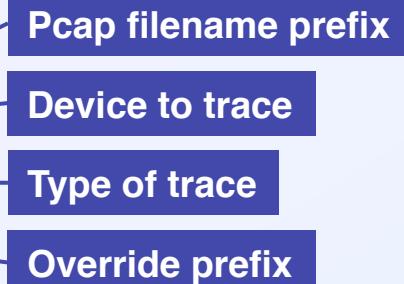
|                 | PCAP                | ASCII                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Device Helper   | PcapHelperForDevice | AsciiTraceHelperForDevice |
| Protocol Helper | PcapHelperForIpv4   | AsciiTraceHelperForIpv4   |

- These mixin classes each provide a single virtual method to enable trace
  - All device or protocols must implement this method
  - All other methods of the mixin class call this one method
  - Provides consistent functionality across different devices & interfaces

## The PcapHelperForDevice mixin class

- Every device must implement

```
virtual void EnablePcapInternal (std::string prefix,  
                                Ptr<NetDevice> nd,  
                                bool promiscuous,  
                                bool explicitFilename) = 0;
```



- All other methods of PcapHelperForDevice call this one

⇒ Consistency across devices

# Pcap Tracing Device Helper: EnablePcap methods

- **EnablePcap for various node/device pair(s)**
  - Provide `Ptr<NetDevice>`
  - Provide device name using the ns-3 object name service

```
Names::Add ("server" ...);  
Names::Add ("server/eth0" ...);  
...  
helper.EnablePcap ("prefix", "server/ath0");
```
- **Provide a NetDeviceContainer**
- **Provide a NodeContainer**
- **Provide integer node and device ids**
- **Enable pcap tracing for all devices in the simulation**

```
helper.EnablePcapAll ("prefix");
```

## Pcap Tracing Device Helper: filename selection

- By convention: <prefix>-<node id>-<device id>.pcap
- Can use the ns-3 object name service to replace ids with meaningful names

e.g.,

prefix-21-1.pcap



```
Names::Add("server1", serverNode);  
Names::Add("server1/eth0", serverDevice);
```



prefix-server1-eth0.pcap

- You can override the naming convention, e.g.

```
void EnablePcap(std::string prefix,  
                 Ptr<NetDevice> nd,  
                 bool promiscuous,  
                 bool explicitFilename);
```

Set this to true  
prefix becomes filename

## Ascii Tracing Device Helpers

- The mixin class is `AsciiTraceHelperForDevice`
  - All device implement virtual `EnableAsciiInternal` method
  - All other methods of `AsciiTraceHelperForDevice` will call this one
- Can provide `EnableAscii` with `Ptr<NetDevice>`, string from name service, `NetDeviceContainer`, `NodeContainer`, integer node/device ids
- Or `helper.EnableAsciiAll("prefix");`
- Can also dump ascii traces to a single common file, e.g.,

```
Ptr<NetDevice> nd1;
Ptr<NetDevice> nd2;
...
Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> stream = asciiTraceHelper.CreateFileStream ("trace-file-name.tr");
...
helper.EnableAscii (stream, nd1);
helper.EnableAscii (stream, nd2);
```

- So there are twice as many trace methods as for pcap

## Ascii Tracing Device Helpers: filename selection

- By convention: <prefix>-<node id>-<device id>.tr
- Using ns-3 object name service, can assign names to the id, then e.g.
  - "prefix-21-1.tr" → "prefix-server-eth0.tr"
- Many `EnableAscii` methods offer a `explicitFilename` option
  - Set to true ⇒ override naming convention, use your own file name

## Pcap Tracing Protocol Helpers

- The mixin class is `PcapHelperForIpv4`
  - All device implement virtual `EnablePcapIpv4Internal` method
  - All other methods of `PcapHelperForIpv4` will call this one
- Can provide `EnablePcapIpv4` with `Ptr<Ipv4>`, string from name service, `Ipv4InterfaceContainer`, `NodeContainer`, integer node/device ids
- Or `helper.EnablePcapIpv4All("prefix");`
- **Filename selection**
  - Convention is `<prefix>-n<node id>-i<interface id>.pcap`
  - Can also use the ns-3 object name service clarity
  - `explicitFilename` parameter lets you impose your own filenames

# Ascii Tracing Protocol Helpers

- The mixin class is `AsciiTraceHelperForIpv4`
  - All device implement virtual `EnableAsciiIpv4Internal` method
  - All other methods of `AsciiTraceHelperForIpv4` will call this one
- Can provide `EnableAsciiIpv4` with `Ptr<Ipv4>`, string from name service, `Ipv4InterfaceContainer`, `NodeContainer`, integer node/device ids
- Or `helper.EnableAsciiIpv4All("prefix");`
- Can also dump ascii traces to a single common file
  - So there are twice as many trace methods as for pcap
- Filename selection
  - Convention is `<prefix>-n<node id>-i<interface id>.pcap`
  - Can also use the ns-3 object name service clarity
  - `explicitFilename` parameter lets you impose your own filenames

# Conclusion

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- ns-3 is very powerful/comprehensive
- Lots of tools for you to use
  - Helpers
  - Containers
  - Logging
  - Tracing
  - Models
- Doxygen is your friend!

**Practice! Practice! Practice!**