Introduction

Network Simulator or NS is a name for a series of discrete event network simulators, specifically NS-1, NS-2, and NS-3. All are discrete-event computer network simulators, primarily used in research and teaching.

Ns-2 began as a revision of NS-1. From 1997-2000, NS development was supported by DARPA through the VINT project at LBL, Xerox PARC, UCB, and USC/ISI. In 2000, NS-2 development was supported through DARPA with SAMAN and through NSF with CONSER, both at USC/ISI, in collaboration with other researchers including ACIRI.

Ns-2 incorporates substantial contributions from third parties, including wireless code from the UCB Daedelus and CMU Monarch projects and Sun Microsystems.

NS-2 is designed to run from on most UNIX based operating systems. It is possible to run NS-2 on Windows machines using Cygwin. If you don't have a UNIX install, you can also use a virtual linux machine and run that under Windows. VMWare has a free VMWare Player that allows you to download linux systems like Ubuntu and run them on your computer. You will need to make sure you have standard development packages like 'make' and 'gcc'.

Pre-requisites

- 1) First, we need to download a copy of <u>ns-allinone-2.34.tar.gz</u>.
- 2) Next in-order to install NS-2 in a separate user account, we must create a new user account in linux.
- 3) We go to the system settings and then into user accounts.
- 4) We press the unlock button and then add a new user using the '+' sign.
- 5) I create an administrator type account and add my name 'anirbanac' and add a password in order to activate my account. (otherwise it stays disabled)
- 6) Then I log out of current session and other user accounts if logged in.
- 7) I log into my account (anirbanac) and open the terminal to begin the process of installing NS-2.

Steps

1) Update package information:

First we update package information with 'sudo apt-get update' command, which is used to download package information from all configured sources.

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anirbanac@lab3pc18-OptiPlex-3060: ~
          To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.
See "nan sudo_root" for details.

antrbanac@la3jacis-opttPlex-3060:-5 sudo apt-get update
[sudo] password for antrbanac:
Ign:1 http://archive.canonical.com/ubuntu xenial InRelease
Ign:2 http://dl.google.com/linux/chrome/deb stable InRelease
Ign:3 http://del.archive.canonical.com/updates xenial-dell-bison-elk-cougar InRelease
Ign:3 http://dell.archive.canonical.com/updates xenial-dell-bison-elk-cougar InRelease
Ign:3 http://dell.archive.canonical.com/updates xenial-dell-bison-elk-cougar InRelease
Ign:3 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-backports InRelease
Ign:6 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-backports InRelease
Ign:7 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-backports InRelease
Ign:9 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-backports InRelease
Ign:10 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-security InRelease
Ign:10 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-security InRelease
Ign:11 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-security InRelease
Ign:12 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-security InRelease
Ign:13 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-security InRelease
Ign:14 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-security Release
Ign:15 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-security Release
Ign:16 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-security Release
Ign:16 http://pas.launchpad.net/swi-prolog/stable/ubuntu xenial-Release
Ign:16 http://pas.launchpad.net/swi-prolog/stable/ubuntu xenial-security Release
Ign:17 http://pas.launchpad.net/swi-prolog/stable/ubuntu xenial-security Release
Ign:18 http://archive.canonical.com/ubuntu xenial-security Release
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Ign:19 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-security Release
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Ign:26 http://ar
             anirbanac@lab3pc18-OptiPlex-3060:~$ sudo apt-get update
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2) Install gcc (if not present, it usually is), autoconf automake, tcl8.5 and tk8.5:

If gcc is not installed, we install it next using 'sudo apt-get install gcc'.

If installed but needs updation (for old versions) we can use 'sudo apt-get update gcc'.

In my case its already installed and updated before-hand so I'll move onto installation of autoconf automake package.

Install it using 'sudo apt-get install build-essential autoconf automake '.

Next Install tcl8.5 and tk8.5 packages using 'sudo apt-get install tcl8.5-dev tk8.5-dev'.

```
anirbanac@lab3pc18-OptiPlex-3060: ~
  anirbanac@lab3pc18-OptiPlex-3060:~$ sudo apt-get install build-essential autoconf automake
   Reading package lists... Done
  Building dependency tree
 Reading state information... Done autoconf is already the newest version (2.69-9). automake is already the newest version (1:1.15-4ubuntu1).
automake is already the newest version (1:1.15-4ubuntu1).
build-essential is already the newest version (12.1ubuntu2).
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
    apt-clone archdetect-deb dmeventd dmraid gir1.2-clutter-1.0 gir1.2-clutter-gst-3.0 gir1.2-cogl-1.0
    gir1.2-networkmanager-1.0 gir1.2-nma-1.0 gir1.2-timezonemap-1.0 gir1.2-xkl-1.0 kpartx kpartx-boot
    liblvm2app2.2 liblvm2cmd2.02 libparted-fs-resize0 libreadline5 linux-headers-4.13.0-1028-oem linux
    linux-headers-4.15.0-58 linux-headers-4.15.0-58-generic linux-headers-4.15.0-60 linux-headers-4.15
    linux-headers-4.15.0-62-generic linux-headers-4.15.0-64 linux-headers-4.15.0-64-generic linux-image-4.15.0-65-generic linux-image-4.15.0-55-generic linux-mage-4.15.0-65-generic linux-mage-4.15.0-65-generic linux-modules-4.15.0-65-generic linux-modu
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0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 236 not upgraded.

anirbanac@lab3pc18-0ptiPlex-3060:~$ sudo apt-get install tcl8.5-dev tk8.5-dev
   Reading package lists... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
    apt-clone archdetect-deb dmeventd dmraid gir1.2-clutter-1.0 gir1.2-clutter-gst-3.0 gir1.2-cogl-1.0 gir1.2-networkmanager-1.0 gir1.2-nma-1.0 gir1.2-timezonemap-1.0 gir1.2-xlinux-headers-4.13.0-1028-oem linux linux-headers-4.15.0-58 linux-headers-4.15.0-58 linux-headers-4.15.0-60 linux-headers-4.15 linux-headers-4.15.0-62-generic linux-headers-4.15.0-64 linux-headers-4.15.0-64-generic linux-head linux-image-4.13.0-1028-oem linux-image-4.15.0-55-generic linux-image-4.15.0-55-generic linux-image-4.15.0-55-generic linux-modules-4.15.0-55-generic linux-modules-4.15.0-65-generic linux-modules-4.15.0-65-generic linux-modules-4.15.0-65-generic linux-modules-4.15.0-65-generic linux-modules-4.15.0-65-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-60-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-65-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-60-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-65-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-60-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-60-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-65-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-60-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-60-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-60-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-60-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-60-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-60-generic linux-modules-extra-4.15.0-60-generic linux
  Building dependency tree
     Suggested packages:
               libxcb-doc libxext-doc tcl-tclreadline tcl8.5-doc tk8.5-doc
   The following NEW packages will be installed:
libexpat1-dev libfontconfig1-dev libfreetype6-dev libpng12-dev libpthread-stubs0-dev libtcl8.5 lib
 libxext-dev libxft-dev libxrender-dev libxs-dev tcl8.5 tcl8.5-dev tk8.5 tk8.5-dev x11proto-core-d x11proto-scrnsaver-dev x11proto-xext-dev xorg-sgml-doctools xtrans-dev zlib1g-dev 0 upgraded, 29 newly installed, 0 to remove and 236 not upgraded.

Need to get 8,117 kB of archives.
 After this operation, 39.4 MB of additional disk space will be used.
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Press Y to continue when prompted:

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Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y

Get:1 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-updates/main amd64 zlib1g-dev amd64 1:1.2.8.dfsg-2ubun

Get:2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-updates/main amd64 libpng12-dev amd64 1.2.54-1ubuntu1.

Get:3 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-updates/main amd64 libfreetype6-dev amd64 2.6.1-0.1ubu

Get:4 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-updates/main amd64 libfontconfig1-dev amd64 2.11.94-0u

18% [4 libfontconfig1-dev 262 kB/658 kB 40%]

Get:5 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial/main amd64 libpthread-stubs0-dev amd64 0.3-4 [4,068 B]

Get:6 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial/universe amd64 libtcl8.5 amd64 8.5.19-1 [696 kB]

Get:7 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial/universe amd64 libtk8.5 amd64 8.5.19-1ubuntu1 [655 kB]

Get:8 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial/main amd64 xorg-sgml-doctools all 1:1.11-1 [12.9 kB]

Get:9 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial-updates/main amd64 x11proto-core-dev all 7.0.31-1~ubun

Get:10 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial/main amd64 libxau-dev amd64 1:1.0.8-1 [11.1 kB]

Get:11 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial/main amd64 libxau-dev amd64 1:1.1.2-1.1 [25.1 kB]

Preparing to unpack .../x11proto-scrnsaver-dev_1.2.2-1_all.deb ...

Unpacking x11proto-scrnsaver-dev (1.2.2-1) ...

Selecting previously unselected package libxss-dev:amd64.
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(We can install other optional packages such as perl xgraph libxt libxll and libx, but they are not required. If needed we can install them using 'sudo apt-get install perl xgraph libxt-dev libxll-dev libxmu-dev'.)

3) Copy NS-2 package (tar.gz) into a folder (say 'opt') from home directory and then move to that directory in terminal using cd /folder/ command.

Now extract NS-2 using 'sudo tar -zxvf ns-allinone-2.35.tar.gz'.

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anirbanac@lab3pc18-OptiPlex-3060: /opt
 anirbanac@lab3pc18-OptiPlex-3060:~$ sudo cp /home/anirbanac/ns-allinone-2.35.tar.gz /opt/
anirbanac@lab3pc18-OptiPlex-3060:~$ cd /opt/
anirbanac@lab3pc18-OptiPlex-3060:/opt$ sudo tar -zxvf ns-allinone-2.35.tar.gz
ns-allinone-2.35/
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/ps.c
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/configure.in
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/README.GENERAL
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/xgraph.c
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/Makefile.in
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/autoconf.h.in~
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/init.c
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/INSTALL
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/stamp-h.in
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/params.h
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/xgraph.man
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/bitmaps/
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/bitmaps/mark1.11
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/bitmaps/mark5.11
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/bitmaps/mark2.11
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/bitmaps/dot.11
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/bitmaps/gray
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/bitmaps/mark3.11
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/bitmaps/mark7.11
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/bitmaps/mark8.11
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/bitmaps/mark6.11
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/bitmaps/mark4.11
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/hard_devices.c
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/general.h
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/xgraph.out
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/CHANGES.html
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/st.h
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/missing
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/Makefile
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/stamp-h
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/xgraph.h
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/idraw.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/tgif.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/read.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/hard_devices.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/dialog.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/alloc.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/xgX.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/st.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/hpgl.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/params.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/ps.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/xtb.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/draw.Po
ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/.deps/derivative.Po
```

4) After successful extraction, we use command 'sudo sed -i '137s/ .*/void eraseAll() { this->erase(baseMap::begin(), baseMap::end()); }/' /opt/ns-allinone-2.35/ns-2.35/linkstate/ls.h'.

If it does not throw an error everything went fine.

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ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/pwerporfile.cc
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/pwerporfile.cc
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/pwerporfile.cc
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/parf.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/NSNode.cc
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/Position.cc
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/Position.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/Position.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/NSNode.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/NSNode.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/Object.cc
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/Object.cc
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/Ullist.cc
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/Ullist.cc
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/Ullist.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/adt/Object.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/dot/object.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/wlreless-channelpa.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/wlreless-channelpa.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/phynodes.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/phynodes.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/phynodes.h
ns-allinone-2.35/det8021lnr-1.1.4/src/perstats.cc
ns-allinone-2.35/det802
```

5) Move to extracted directory using 'cd ns-allinone-2.35'.

Now we install NS-2 using 'sudo ./install'.

Everything will work fine if above steps are followed like I did.

```
anirbanac@lab3pci8-OptiPlex-3060:/opt$ sudo sed -i '137s/ .*/void eraseAll() { this->erase(baseMap::begin() / ls.h anirbanac@lab3pci8-OptiPlex-3060:/opt$ cd ns-allinone-2.35 anirbanac@lab3pci8-OptiPlex-3060:/opt/ns-allinone-2.35$ sudo ./install ** Testing for Darwin (OS X) environment ** Testing for Cygwin environment ** Testing for FreeBSD environment ** Testing for FreeBSD environment
```

6) We need to make some changes in the bash file after installation so we edit the bash file using 'sudo gedit ~/.bashrc'.

We paste the following code after line 137 (last line of the file):

```
#LD LIBRARY_PATH
OTCL_LIB=/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/otcl-1.14/
NS2_LIB=/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/lib/
USR_Local_LIB=/usr/local/lib/
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:$OTCL_LIB:$NS2_LIB:$USR_Local_LIB
#TCL_LIBRARY
TCL_LIB=/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/tcl8.5.1/library/
USR_LIB=/usr/lib/
export TCL_LIBRARY=$TCL_LIBRARY:$TCL_LIB:$USR_LIB
#PATH
XGRAPH=/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/:/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/bin/:/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/
tcl8.5.10/unix/:/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/tk8.5.10/unix/
NS=/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/ns-2.35/
NAM=/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/nam-1.15/
export PATH=$PATH:$XGRAPH:$NS:$NAM
checking for dlopen in -ldl... yes
checking for ar... ar
checking for build with symbols... no
checking for required early compiler flags... _LARGEFILE64_SOURCE
checking for 64-bit integer type... using long
                                                  *.bashrc
# Alias definitions.
# You may want to put all your additions into a separate file like
# ~/.bash_aliases, instead of adding them here directly.
# See /usr/share/doc/bash-doc/examples in the bash-doc package.
if [ -f ~/.bash_aliases ]; then
    . ~/.bash_aliases
fi
# enable programmable completion features (you don't need to enable
# this, if it's already enabled in /etc/bash.bashrc and /etc/profile
# sources /etc/bash.bashrc).
if ! shopt -oq posix; then
  if [ -f /usr/share/bash-completion/bash_completion ]; then
  elif [ -f /etc/bash_completion/bash_completion ]; then
. /etc/bash_completion
      /usr/share/bash-completion/bash_completion
#LD_LIBRARY_PATH
OTCL_LIB=/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/otcl-1.14/
USR_Local_LIB=/usr/local/lib/
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:$OTCL_LIB:$NS2_LIB:$USR_Local_LIB
#TCL_LIBRARY
TCL_LIB=/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/tcl8.5.1/library/
USR_LIB=/usr/lib/
export TCL_LIBRARY=$TCL_LIBRARY:$TCL_LIB:$USR_LIB
XGRAPH=/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/xgraph-12.2/:/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/bin/:/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/
tcl8.5.10/unix/:/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/tk8.5.10/unix/
NS=/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/ns-2.35/
NAM=/opt/ns-allinone-2.35/nam-1.15/
export PATH=$PATH:$XGRAPH:$NS:$NAM
                                                            sh ▼ Tab Width: 8 ▼
                                                                                   Ln 120, Col 42
                                                                                                      INS
anirbanac@lab3pc18-OptiPlex-3060:/opt/ns-allinone-2.35$ sudo gedit
```

After writing/pasting the code we save the file.

7) All steps are completed and now we run NS-2 using 'ns' and we will see a '%' symbol if it is successfully installed.

```
anirbanac@lab3pc18-OptiPlex-3060:/opt/ns-allinone-2.35$ ns
```

That's it, we are done!

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