### Lab 2

# OpenFlow Protocol Observation and Flow Rule Installation

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### **Update for Lab1**

P.28 Part2 command

```
$ sudo mn --custom=project1_part2_<studentID>.py \
    --topo=topo_part2_<studentID> \
    --controller=remote,ip=127.0.0.1:6653 \
    --switch=ovs,protocols=OpenFlow14
```

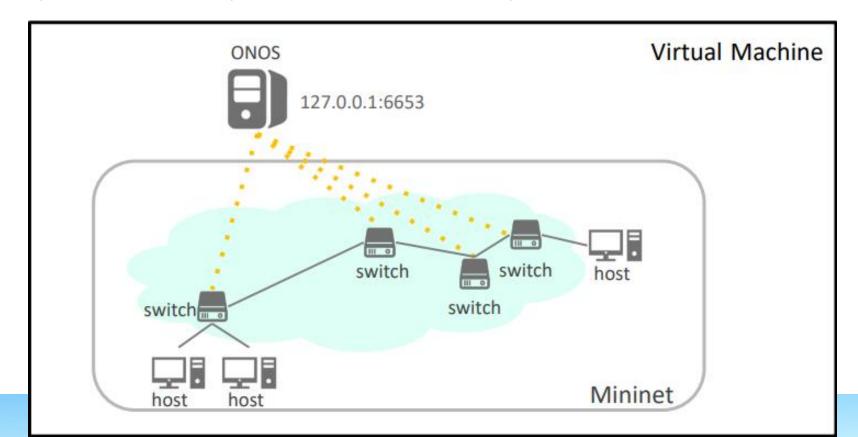
- Mac M1 and M2 chips, which are based on ARM CPUs, may not be able to successfully create the
  desired environment.
  - ➤ Therefore, we recommend using resources based on x86 CPUs in your labs or cloud platforms such as Azure, AWS, and GCP as a solution to this issue.

#### **Outline**

- OpenFlow Messages
  - Monitor Traffic between ONOS & Switches
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### **OpenFlow Protocol**

- OpenFlow is a Protocol for Software Defined Network
- ONOS SDN controller uses OpenFlow messages to communicate with OVS switches.
  - Hello, Packet-in/out, Flow Install/Remove, etc.



#### **Wireshark Installation**

- Wireshark is an open-source and widely-used network packet analyzer
- Can capture packets on any specified interface
- Installation steps:
  - 1. Update package information

```
$ sudo apt update  # update all packages information
```

2. Install Wireshark

```
$ sudo apt install wireshark
```

Start Wireshark

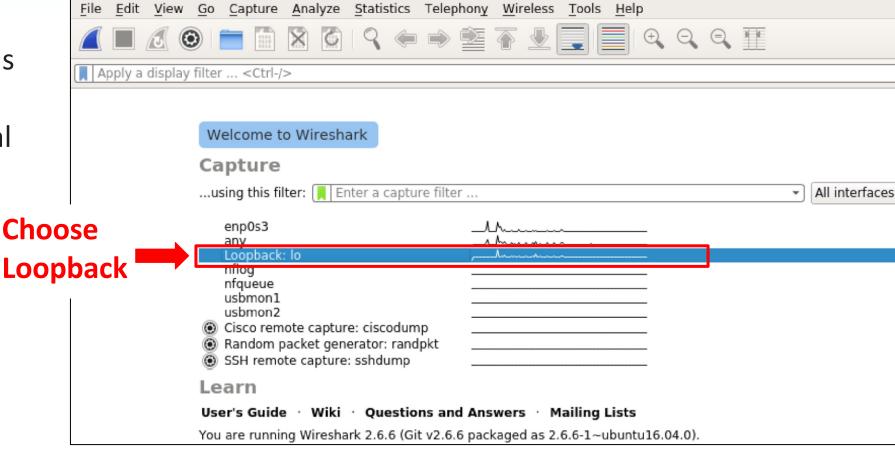
\$ sudo wireshark



### **Capture Packets in Wireshark**

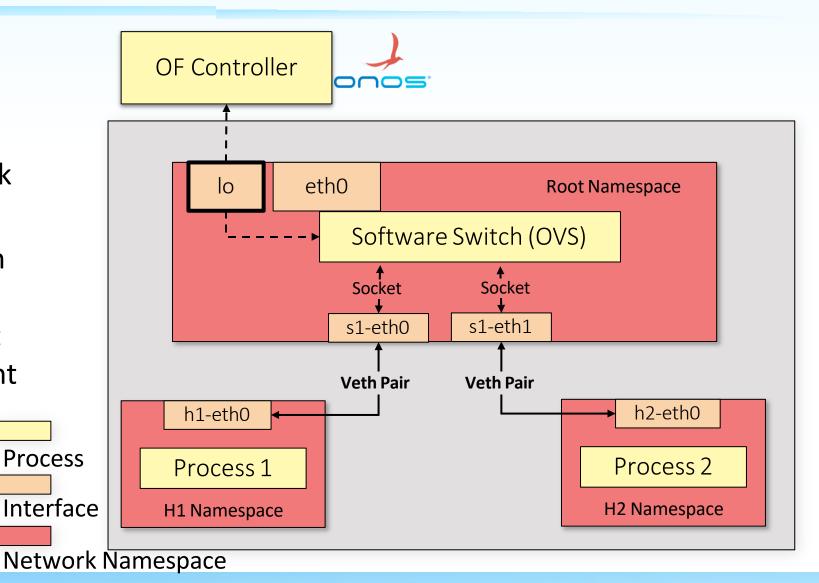
- Both ONOS and Mininet run locally in VM
  - We can capture packets on the Loopback (lo) interface
- Loopback:

   Route data streams
   back to the source
   without intentional
   processing or
   modification.



### **Mininet and Network Namespace**

- Mininet uses network namespace to emulate networks
- OVS runs in root network namespace
- Each host runs in its own network namespace
- Use veth pair to connect two networks of different namespaces



### **Sending OpenFlow Messages**

- Start ONOS
- Activate ReactiveForwarding

```
onos> apps -a -s # (optional) check activated application
onos> app activate fwd # activate ReactiveForwarding
```

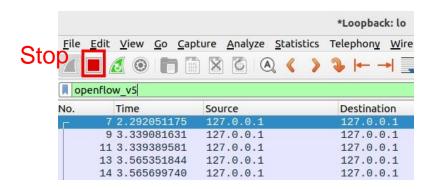
3. Start Mininet with default topology

```
$ sudo mn --controller=remote,127.0.0.1:6653 --switch=ovs,protocols=OpenFlow14
```

4. H1 ping H2 in Mininet

```
mininet> h1 ping h2 -c 5 # send five ICMP echo_request packets
```

- 5. Exit Mininet when ping terminates
- 6. Stop capturing packets in Wireshark
- 7. Observe captured OpenFlow packets

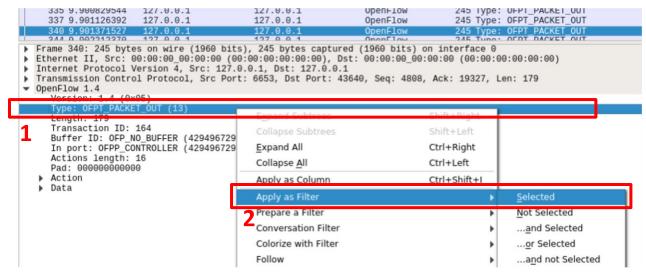


### **Packet Filtering in Wireshark**

- Use keyword "openflow\_v5" to filter OpenFlow v1.4.0 packets
- ONOS v2.2.0 uses Openflow v1.4.0



- Alternatively, apply filter in the following steps:
  - 1. Right click on the packet header field which you want to apply as filter
  - 2. Choose "Apply as Filter" and click "Selected"
  - 3. Wireshark will immediately filter out all the relevant packets

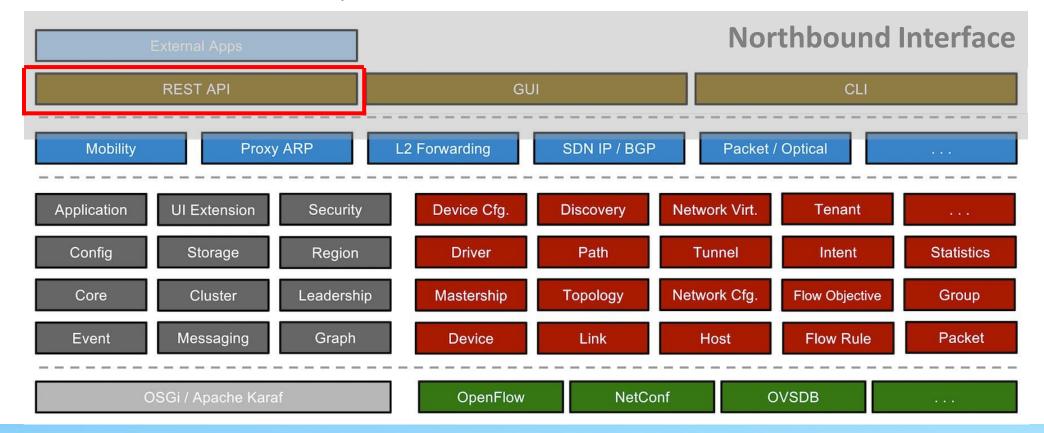


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#### **ONOS Northbound Interface**

- Northbound Interface of ONOS is the interface that interacts with programmers
- REST is a software architectural style for Web services
- We will use the REST API to install/delete flow rules



#### Create a JSON file of flow rules

- What is a JSON(Javascript Object Notation)?
  - JSON file is an open standard file format and data interchange format that uses human-readable text to store and transmit data objects consisting of attribute-value pairs and arrays (or other serializable values)
- flows1.json:
   Example JSON file for a flow rule
- Hint:
  - Priority of preinstalled flow rule: 40000
  - The priority of the flow rule MUST be higher than 40000, but not greater than 65535.
- Flow Rule Criteria & Instructions

#### flows1.json

```
"priority": 50000,
"timeout": 0,
"isPermanent": true,
"selector": {
    "criteria": [
            "type": "IN_PORT",
            "port": 1
"treatment": {
    "instructions": [
            "type": "OUTPUT",
            "port": 2
```

#### **JSON File: Match Fields**

#### flows1.json

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Match fields may have dependency; please refer to OpenFlow spec v1.4.0.

```
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```

#### **JSON File: Actions**

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flows1.json

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#### **Curl- Command Tool For Transferring Data**

Command format

```
curl [options] [URL...]
```

Transferring data with URL

```
$ curl -u <user:password> -X <method-type> -H <header> -d <data> [URL...]
# option "-X" specifies a HTTP request method
# option "-H" includes extra header in the HTTP request
# option "-d" sends specified data in a POST request
# URL (Uniform Resource Locator)
```

"<data>" can be a file name with prefix "@"

```
$ curl -u <user:password> -X <method-type> -H <header> -d @<filename> [URL...]
```

- References
  - <u>"request methods" in HTTP</u>
  - Manpage for command "curl"

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### **ONOS & Topology Setup**

- Restart ONOS
  - 1. <ctrl+c> in the ONOS log panel to shutdown the ONOS instance
  - Start ONOS

```
demo@SDN-NFV:~/onos$ ok clean
# ok is an alias of command "bazel run onos-local -- "
```

2. Deactivate ReactiveForwarding APP

```
onos> app deactivate fwd # deactivate ReactiveForwarding
```

3. Start Mininet with default (minimal) topology

```
$ sudo mn --controller=remote,127.0.0.1:6653 --switch=ovs,protocols=OpenFlow14
```

4. Make sure that two hosts CAN NOT ping each other

mininet> h1 ping h2

```
mininet> h1 ping h2
PING 10.0.0.2 (10.0.0.2) 56(84) bytes of data.
From 10.0.0.1 icmp_seq=1 Destination Host Unreachable
From 10.0.0.1 icmp_seq=2 Destination Host Unreachable
From 10.0.0.1 icmp_seq=3 Destination Host Unreachable
From 10.0.0.1 icmp_seq=4 Destination Host Unreachable
```

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### **Upload JSON File to ONOS**

Install flow rules on ONOS with JSON file (flows1.json)

```
$ curl -u onos:rocks -X POST \
> -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
> -d @flow1.json \
```

```
#Recall command from p.15
$ curl -u <user:password>
-X <method-type>
-H <header>
-d @<filename>
[URL...]
```



URI: of:0000000000000001

Vendor: Nicira, Inc.

H/W Version: Open vSwitch

#### **Device ID**

- DeviceID MUST be the URI shown in the ONOS web GUI
- DeviceID is set by either ONOS or user specified topology file (i.e. \*.py)

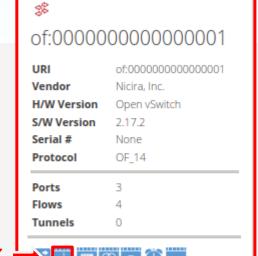
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### Check whether the flow rule is installed (1/2)

- Go to ONOS web GUI (http://localhost:8181/onos/ui)
- Left click on 🔯 . Then, the panel of switch info will pop out
- Left click on



2. Left click

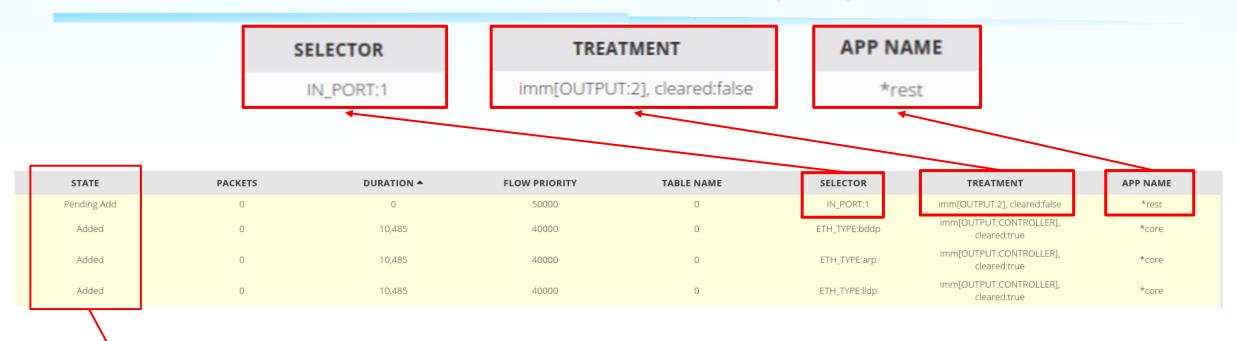


3. Left click

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STATE	PACKETS	DURATION	FLOW PRIORITY	TABLE NAME	SELECTOR	TREATMENT	APP NAME
Added	0	36	50000	0	IN_PORT:1	imm[OUTPUT:2], cleared:false	*rest
Added	0	960	40000	0	ETH_TYPE:bddp	imm[OUTPUT:CONTROLLER], cleared:true	*core
Added	0	960	40000	0	ETH_TYPE:lldp	imm[OUTPUT:CONTROLLER], cleared:true	*core
Added	12	960	40000	0	ETH_TYPE:arp	imm[OUTPUT:CONTROLLER], cleared:true	*core

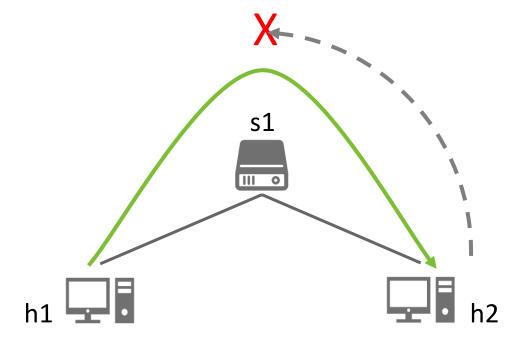
#### Check whether the flow rule is installed (2/2)



- Flow Rule States:
  - PENDING\_ADD— ONOS has received a request from the application to install the flow rule, but that flow has NOT yet been observed on the device.
  - ADDED— Once the flow rule subsystem observes the flow on the device, it will change to this state.

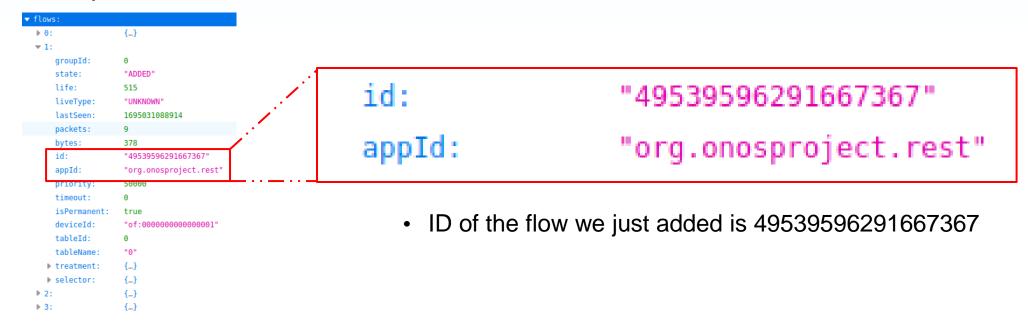
# Why Hosts Still Cannot Ping Each Other?

- Because we have only installed a flow rule for one direction
  - s1 can forward packets from h1 to h2
  - But, s1 CANNOT forward packets from h2 to h1
    - By default, s1 drops a packet if the packet does not match any flow rule
      - i.e. table-miss



# Delete Flow Rules (1/2)

Use URL to find the ID of particular flow rules in switch
 Ex. http://localhost:8181/onos/v1/flows/of:0000000000000001



Alternatively, we could use "curl" to get flow information

```
$ curl -u onos:rocks -X GET -H 'Accept: application/json' \
> 'http://localhost:8181/onos/v1/flows/of:0000000000000001'
```

# Delete Flow Rules (2/2)

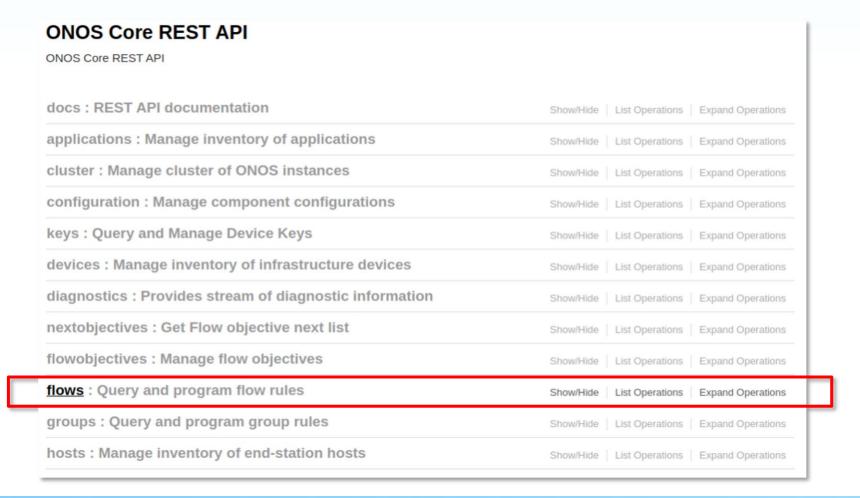
Then, delete the flow rule with flowID 49539596291667367

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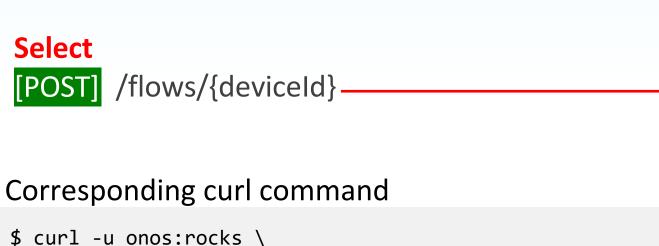
#### **REST API on ONOS Web GUI**

Browse <a href="http://localhost:8181/onos/v1/docs">http://localhost:8181/onos/v1/docs</a>



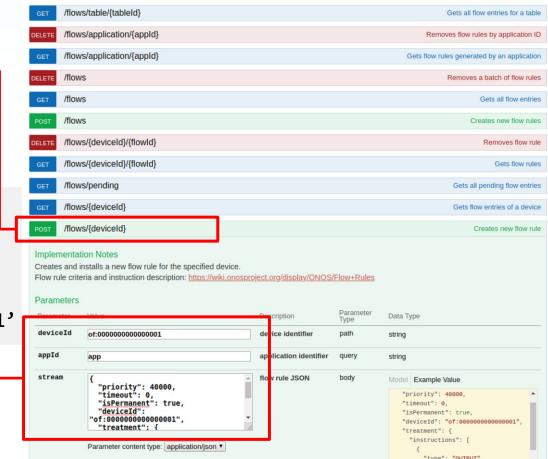
# Using Web GUI to Install Flow Rule (1/2)

Fill out required fields ("appId" could be arbitrary string)



\$ curl -u onos:rocks \
> -X POST \
> -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
> -d @flows1.json \
> 'http://localhost:8181/onos/v1/flows/of:0000000000000001'



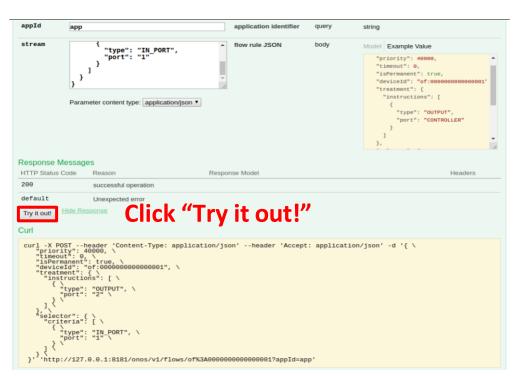


flows: Query and program flow rules

Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations

# Using Web GUI to Install Flow Rule (2/2)

- Click "Try it out!"
- Web will pass the JSON stream to ONOS
- Status code 201 represents HTTP Request is granted



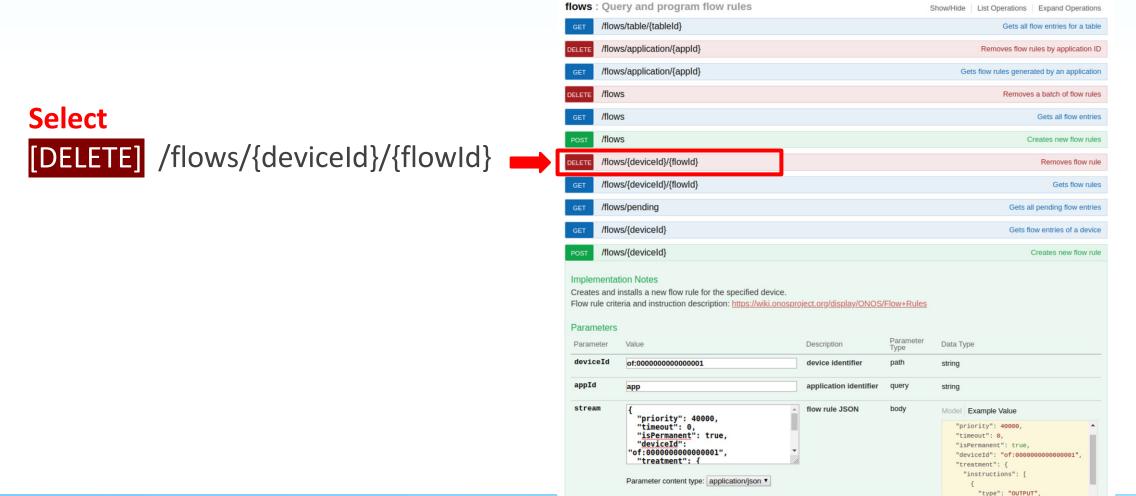
#### HTTP response replied by ONOS

In case of "curl", use "-i" option to include HTTP Response header in the output

### Delete Flow Rule via ONOS Web GUI (1/2)

# Delete Flow Rule via ONOS Web GUI (2/2)

Same procedure as installing flow rules



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- OpenFlow Messages
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  - Part 1: Answer Questions (15%)
  - Part 2: Install Flow Rules (15%)
  - Part 3: Create Broadcast Storm (20%)
  - Part 4: Trace ReactiveForwarding (10%)
  - Project 2 Demo(40%)

### Part 1: Answer Questions (1/2)

- Preparation: please refer to the commands on p.8
  - 1. Start capturing packets on the loopback interface (lo) with Wireshark.
  - 2. Create a default topology.
  - 3. Activate "org.onosproject.fwd".
  - 4. Execute command "h1 ping h2 -c 5" in Mininet CLI.
  - 5. Observe the flow rules showing in the GUI.
  - 6. Exit Mininet and stop capturing packets once the forwarding rules disappear.

#### Questions:

- 1. How many **OpenFlow headers** with type "OFPT\_FLOW\_MOD" and command "OFPFC\_ADD" are there among all the packets?
- 2. What are the **match fields** and the corresponding **actions** in each "OFPT\_FLOW\_MOD" message?
- 3. What are the Idle Timeout values for all flow rules on s1 in GUI?

#### **Report format**

Ex:There are **x** distinct "OFPT\_FLOW\_MOD" headers during the experiment.

Math fields	actions	Timeout values
IN_PORT=1	Output port=4	0

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### Part 1: Answer Questions (2/2)

#### Hints

- A single OpenFlow packet may contain multiple OpenFlow message headers
- Only count the number of distinct OpenFlow headers
  - If match fields of two headers are the same, just count once
- Value of timeout can be zero
- There will be an `Unknown` type, please refer to ONOS's <u>Source Code</u> to find what it is

```
Length: 96
                                                                                          Transaction ID: 7
OpenFlow 1.4
  Version: 1.4 (0x05)
                                                                                          Cookie: 0x00010000021b41dc
  Type: OFPT FLOW MOD (14)
  Length: 96
                                                                                          Cookie mask: 0x00000000000000000
  Transaction ID: 7
  Cookie: 0x00010000021b41dc
                                                                                          Table ID: 0
  Cookie mask: 0x00000000000000000
  Table ID: 0
                                                                                          Command: OFPFC ADD (0
  Command: OFPFC_ADD (0)
  Idle timeout: 0
  Hard timeout: 0
  Priority: 5
                                                                                         Match
  Buffer ID: OFP NO BUFFER (4294967295)
  Out port: OFPP ANY (4294967295)
                                                                                               Type: OFPMT_OXM (1)
  Out group: OFPG_ANY (4294967295)
                                                                                               Length: 10
▶ Flags: 0x0001
  Importance: 0
                                                                                            ▼ OXM field

▼ Match
                                                                                                   Class: OFPXMC_OPENFLOW_BASIC (0x8000)
    Type: OFPMT_OXM (1)
    Length: 10
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■ OXM field

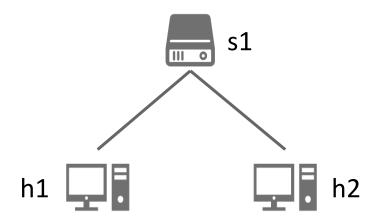
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       Class: OFPXMC_OPENFLOW_BASIC (0x8000)
       0000 101. = Field: OFPXMT_OFB_ETH_TYPE (5)
                                                                                                   Length: 2
       .... - ...0 = Has mask: False
                                                                                                   Value: IPv4 (0x0800)
      Value: IPv4 (0x0800)
                                                                                               Pad: 0000000000000
    Pad: 0000000000000
```

Type: OFPT FLOW MOD (14)

# Part 2: Install Flow Rules (1/3)

Please deactivate all the apps, except those initially activated.

```
"org.onosproject.hostprovider",
"org.onosproject.lldpprovider",
"org.onosproject.optical-model",
"org.onosproject.openflow-base",
"org.onosproject.openflow",
"org.onosproject.drivers"
and "org.onosproject.gui2".
```



Use the following topology (i.e. h1-s1-h2):

```
$ sudo mn --controller=remote,127.0.0.1:6653 --switch=ovs,protocols=OpenFlow14
```

### Part 2: Install Flow Rules (2/3)

- Install one flow rule to forward ARP packets
  - Match Fields
    - Ethernet type (ARP)

mininet> h1 arping h2

- Actions
  - Forwarding ARP packets to all port in one instruction
- Take screenshot to verify the flow rules you installed

```
mininet> h1 arping h2
ARPING 10.0.0.2
42 bytes from 5e:c0:96:3f:8e:ab (10.0.0.2): index=0 time=4.134 msec
42 bytes from 5e:c0:96:3f:8e:ab (10.0.0.2): index=1 time=6.226 usec
42 bytes from 5e:c0:96:3f:8e:ab (10.0.0.2): index=2 time=5.839 usec
42 bytes from 5e:c0:96:3f:8e:ab (10.0.0.2): index=3 time=3.860 usec
42 bytes from 5e:c0:96:3f:8e:ab (10.0.0.2): index=4 time=3.991 usec
42 bytes from 5e:c0:96:3f:8e:ab (10.0.0.2): index=5 time=7.219 usec
```

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# send ARP request

### Part 2: Install Flow Rules (3/3)

- Install two flow rules to forward IPv4 packets
  - Match Fields
    - IPv4 destination address and other required dependencies
  - Actions
    - Forwarding IPv4 packets to the right host
- Take screenshot to verify the flow rules you installed

```
mininet> h1 ping h2 # send ICMP request
```

```
mininet> h1 ping h2
PING 10.0.0.2 (10.0.0.2) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.339 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.056 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.057 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.064 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.055 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=0.054 ms
```

#### Hint:

Match fields may have dependency; please refer to OpenFlow spec v1.4.0.

### Part 3: Create Topology with Broadcast Storm

#### Steps:

- Create a topology that may cause a "Broadcast Storm".
- Install flow rules on switches.
- Send packets from one host to another host.
- Observe link status of the network and the CPUs utilization of VM
- Do NOT activate any other APPs, except for those initially activated by ONOS
- Describe what you have observed and explain why the broadcast storm occurred
- Take screenshot of CPU's utilization
- Hand in Topology file (\*.py) and flow rule files (\*.json)

Hint: ONOS would initially install several flow rules.

### **Part 4: Trace Reactive Forwarding**

- Activate only "org.onosproject.fwd" and other initially activated APPs.
- Use Mininet default topology and let h1 ping h2.
- Observe what happens in control and data planes
  - From the time when h1 pings h2 until h2 receives the first ICMP request
  - Write down each operation made by control and data planes
  - Please refer to the ONOS ReactiveForwarding application
  - Source Code
- Describe what you observed step by step in report
- Don't need to take screenshot

Hint: Tracing Source code with wireshark to finish this Part

# Submission (1/2)

- Files:
  - A report: project2\_<studentID>.pdf
  - 1. Part 1: Answers to those three questions in p.32 format
  - 2. Part 2: Take screenshots of arping/ping result
  - 3. Part 3: Take screenshots and answer the question
  - 4. Part 4: Write down what you have observed step by step
  - 5. What you've learned or solved
  - JSON files for installing flow rules in part 2 and part 3
    - Please follow naming convention
  - A Python script for creating topology in part 3

#### **Naming Convention**

- Use the following convention to name the files created in both part 2 and part 3.
  - 1. Python script for the topology: topo\_<studentID>.py
  - 2. JSON files for flow rules: flows\_s<i>-<j>\_<studentID>.json
    - "i" is the switch number
    - "j" is the flow rule number, starting from 1, on a switch.

#### e.g.

File Name	Meaning
flows_s1-1_0748787.json	#1 flow rule to install on s1
flows_s1-2_0748787.json	#2 flow rule to install on s1
flows_s2-1_0748787.json	#1 flow rule to install on s2

# Submission (2/2)

- Directory structure:
- Create root folder: project2\_<studentID>

In root folder, create part2 and part3 folders and move files (i.e. \*.json, \*.py)

e.g.

into the corresponding folders

- Zip root folder: project2\_<studentID>.zip
- Wrong file name or format will result in 10 points deduction

#### **Project 2 Demo**

- Date: TA will open a demo time-reserved table one week before demo. The demo dates will be in the week after project 2 deadline.
- Demo question will show when demo start.
- The questions involve modification of the code and the content related to the lecture and the project

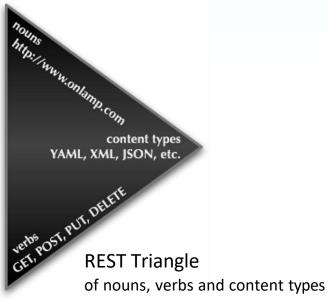
#### References

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- Wireshark wiki
  - https://wiki.wireshark.org/Home
- ONOS REST API
  - https://wiki.onosproject.org/display/ONOS/Appendix+B%3A+REST+API
- JSON Format for Installing Flow Rules
  - https://wiki.onosproject.org/display/ONOS/Flow+Rules

### **Appendix—REST** (REpresentational State Transfer)

- REST is a software architectural style for creating Web services
- Architectural constraints:
- Client-server architecture
- Stateless
- Cacheable
- Uniform interface
- Layered system

- Allow us to access and manipulate web resources
  - Commonly we use HTTP method
    - Payload could be formatted in HTML, XML, JSON



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# **About help!**

- For lab problem, ask at e3 forum
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  - TAs will help to clarify Lab contents instead of giving answers!
  - Please describe your questions with sufficient context,
    - , e.g., Environment setup, Input/Output, Screenshots, ...
- For personal problem mail to <u>sdnta@win.cs.nctu.edu.tw</u>
  - You have special problem and you can't meet the deadline
  - You got weird score with project
- No Fixed TA hour

# Q & A