SCC 203 CW2 Report

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Task 1.1: Network Measurement

Under this task, we have to measure the delay, loss and throughput in the following scenarios: a) between the two hosts connected to switch, b)two hosts connected to the hub and c) two hosts across the network(Using the router).

Measuring loss:

- We can measure loss by pinging.
- Ping uses ICMP echo messages that can be sent out to specific hosts.
- Measures end to end delay latency.
- Which also includes a measurement of packet loss by keeping how many messages were sent and how many responses received.

Measuring Delay:

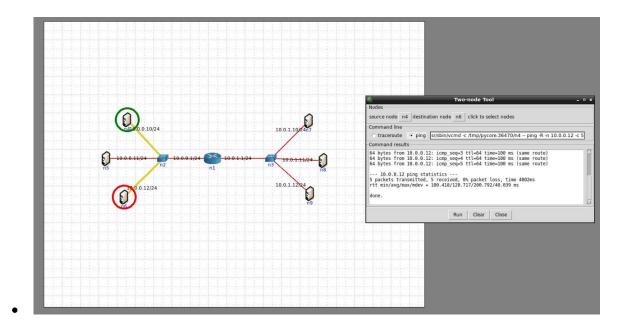
- We can get delay through traceroute.
- This too uses an ICMP echo request message, but with an important modification: Time To Live(TTL) whose value is initially set to 1.
- We get 3 delay measures from each hop in the network.

Measuring Throughput:

- Rate(bits/time unit) at which bits transfer between sender / receiver.
- Throughput is often restricted by a bottleneck
- Normally runs on a client-server model
 - One host requests the data, other serves it
 - Generate data streams across the network
 - Because we know exactly how large data is, and how long it takes to retrieve
 it, we can calculate throughput easily.

Below we observe the loss, delay and throughput of the asked scenarios.

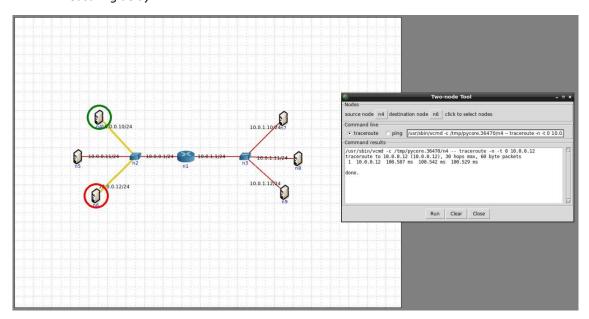
- a) Between two hosts connected to switch
- Measuring loss



As shown above, the packet loss is at 0% while pinging from source to destination i.e between the hosts connected to the switch, capped at 5 had 100% transmission rate.

Loss percentage in the links between the switch and host was set to null which resulted in no packet losses when pinged between two hosts connected to the switch.

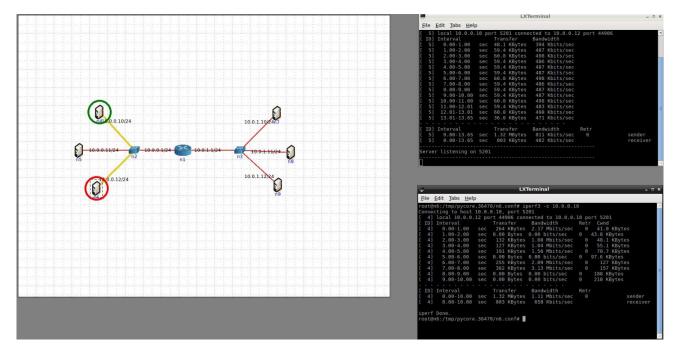
Measuring delay



Delay was measured with the help of traceroute in which the three delay measurements were approx 100ms each.

The round trip time was measured as such because of the delay for the links between hosts and switch was set to 50ms each.

Measuring throughput



Bottlenecks affect network performance by slowing down the flow of information transmitted across networks.

Since the bandwidth across the links between host and switch is evenly distributed (i.e 512kbps).

The network between the hosts is the bottleneck.

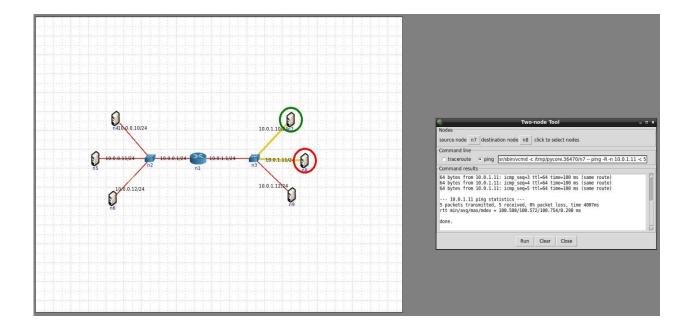
Throughput is measured by sender and receiver is as shown in

Sender- 1.11 M bits/sec

Receiver- 658 M bits/sec

b) Between two host connected to the hub

Measuring loss



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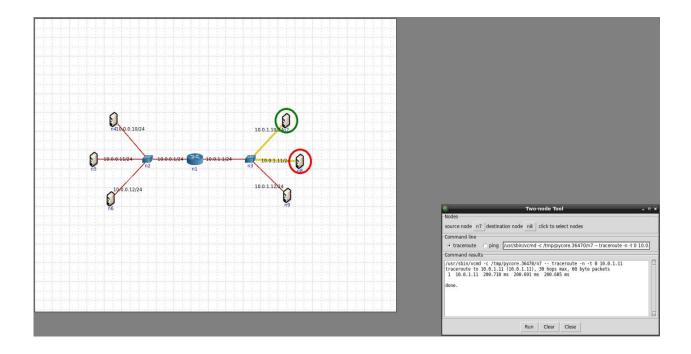
Loss percentage in the links between the hub and host was set to 1% each which means it has 1% chance of losing packets when pinged between two hosts connected to the hub.

Measuring delay

Delay was measured with the help of traceroute in which the three delay measurements were approx 200ms each.

The round trip time was measured as such because of the delay for the links between hosts and switch was set to 50ms each.

In this observation, we can the delay is double the value expected.



Measuring throughput

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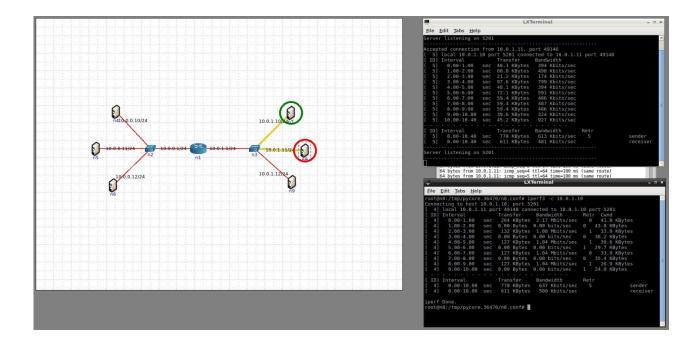
Since the bandwidth across the links between host and switch is evenly distributed (i.e 512kbps).

The network between the hosts is the bottleneck.

Throughput is measured by sender and receiver is as shown in

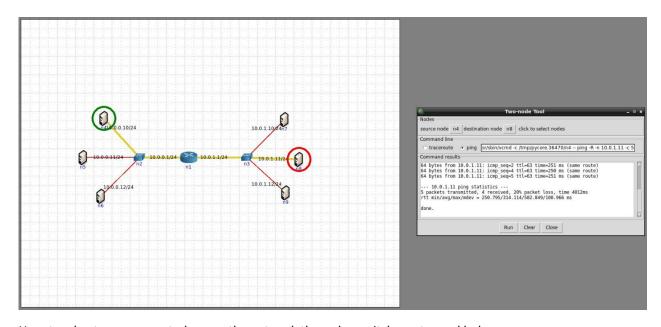
Sender- 637 k bits/sec

Receiver- 500 k bits/sec



b) Two hosts across the network

Measuring loss

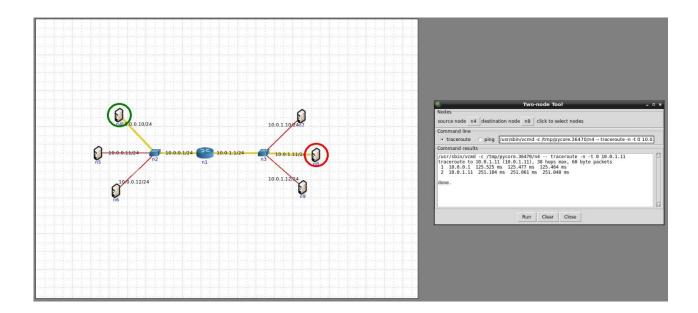


Here two hosts are connected across the network through a switch, router and hub.

As we can see when pinging there is 20% loss of packets across the network which results in 80% transmission rate.

This happens due to the links between router-switch and router-hub have a loss percentage set as 5% each and also there is a loss of 1% set between the hub and the host resulting in loss of packets.

Measuring Delay



With the help of traceroute we got the delay from each hop and as shown above

The delay from the 1st hop that is router was around 125ms and the delay from 2nd hop that is the other host was approx 251ms.

Given the link between switch-router and switch-hub has 75ms set as a delay, and host-switch and host-hub have 50ms delay set, the results were justifiable.

Measuring Throughput

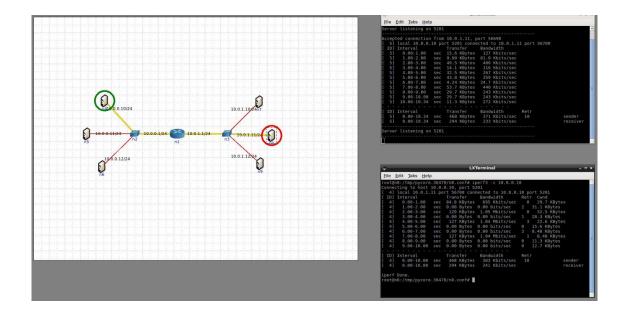
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Throughput is measured by sender and receiver is as shown in

Sender- 383 k bits/sec

Receiver- 241 k bits/sec

The network link between switch and hub is the bottleneck.



Task 1.2: Link Layer Transport

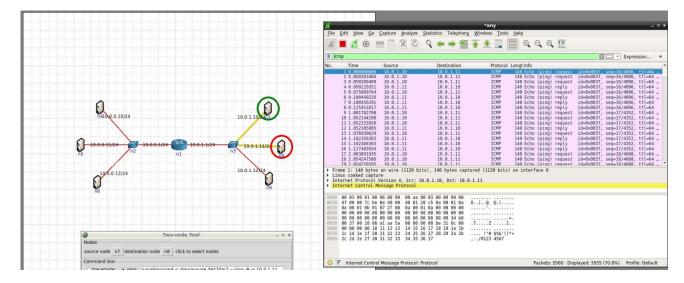
A Switch can connect to various network segments. It is a hardware device that joins multiple hosts within a network whereas a hub connects multiple hosts together, making them act as a single segment, in other words, when a hub receives a packet it copies and distributes the copies to all its host.

As shown below in the picture

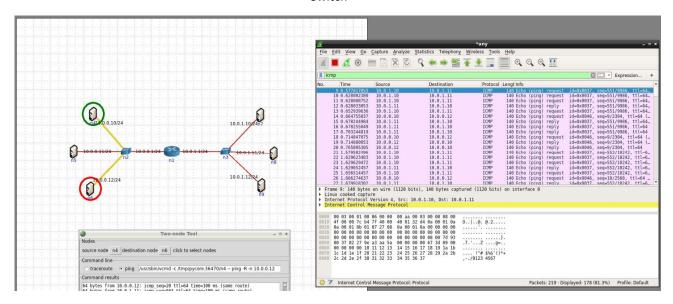
- There are 3 hosts attached to the switch and the hub each.
- With the help of Wireshark, you can observe the difference between the hub and switch.
- When you ping we can observe the ICMP messages in Wireshark and differentiate between the hub and the switch.

Below is the evidence for the hub and switch with Wireshark.

Hub



Switch



Task 2.1: Building a Bigger Network

In this task, we are going to expand our network from our already existing network that we have seen in task 1.1.

Here we will be including

- 4 additional routers (making 5 in total) in a full mesh configuration; that is, each router is connected to every other router
- A small network attached to each of these new routers. These should each contain three hosts attached to one switch. Each switch is then attached to one router.

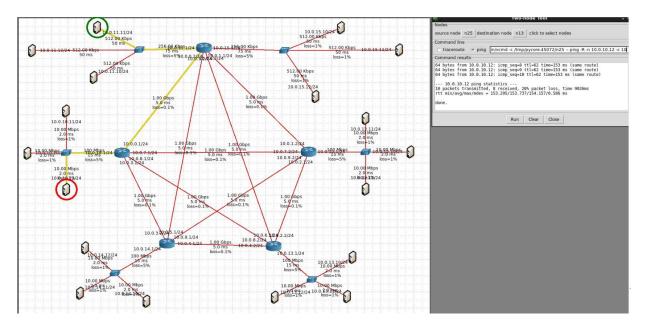
Once the topology is set, we need to set the value for bandwidth, delay, loss

- For links between routers, bandwidth should be set to 1gbps, delay to 5ms and loss to 0.1%
- For links between the switches and the routers, bandwidth should be set to 100mbps, delay to 15ms and loss to 5 %.
- For links between the hosts and switches, bandwidth should be set to 10mbps, delay to 2ms and loss to 1%

Now once the bigger network is built we need to run multiple measurements like we did in task1.1

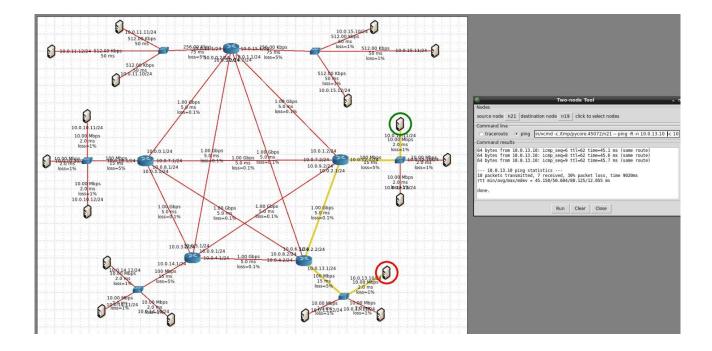
A few Measurements are shown below

Measuring Loss



Here as we can observe, the packet loss percentage is 20% which means 80% of packets are transmitted.

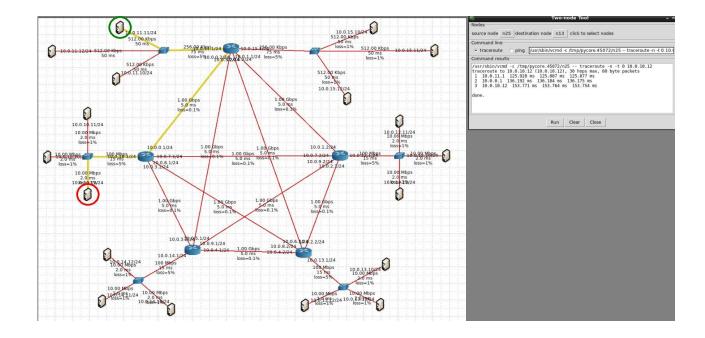
Loss of packets occurs due to the link loss percentage values set between new switch- new router at 5% and between the routers as 0.1%.



Here as we can observe, the packet loss percentage is 30% which means 70% of packets are transmitted.

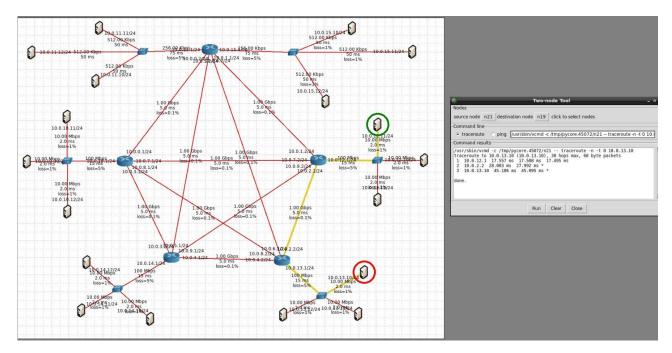
Loss of packets occurs due to the link loss percentage values set between new switch- new router at 5% and between the routers as 0.1%.

Measuring Delay



As we can observe the delay is set to 50ms, 75ms, 5ms, 15ms, 2ms for the link between host-old_switch, old_switch-router,router-router,router-new_switch,new_switch-host respectively.

With each hop, we can observe the correct delay output from traceroute.



As we can observe the delay is set to 2ms, 15ms, 5ms, 15ms, 2ms for the link between host-switch, switch-router,router-router,switch,switch-host respectively.

With each hop, we can observe the correct delay output from traceroute. And we can also observe lost packets.

Measuring Throughput

we can observe in the shown two throughput cases below.

In the first case, the bandwidth rate is seen as

Sender- 581 k bits/sec

Receiver- 445 k bits/sec

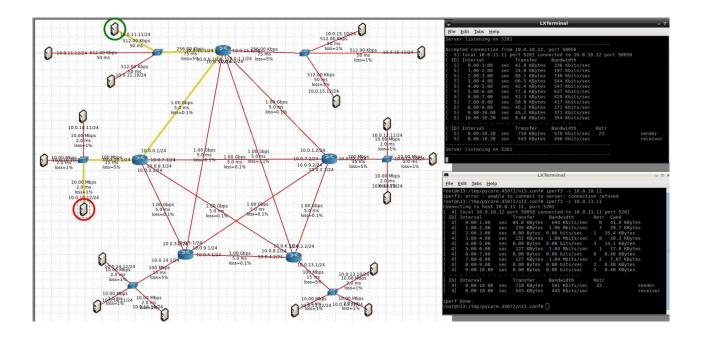
The sender_host-switch part of the network act as a bottleneck in this case.

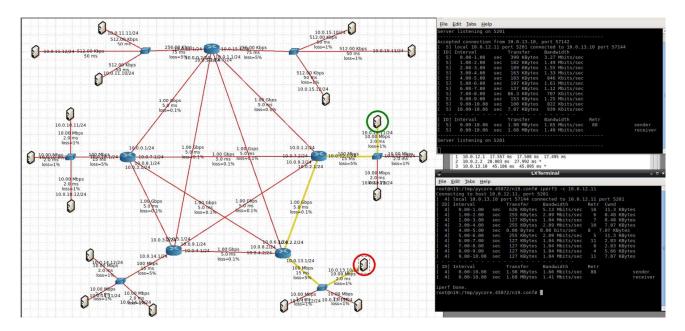
In the Second case, the bandwidth rate is seen as

Sender- 1.66 M bits/sec

Receiver- 1.41 M bits/sec

The router-router part of the network act as a bottleneck in this case.

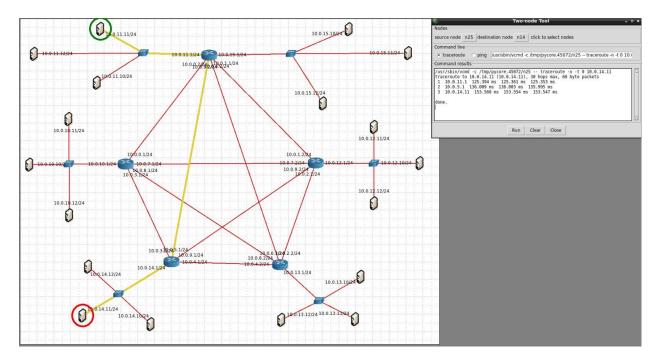




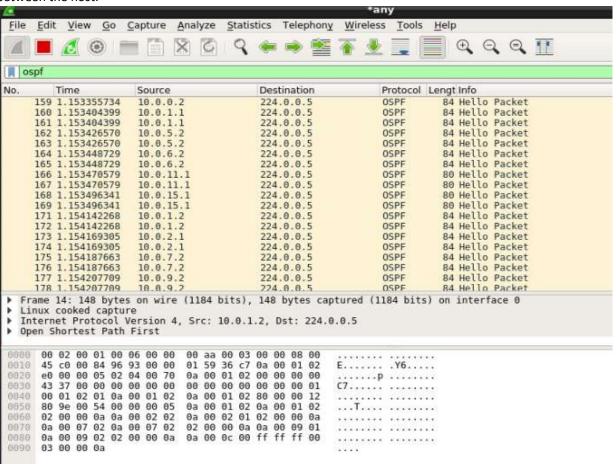
Task2.2: Configuring Routing

This task involves manipulating the routing configuration of the routers contained within the topology.

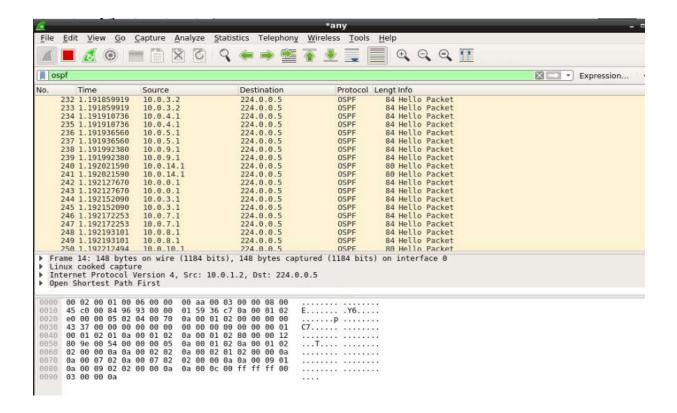
Before manipulating the route configuration



Before manipulating the route between the hosts, the path taken is the shortest path cost between the host.



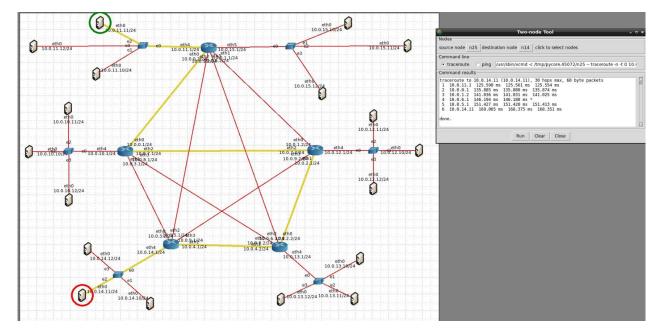
And with the help of Wireshark, we can observe through which routers OSPF messages pass



Above pictures show the generated traffic between the hosts before manipulating the routes.

After manipulating the route configuration

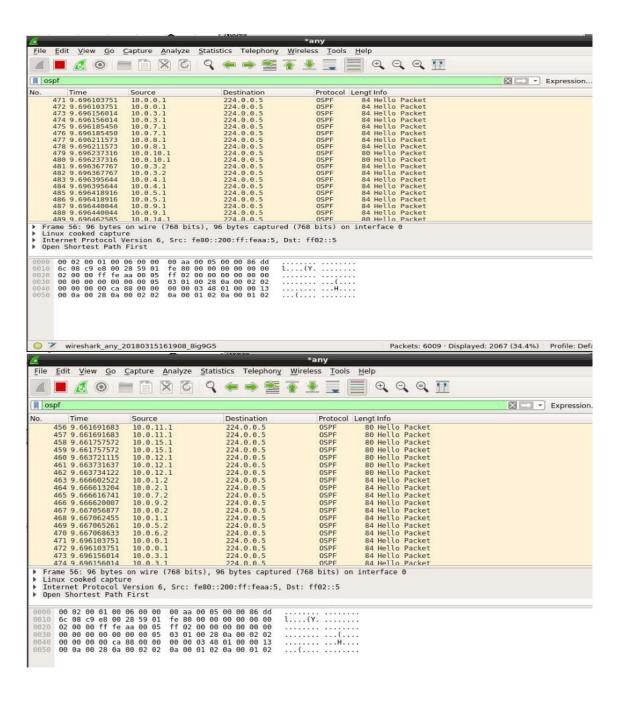
In this case, we have manipulated the routes configuration

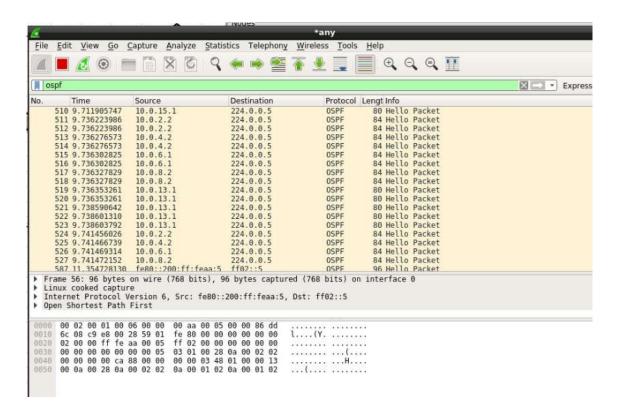


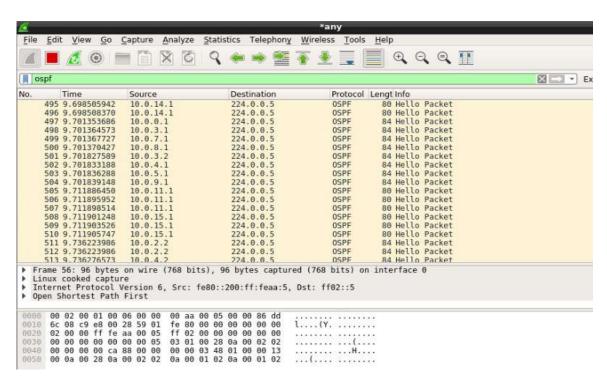
- We have established the costs appropriately in order to route traffic accordingly.
- This includes generating traffic between hosts to demonstrate that the paths have been changed.

we want you to steer traffic around the maximum number of hops before reaching its destination; that is, traffic from one host (of your choice) travelling towards another host (of your choice, but at least attached to another router) should traverse every other router before arriving there.

As shown below, we can observe from Wireshark and understands which path OSPF messages have taken.







We can compare the Wireshark results and observe the change in routes before and after manipulation.