

Project 2

OpenFlow Protocol Observation & Flow Rule Installation

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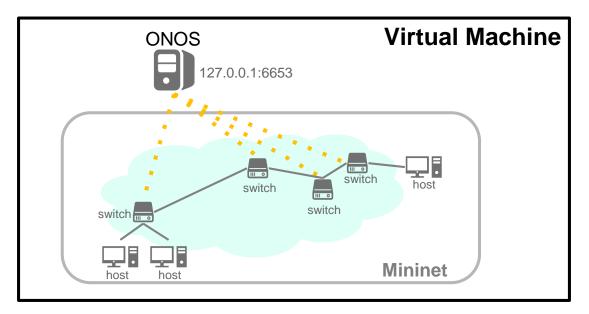
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OpenFlow Protocol

- ONOS SDN controller uses OpenFlow messages to communicate with OVS switches.
 - Packet-in/out message, Flow install/remove message, hello, etc.





Wireshark Installation

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

```
$ sudo apt update
```

update all packages information

2. Install Wireshark

```
$ sudo apt install wireshark
```

Start Wireshark

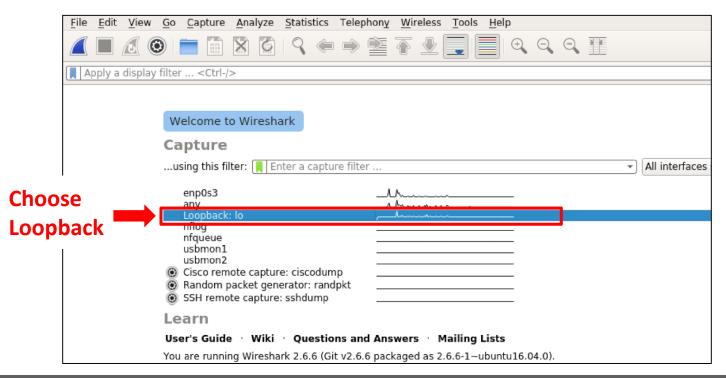
\$ sudo wireshark





Capture Packets in Wireshark

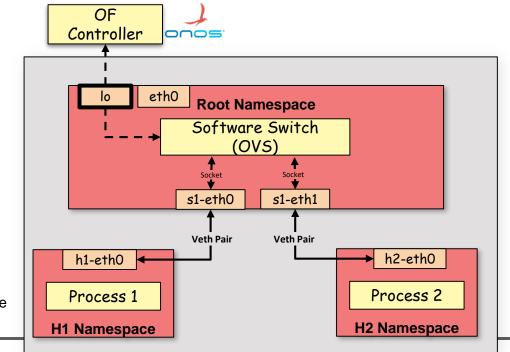
- Both ONOS and Mininet locally run in VM
 - We can capture packets on the Loopback (lo) interface





Mininet and Network Namespace

- Mininet utilizes network namespace to emulate networks
 - OVS runs in root network namespace
 - Each host runs in its own network namespace





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Capturing OpenFlow Messages

- 1. Start ONOS
- 2. 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
```

4. Ping a host in Mininet

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

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

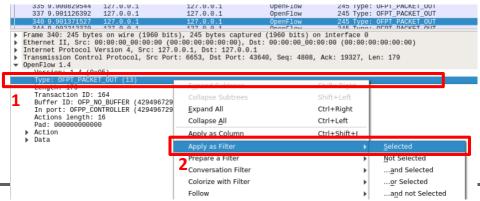


Filter in Wireshark

- ☐ 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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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...]
```

- Manpage for command "curl"
 - http://manpages.ubuntu.com/manpages/xenial/man1/curl.1.html



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ONOS & Topology Setup

- Restart ONOS
 - a) <ctrl+c> in the ONOS log panel to shutdown the ONOS instance
 - b) Start ONOS

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

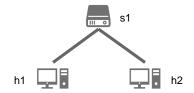
2. Deactivate ReactiveForwarding APP

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

3. Start Mininet with default (minimal) topology

```
$ sudo mn --controller=remote,127.0.0.1:6653
```

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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Create a JSON file of flow rules

■ Example: JSON file for a flow rule

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

```
"priority": 50000,
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```
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```

flows1.json



JSON File: Actions

```
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   "timeout": 0,
   "isPermanent": true,
   "selector": {
      "criteria": [
           "type": "IN_PORT",
           "port": 1
    "treatment": {
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flows1.json
```

"treatment": { "instructions": ["type": "OUTPUT", "port": 2



Upload JSON File to ONOS

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



Device ID

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



Check whether the flow rule is installed

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



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 (Cont.)

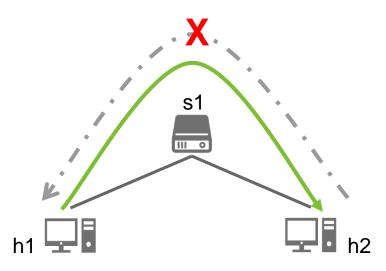


- Flow Rule state:
 - **PENDING_ADD**—this indicates that ONOS has received a request from the application to install the flow rule, but that flow has NOT yet been observed on the device.
 - **ADDED**—once the flow rule subsystem observes the flow on the device it will transition to this state.



Why Hosts Still Can't 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

☐ Use URL to find the **ID** of particular flow rules

- ID of the flow we just added is **54043198623472681**
- 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 (Cont.)

☐ Then, delete the flow rule with flowID 54043198623472681



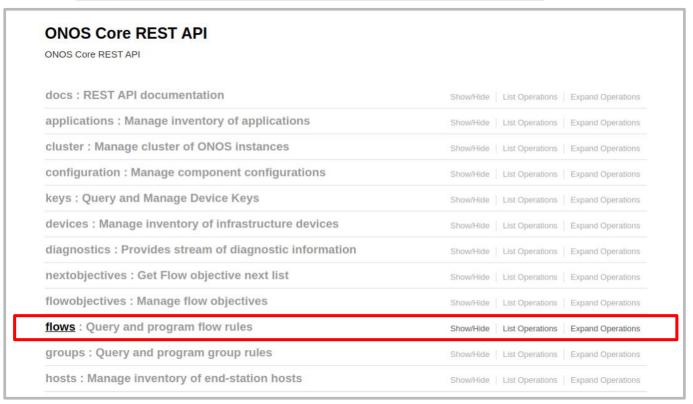
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REST API on ONOS Web GUI

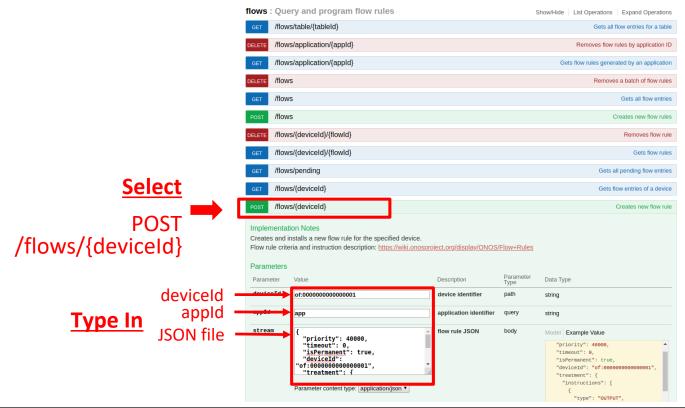
☐ Browse http://localhost:8181/onos/v1/docs





Using Web GUI to Install Flow Rule

☐ Fill out required fields ("appld" could be arbitrary string)





Transfer Flow Rule on Web GUI

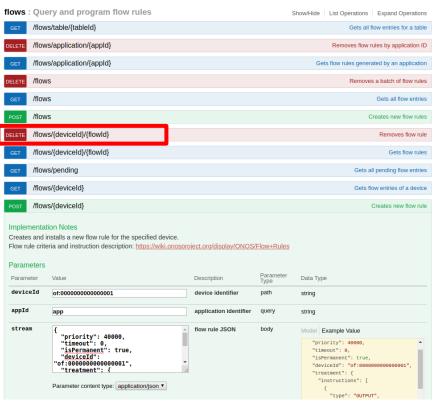
- ☐ Click "Try it out!"
 - Web will pass the JSON stream to ONOS
 - Status code 201 represents HTTP Request is granted
 - In case of "curl", use "-i" option to include HTTP Response header in the output





Delete Flow Rule via ONOS Web GUI

Same procedure as installing flow rules





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 - Part 4: Trace ReactiveForwarding (10%)



Part 1: Answer Questions (1/2)

Preparation:

- 1. Start capturing packets on the loopback interface (lo) with Wireshark.
- 2. Create a topology mentioned before (i.e. default topology).
- 3. Activate "org.onosproject.fwd".
- 4. Execute command "h1 ping h2 -c 5" in Mininet CLI.
- 5. Exit Mininet and stop capturing packets once ping terminates.

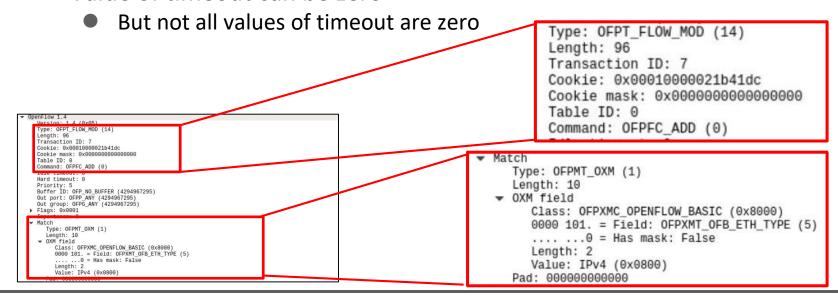
Questions:

- 1. How many **OpenFlow headers** with type "OFPT_FLOW_MOD" and command "OFPFC_ADD" are there among all the packets?
- What are the match fields and the corresponding actions in each "OFPT_FLOW_MOD" message?
- 3. What are the value of **timeout** for each flow rule installed in s1?



Part 1: Answer Questions (2/2)

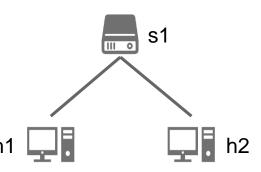
- Hints
 - A single packet may contain multiple OpenFlow headers
 - Only count the number of distinct OpenFlow headers
 - If match fields of two headers are the same, just count once
 - Value of timeout can be zero





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):
- Hand in all your flow rule files (.json)



Note: Host1 should be able to ping host2 if you install the flow rules correctly.



Part 2: Install Flow Rules (2/3)

- Install following flow rules to forward ARP packets
 - Match Fields

mininet> h1 arping h2

Unicast reply from 10.0.0.2 [42:75:EB:67:61:F6]

- Ethernet type (ARP)
- Actions
 - Output from port, forwarding ARP packets to hosts

4.834ms

Verify the flow rules your installed

```
mininet> h1 arping h2
ARPING 10.0.0.2 from 10.0.0.1 h1-eth0
Unicast reply from 10.0.0.2 [42:75:EB:67:61:F6] 4.324ms
Unicast reply from 10.0.0.2 [42:75:EB:67:61:F6] 4.957ms
Unicast reply from 10.0.0.2 [42:75:EB:67:61:F6] 4.928ms
```

Hint: The priority of this flow rule MUST be higher than that of initially installed flow rule (40000), but not greater than 65535.

send ARP request



Part 2: Install Flow Rules (3/3)

- Install flow rules to forward IPv4 packets
 - Match Fields
 - IPv4 destination address
 - Actions

mininet> h1 ping h2

Output from port, forwarding IPv4 packets to hosts

send ICMP request

Verify the flow rules your installed

```
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=9.00 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=2.54 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.188 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.075 ms
```

Hint:

- 1. Switch may remove flow rules installed previously after a period of time.
- Match fields may have dependency; please refer to OpenFlow spec v1.4.0.



Part 3: Create Topology with Broadcast Storm

☐ Steps:

- 1. Create a topology that may cause a "Broadcast Storm".
- 2. Install flow rules on switches of the network.
- 3. Send packets from a host to another host.
- 4. 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.
- ☐ Hand in both Topology file (*.py) and flow rule files (*.json)

Hint: ONOS would initially install several flow rules.



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



Part 4: Trace ReactiveForwarding

- □ Activate only "org.onosproject.fwd" and other initially activated APPs.
- ☐ Use Mininet default topology and let h1 ping h2.
- Observe what happens in data and control planes
 - From the time when h1 pings h2 until h2 receives the first ICMP request
 - Write down each operation made by data and control planes
- Please refer to the ONOS ReactiveForwarding application
 - Source Code



Report

About Submission



Submission (1/2)

- ☐ Files:
 - A report: project2_<studentID>.pdf
 - 1. Part 1: Answers to those three questions
 - 2. Part 2, Part 3 & Part 4: Take screenshots of your procedure and also explain in detail
 - 3. 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



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) into the corresponding folders

```
Project2_0748787/

part2

flows_s1-1_0748787.json

flows_s1-3_0748787.json

part3

flows_s1-1_0748787.json

flows_s1-2_0748787.json

flows_s2-1_0748787.json

flows_s2-1_0748787.json

flows_s3-1_0748787.json

topo_0748787.py

project2_0748787.pdf
```

- Zip root folder: project2_<studentID>.zip
- Wrong file name or format will result in 10 points deduction



Q & A

Thank you



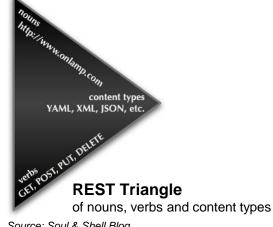
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- ☐ JSON Format for Installing Flow Rules
 - https://wiki.onosproject.org/display/ONOS/Flow+Rules



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



Source: Soul & Shell Blog

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