

# Lab1 ONOS and Mininet Installation

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## Part1: Answer Questions

### 1. When ONOS activate "org.onosproject.openflow," what APPs does it activate?

When ONOS activate "org.onosproject.openflow," it activates the following APPs:

- org.onosproject.hostprovider
- org.onosproject.lldpprovider
- org.onosproject.optical-model
- org.onosproject.openflow-base
- org.onosproject.openflow

```
huaish@root > apps -a -s
* 34 org.onosproject.drivers          2.7.0    Default Drivers
* 171 org.onosproject.gui2            2.7.0    ONOS GUI2
huaish@root >
huaish@root > app activate org.onosproject.openflow
Activated org.onosproject.openflow
huaish@root >
huaish@root > apps -a -s
* 11 org.onosproject.hostprovider     2.7.0    Host Location Provider
* 14 org.onosproject.lldpprovider      2.7.0    LLDP Link Provider
* 20 org.onosproject.optical-model     2.7.0    Optical Network Model
* 21 org.onosproject.openflow-base    2.7.0    OpenFlow Base Provider
* 22 org.onosproject.openflow          2.7.0    OpenFlow Provider Suite
* 34 org.onosproject.drivers           2.7.0    Default Drivers
* 171 org.onosproject.gui2             2.7.0    ONOS GUI2
huaish@root > █
```

Figure 1: Activated APPs

### 2. After we activate ONOS and run P.17 Mininet command, will H1 ping H2 successfully? Why or why not?

**Answer: No, H1 cannot ping H2 successfully.**

As shown in Figure 2, the ping fails because no flow rules are set on the data plane, so the switch doesn't know how to forward packets between H1 and H2. While ONOS has the Reactive Forwarding app ( org.onosproject.fwd ) to handle this automatically, it's turned off by default, as confirmed in Figure 3. That's why the ping doesn't go through.

```
mininet> h1 ping -c3 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

--- 10.0.0.2 ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 0 received, +3 errors, 100% packet loss, time 2068ms
pipe 3
mininet>
```

Figure 2: Ping command result

```
huaish@root > apps -a -s
* 8 org.onosproject.optical-model 2.7.0 Optical Network Model
* 21 org.onosproject.drivers 2.7.0 Default Drivers
* 37 org.onosproject.hostprovider 2.7.0 Host Location Provider
* 91 org.onosproject.lldpprovider 2.7.0 LLDP Link Provider
* 92 org.onosproject.openflow-base 2.7.0 OpenFlow Base Provider
* 93 org.onosproject.openflow 2.7.0 OpenFlow Provider Suite
* 95 org.onosproject.gui2 2.7.0 ONOS GUI2
huaish@root >
```

Figure 3: Default activated APPs

Reference: there are no flows installed on the data-plane, which forward the traffic appropriately. -- **Basic ONOS tutorial**

### 3. Which TCP port does the controller listen to the OpenFlow connection request from the switch?

**Answer: 6653**

In Figures 4.1 and 4.2, I compared the port states before and after starting the OpenFlow app and found that ports 6633 and 6653 are open only when the OpenFlow app is activated. This indicates that both ports may be used for OpenFlow connections.

```
huaish@huaish-ubuntuVM:~$ netstat -nlpt
(Not all processes could be identified, non-owned process info
will not be shown, you would have to be root to see it all.)
Active Internet connections (only servers)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State       PID/Program name
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:22             0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 100.98.98.124:62062    0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:6655           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:6654           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:43213        0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      25067/code-4849ca9b
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:6656           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.0:53:53        0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:5005         0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      21976/java
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:631          0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp6       0      0 :::22                  :::*                     LISTEN      -
tcp6       0      0 fd7a:115c:a1e0:4:6977 :::*                     LISTEN      21508/bazel(onos)
tcp6       0      0 :::41305                :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 :::6633                  :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 :::6653                  :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 :::1631                  :::*                     LISTEN      -
tcp6       0      0 :::1099                  :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 :::3389                  :::*                     LISTEN      1380/gnome-remote-d
tcp6       0      0 :::40333                 :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 127.0.0.1:44965        :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 :::9876                  :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 :::8181                  :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 :::8101                  :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
```

Figure 4.1: Port listening state (activating OpenFlow app)

```
huaish@huaish-ubuntuVM:~$ netstat -nlpt
(Not all processes could be identified, non-owned process info
will not be shown, you would have to be root to see it all.)
Active Internet connections (only servers)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State       PID/Program name
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:22             0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 100.98.98.124:62062    0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:6655           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:6654           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:43213        0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      25067/code-4849ca9b
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:6656           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.0:53:53        0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:5005         0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      21976/java
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:631          0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp6       0      0 :::22                  :::*                     LISTEN      -
tcp6       0      0 fd7a:115c:a1e0:4:6977 :::*                     LISTEN      21508/bazel(onos)
tcp6       0      0 :::41305                :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 :::1631                  :::*                     LISTEN      -
tcp6       0      0 :::1099                  :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 :::3389                  :::*                     LISTEN      1380/gnome-remote-d
tcp6       0      0 :::40333                 :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 127.0.0.1:44965        :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 :::9876                  :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 :::8181                  :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
tcp6       0      0 :::8101                  :::*                     LISTEN      21976/java
```

Figure 4.2: Port listening state (deactivating OpenFlow app)

Figure 5 shows that the switch *s1* communicates with the controller via port 56560.

```
huaish@root > devices
id=of:0000000000000001, available=true, local-status=connected 4h19m ago, role=MASTER, type=SWITCH, mfr=Nicira,
=ovs, channelId=127.0.0.1:56560, datapathDescription=s1, managementAddress=127.0.0.1, protocol=OF_14
id=of:0000000000000002, available=true, local-status=connected 4h19m ago, role=MASTER, type=SWITCH, mfr=Nicira,
=ovs, channelId=127.0.0.1:56554, datapathDescription=s2, managementAddress=127.0.0.1, protocol=OF_14
id=of:0000000000000003, available=true, local-status=connected 4h19m ago, role=MASTER, type=SWITCH, mfr=Nicira,
=ovs, channelId=127.0.0.1:56546, datapathDescription=s3, managementAddress=127.0.0.1, protocol=OF_14
```

Figure 5: Switch *s1* channelId

As shown in Figure 6, the tshark capture result confirms that the controller listens on port 6653 for OpenFlow connections.

```

hwaish@hwaish-ubuntuVM:~$ sudo tshark -i any -f "port 56560" -c 10
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
Capturing on 'any'
** (tshark:35253) 22:42:21.542661 [Main MESSAGE] -- Capture started.
** (tshark:35253) 22:42:21.542779 [Main MESSAGE] -- File: "/tmp/wireshark_anyCU2XT2.pcapng"
 1 0.000000000 127.0.0.1 → 127.0.0.1 OpenFlow 132 Type: OFPT_MULTIPART_REQUEST
 2 0.000165547 127.0.0.1 → 127.0.0.1 OpenFlow 84 Type: OFPT_MULTIPART_REPLY
 3 0.000193424 127.0.0.1 → 127.0.0.1 TCP 68 6653 → 56560 [ACK] Seq=65 Ack=17 Win=86 Len=0 TSval=3083074907 TSecr=3083074907
 4 0.000206794 127.0.0.1 → 127.0.0.1 OpenFlow 84 Type: OFPT_MULTIPART_REPLY
 5 0.000209600 127.0.0.1 → 127.0.0.1 TCP 68 6653 → 56560 [ACK] Seq=65 Ack=33 Win=86 Len=0 TSval=3083074907 TSecr=3083074907
 6 0.000218835 127.0.0.1 → 127.0.0.1 OpenFlow 84 Type: OFPT_MULTIPART_REPLY
 7 0.000220419 127.0.0.1 → 127.0.0.1 TCP 68 6653 → 56560 [ACK] Seq=65 Ack=49 Win=86 Len=0 TSval=3083074907 TSecr=3083074907
 8 0.400488562 127.0.0.1 → 127.0.0.1 OpenFlow 784 Type: OFPT_PACKET_OUT
 9 0.400959206 127.0.0.1 → 127.0.0.1 OpenFlow 249 Type: OFPT_PACKET_IN
10 0.400974245 127.0.0.1 → 127.0.0.1 TCP 68 6653 → 56560 [ACK] Seq=781 Ack=230 Win=86 Len=0 TSval=3083075308 TSecr=3083075308
10 packets captured

```

Figure 6: tshark capture result

Reference: Controllers should listen on TCP port 6653 for switches that want to set up a connection. Earlier versions of the OpenFlow protocol unofficially used port 6633 --

[OpenFlow - Wikipedia](#)

#### 4. In question 3, which APP enables the controller to listen on the TCP port?

**Answer: OpenFlow Base Provider (org.onosproject.openflow-base)**

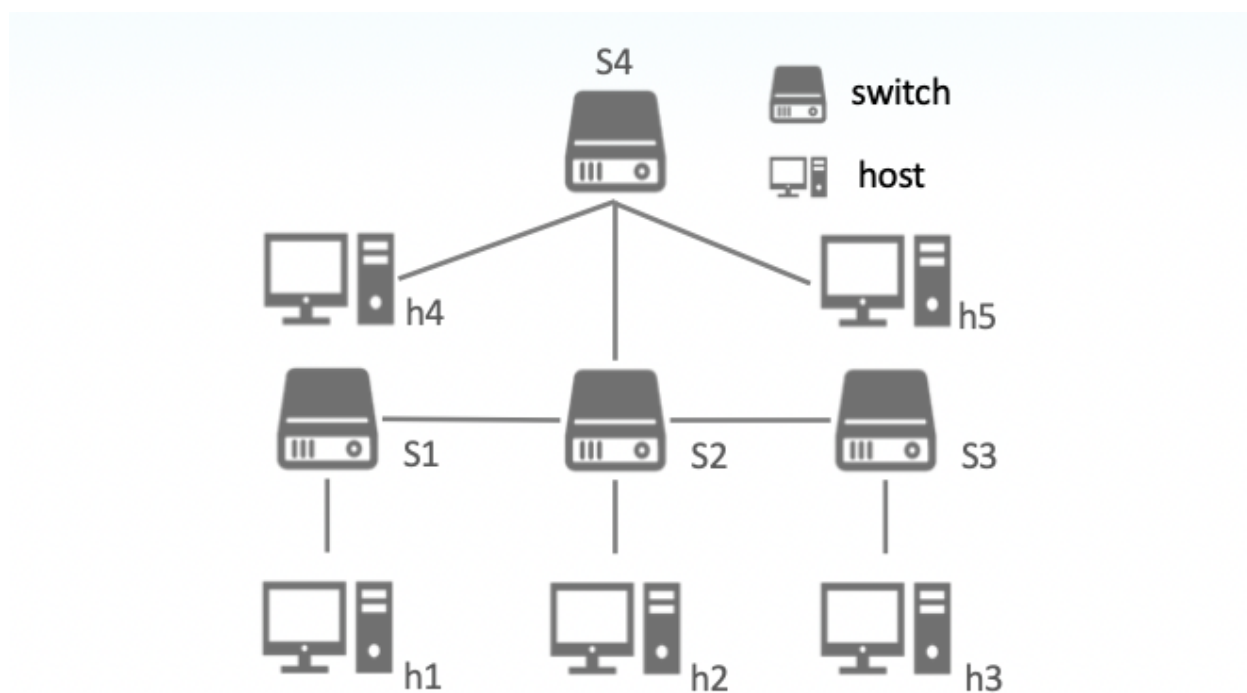
1. When no APPs are deactivated (both **openflow-base** and **openflow** are activated), the controller listens on port 6653 for OpenFlow connections, as shown the top of Figure 7 (part 1).
2. After deactivating the **openflow-base** app (both **openflow-base** and its dependencies are deactivated), we can see that port 6653 is no longer listening, as shown in the middle of Figure 7 (part 2).
3. When we activate the **openflow-base** app again (only **openflow-base** and its dependencies is activated), the controller listens on port 6653 again, as shown at the middle of Figure 7 (part 3).
4. When we deactivate the **openflow-base** but activate the **org.onosproject.optical-model** app which is the dependency of **openflow-base**, we can see that port 6653 is closed, as shown at the bottom of Figure 7 (part 4).

```
huaish@root > apps -a -s 23:52:49
* 8 org.onosproject.optical-model 2.7.0 Optical Network Model
* 21 org.onosproject.drivers 2.7.0 Default Drivers
* 37 org.onosproject.hostprovider 2.7.0 Host Location Provider
* 91 org.onosproject.lldpprovider 2.7.0 LLDP Link Provider
* 92 org.onosproject.openflow-base 2.7.0 OpenFlow Base Provider
* 93 org.onosproject.openflow 2.7.0 OpenFlow Provider Suite
* 95 org.onosproject.gui2 2.7.0 ONOS GUI2
huaish@root > 23:53:18
huaish@root > app deactivate openflow-base 23:53:19
Deactivated org.onosproject.openflow-base
huaish@root > apps -a -s 23:53:35
* 21 org.onosproject.drivers 2.7.0 Default Drivers
* 95 org.onosproject.gui2 2.7.0 ONOS GUI2
huaish@root > 23:53:37
huaish@root > app activate openflow-base 23:53:45
Activated org.onosproject.openflow-base
huaish@root > apps -a -s 23:53:50
* 8 org.onosproject.optical-model 2.7.0 Optical Network Model
* 21 org.onosproject.drivers 2.7.0 Default Drivers
* 92 org.onosproject.openflow-base 2.7.0 OpenFlow Base Provider
* 95 org.onosproject.gui2 2.7.0 ONOS GUI2
huaish@root > 23:53:51
huaish@root > app deactivate openflow-base 23:53:58
Deactivated org.onosproject.openflow-base
huaish@root > app activate optical-model 23:54:05
Activated org.onosproject.optical-model
huaish@root > apps -a -s 23:54:29
* 8 org.onosproject.optical-model 2.7.0 Optical Network Model
* 21 org.onosproject.drivers 2.7.0 Default Drivers
* 95 org.onosproject.gui2 2.7.0 ONOS GUI2
huaish@root > 23:54:33
```

Figure 7: Deactivate/Activate APPs and check port status

From the above observations, we can conclude that the **openflow-base** app enables the controller to listen on the TCP port.

## Part2: Create a custom Topology



I created above custom topology with the following steps:

1. Add 5 hosts: h1 , h2 , h3 , h4 , h5
2. Add 4 switches: S1 , S2 , S3 , S4
3. Add links between hosts and switches

The implementation of the custom topology is written in the Python script `lab1_part2_313551097.py`.

**Result:**

Figure 8 shows the custom topology on GUI after running the script.

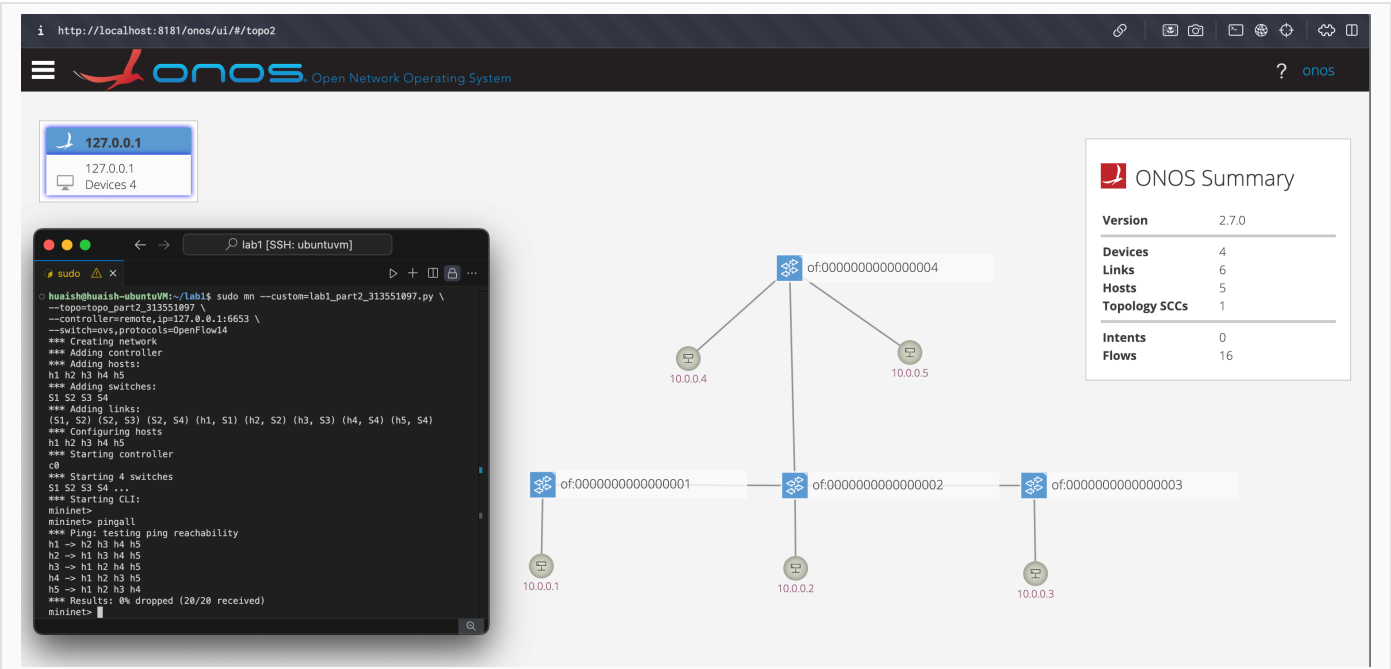


Figure 8: Custom Topology on GUI

### Part3: Statically assign Hosts IP Address in Mininet

I manually assigned IP addresses as follows:

- IP addresses: 192.168.0.0/27

Host	IP Address
h1	192.168.0.1
h2	192.168.0.2
h3	192.168.0.3
h4	192.168.0.4
h5	192.168.0.5

- netmask: 255.255.255.244

To manually assign IP addresses to each host, we can assign the IP address when creating the host. For example:

```
h1 = net.addHost('h1', ip='192.168.0.1/27')
h2 = net.addHost('h2', ip='192.168.0.2/27')
```

In this case, /27 represents the netmask, which means the first 27 bits are network bits, and the remaining 5 bits are host bits. The binary representation of the netmask is 11111111.11111111.11111111.11100000 , which corresponds to 255.255.255.224 in decimal.

Thus, the subnet mask for /27 is 255.255.255.224 .

The implementation of the custom topology with static IP addresses is written in the Python script lab1\_part3\_313551097.py .

Result:

Figure 9 shows the result of running the script.

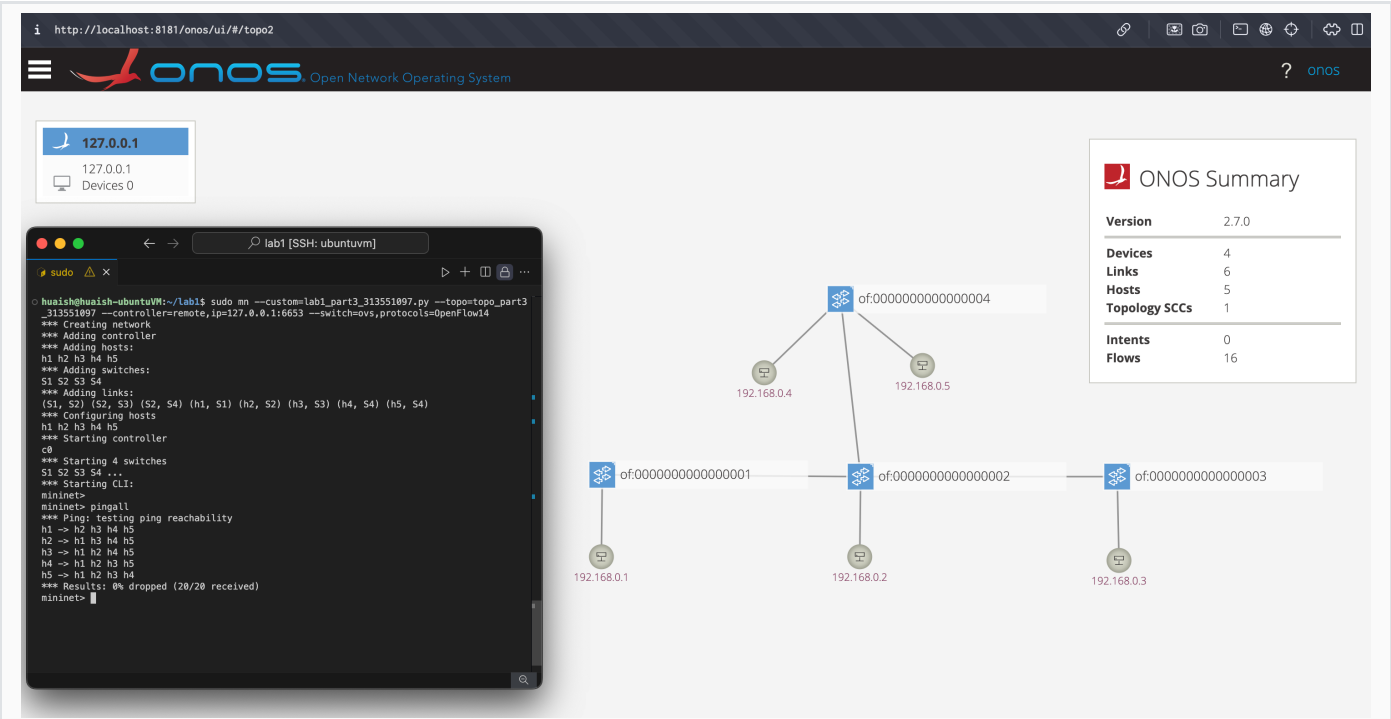


Figure 9: Result of running script lab1\_part3\_313551097.py

Figure 10 shows the result of running the dump command.

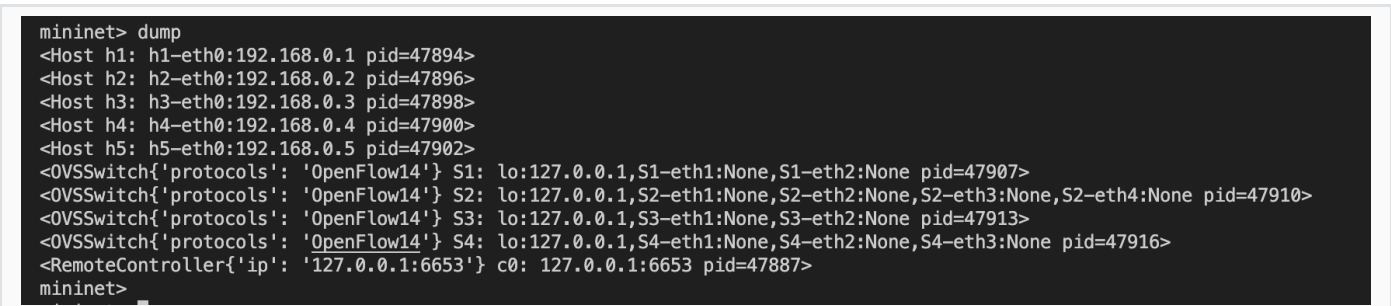


Figure 10: Result of running the dump command

Figure 11.1 to 11.5 show the result of running the ifconfig command on each host.



```
mininet> h1 ifconfig
h1-eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.0.1 netmask 255.255.255.224 broadcast 192.168.0.31
    inet6 fe80::1898:b6ff:fe2c:925e prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 1a:98:b6:2c:92:5e txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 165 bytes 20708 (20.7 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 116 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 27 bytes 1986 (1.9 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Figure 11.1: h1 ifconfig

```
mininet> h2 ifconfig
h2-eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.0.2 netmask 255.255.255.224 broadcast 192.168.0.31
    inet6 fe80::5458:60ff:fe48:5f96 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 56:58:60:48:5f:96 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 177 bytes 22376 (22.3 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 128 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 27 bytes 1986 (1.9 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Figure 11.2: h2 ifconfig

```
mininet> h3 ifconfig
h3-eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.0.3 netmask 255.255.255.224 broadcast 192.168.0.31
    inet6 fe80::c50:3eff:fe12:7475 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 0e:50:3e:12:74:75 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 185 bytes 23488 (23.4 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 136 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 27 bytes 1986 (1.9 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Figure 11.3: h3 ifconfig

```
mininet> h4 ifconfig
h4-eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.0.4 netmask 255.255.255.224 broadcast 192.168.0.31
    inet6 fe80::ca3:9cff:feeb:2852 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 0e:a3:9c:cb:28:52 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 785 bytes 106585 (106.5 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 730 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 30 bytes 2196 (2.1 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Figure 11.4: h4 ifconfig

```
mininet> h5 ifconfig
h5-eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.0.5 netmask 255.255.255.224 broadcast 192.168.0.31
    inet6 fe80::7015:7dff:fe95:7e7 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 72:15:7d:95:07:e7 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 788 bytes 107071 (107.0 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 734 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 29 bytes 2126 (2.1 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Figure 11.5: h5 ifconfig

# What you've learned or solved

In Lab 1, I got a good grasp of how ONOS and Mininet work together, especially how controllers and switches interact. I learned more about how ONOS apps function and how to create custom network topologies. The hands-on experience really helped me see how the controller communicates with switches and how network connections are set up. Writing Python scripts for custom topologies made me more comfortable with Mininet and gave me a better understanding of how IP addresses are assigned in SDN environments. Overall, the lab helped me connect what I've learned in theory with real-world practice and gave me some useful skills for setting up network topologies, setting the stage for future network projects.