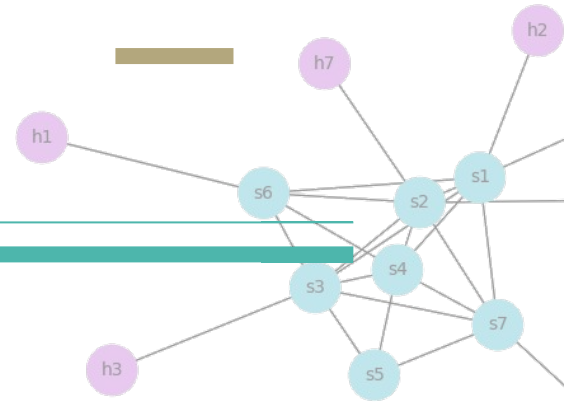


Automatic Deployment of “Containers”

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Introduction

Objective

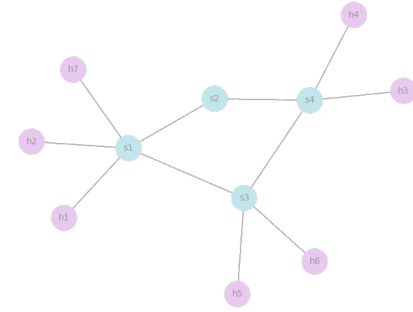
Develop an **SDN-based network** using Mininet with multiple switches and automate the deployment of services.

Key Features

- Topology creation
- Graphical User Interface (GUI)
- Flows Creation and Deletion

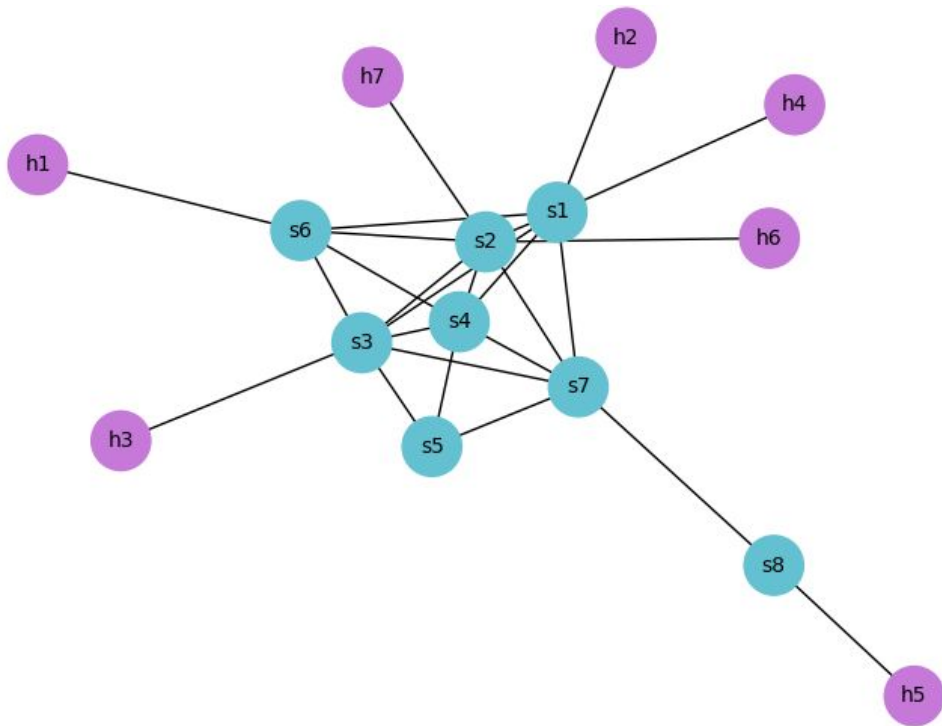
Outcome

A flexible and automated SDN environment capable of managing application deployment and communication dynamically.



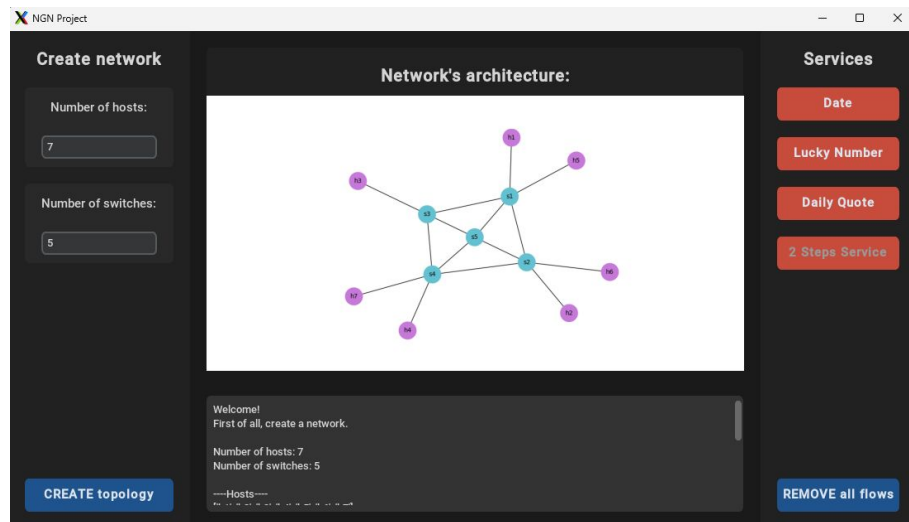
Key-Features: Topology Creation

- **Tools and libraries:**
 - Mininet
 - NetworkX
 - Matplotlib
- **Design Choices:**
 - N. of Hosts (at least 7)
 - N. of Switches (at least 1)
 - Loops
 - Level of randomization
- **topology_generator.py features:**
 - Topology generation
 - Run the Network
 - Services allocation
- **Not-used additional features:**
 - *get_shortest_path(...)* with Dijkstra's algorithm.



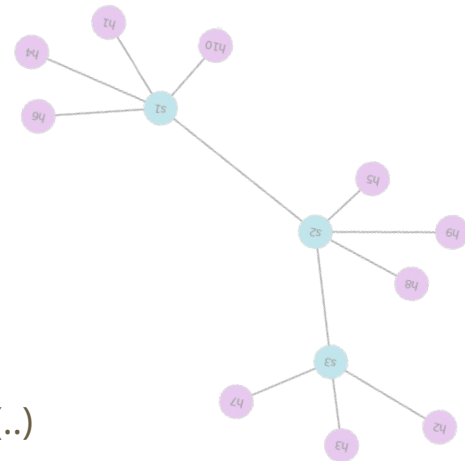
Key-Features: Graphical User Interface

- **Main library: CustomTkinter**
 - Python 3.7 is required!
 - Modern looking and customizable widgets
- **Sections**
 - Sidebar on the left for network creation
 - Sidebar on the right for services activation
 - Status Box that shows services' outputs and progresses during the running process
 - An image on the center displays the structure of the topology
- **Interactions with other files**
 - topology_generator.py
- **Dynamic scaling**
 - The application can change its size keeping a coherent distribution of the elements



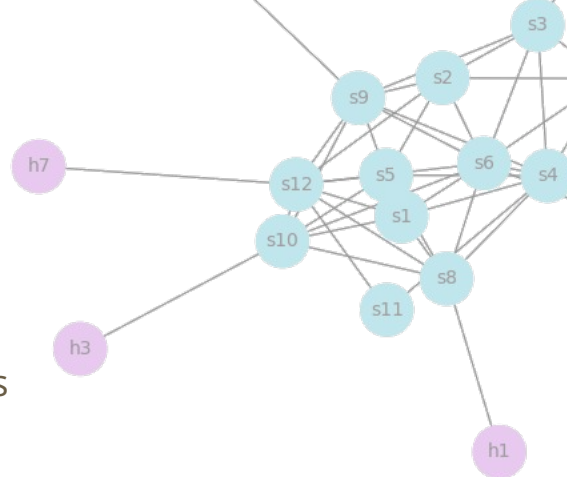
Key-Features: Flows Creation and Deletion

- **Description:** we have used the simple switch_13_stp extend simple_switch_13 and add one function to delete the flows
- **Design choices:** using HTTP Post to get the request of *delete_flood_flows(..)*
- **Tools and libraries used:** Response
- **Adding flows (__packet_in_handler):**
 - 00:00:00:00:00:01 → host client
 - 00:00:00:00:00:03 → Date
 - 00:00:00:00:00:04 → Lucky number
 - 00:00:00:00:00:06 → Daily quote
 - 00:00:00:00:00:07 → Date + Time (2 step service)



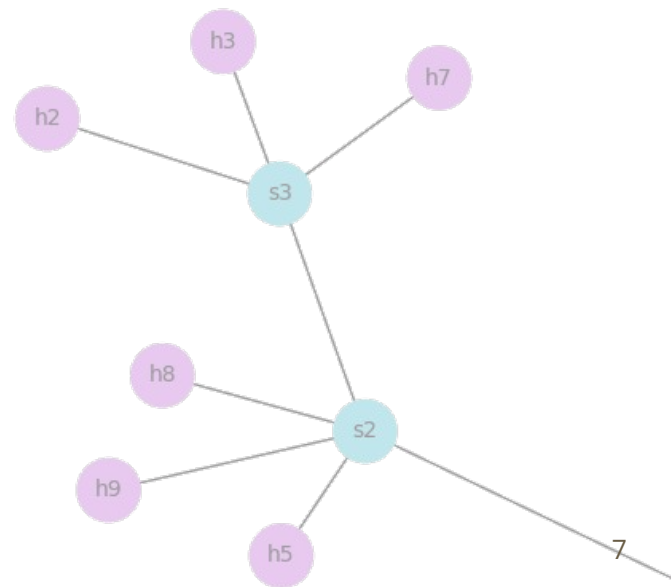
Challenges

- Creation, deletion of the Flows and dynamic updating of Flow Tables
- Instantiation of the services
- Creation of sockets to enable communication between entities
- Python compatibility with different libraries (Python3.7 and Python3.6)
- Dynamic update of the application
- Degree of randomness when creating the topology
- Developing for two OSs (Windows 11 & MacOS)



Future implementations

- Integrate shell into the GUI application
- Automatic interaction with Mininet from GUI



Thanks You For Your Attention!