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OpenFlow Tutorial

Future Internet Communication Technologies

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Experimental Setup

- Virtual machine running in VirtualBox
  - SDNHub ODL tutorial VM*
  - Login (user/pw): *ubuntu / ubuntu*

- Network topology emulated by **Mininet**
- OpenFlow switch: **OpenvSwitch** (OVS)
- OpenFlow controller: **RYU**

* *http://sdnhub.org/tutorials/sdn-tutorial-vm-64bit*

- Topology creation with Mininet:

$ sudo mn --topo single,3 --mac --switch ovsk --controller remote

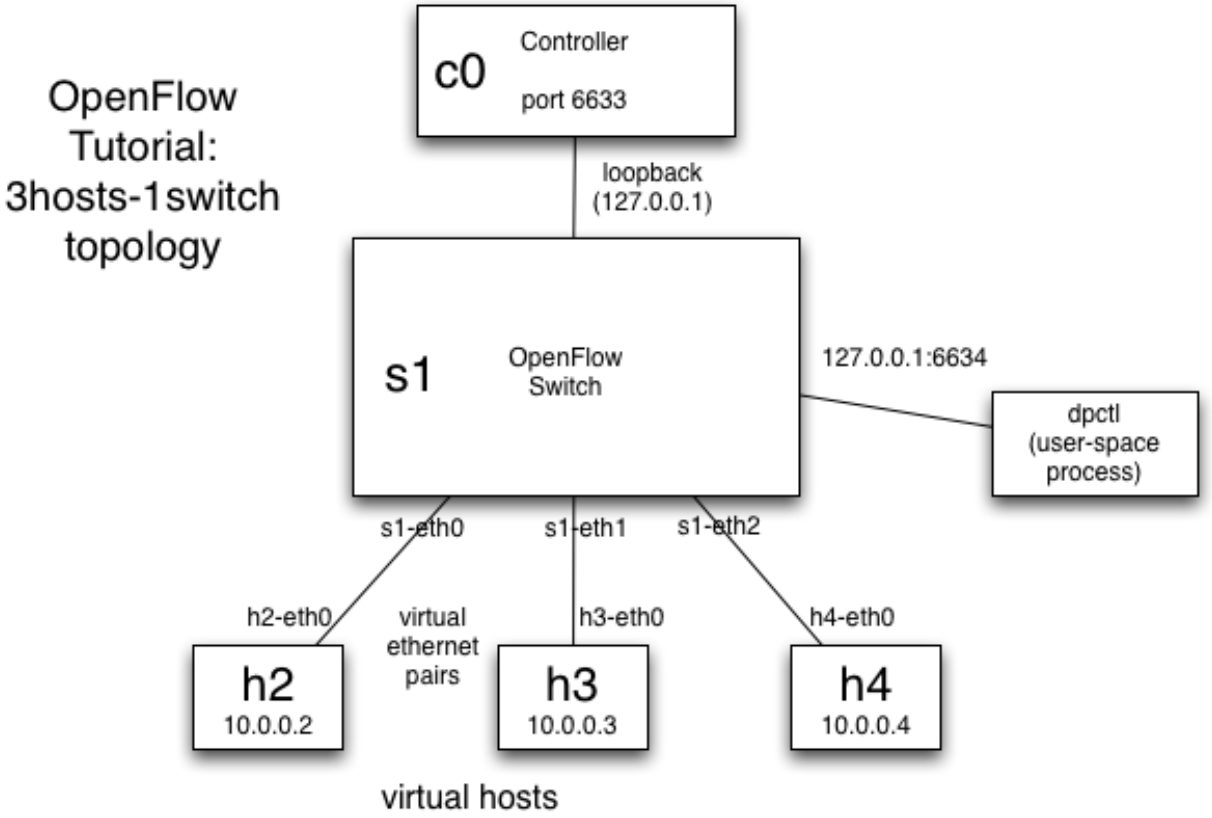


Figure source: http://www.openflow.org/wk/index.php/OpenFlow_Tutorial

Mininet Console

- Available commands in the Mininet console
  - Node and link list

mininet> ***dump***

<Host h1: h1-eth0:10.0.0.1 pid=2680>

<Host h2: h2-eth0:10.0.0.2 pid=2681>

<Host h3: h3-eth0:10.0.0.3 pid=2682>

<OVSSwitch s1: lo:127.0.0.1,s1-eth1:None,s1-eth2:None,s1-eth3:None pid=2685>

<RemoteController c0: 127.0.0.1:6633 pid=2673>

mininet> ***net***

h1 h1-eth0:s1-eth1

h2 h2-eth0:s1-eth2

h3 h3-eth0:s1-eth3

S1 lo: s1-eth1:h1-eth0 s1-eth2:h2-eth0 s1-eth3:h3-eth0

c0

Mininet Console

- Available commands in the Mininet console
  - *ifconfig* : network interface configuration
  - *ping* : send echo requests to network hosts
  - *iperf* : perform network throughput tests
  - *dpctl* : admininister OpenFlow datapaths
  - Complete list or command description:

mininet> ***help [command]***

- Exiting the Mininet console:

mininet> **exit**

- Cleaning up for restart:

***mn -c***

Mininet Console

- Some commands can be run from the different hosts that are emulated by Mininet

mininet> ***h2 ifconfig***

h2-eth0 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:00:00:00:00:02

inet addr:10.0.0.2 Bcast:10.255.255.255 Mask:255.0.0.0 …

lo Link encap:Local Loopback

inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0 …

mininet> ***h2 ping -c3 h3***

PING 10.0.0.3 (10.0.0.3) 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 10.0.0.3: icmp_req=2 ttl=64 time=0.402 ms

64 bytes from 10.0.0.3: icmp_req=3 ttl=64 time=0.077 ms

--- 10.0.0.3 ping statistics ---3 packets transmitted, 2 received, 33% packet loss, time 2006ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.077/0.239/0.402/0.163 ms

OpenFlow Datapath

- Use *dpctl* to administer OpenFlow datapaths

- Example: simple forwarding between h2 and h3
  - Identify OF switch port numbers for
    - s1-eth2 (link to h2)
    - s1-eth3 (link to h3)
  - Add flow entries
    - Incoming packets at s1-eth2 -> forward to s1-eth3
    - Incoming packets at s1-eth3 -> forward to s1-eth2
  - Check whether h3 is reachable from h2

OpenFlow Datapath

mininet> ***s1 dpctl show tcp:127.0.0.1:6634***

OFPT_FEATURES_REPLY (xid=0x2): dpid:0000000000000001

…

1(s1-eth1): addr:4e:1a:36:f9:2c:81

…

2(s1-eth2): *addr:3a:0f:c2:b0:51:68*

config: 0

state: 0

current: 10GB-FD COPPER

speed: 10000 Mbps now, 0 Mbps max

3(s1-eth3): *addr:b2:6e:a4:b4:b0:52*

config: 0

state: 0

current: 10GB-FD COPPER

speed: 10000 Mbps now, 0 Mbps max

…

OpenFlow Datapath

mininet> ***s1 dpctl add-flow tcp:127.0.0.1:6634 in_port=2,actions=output:3***

mininet> ***s1 dpctl add-flow tcp:127.0.0.1:6634 in_port=3,actions=output:2***

mininet> ***h2 ping -c3 h3***

PING 10.0.0.3 (10.0.0.3) 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 10.0.0.3: icmp_req=1 ttl=64 time=1.41 ms

64 bytes from 10.0.0.3: icmp_req=2 ttl=64 time=0.069 ms

…

--- 10.0.0.3 ping statistics ---

3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2004ms

…

mininet> ***s1 dpctl dump-flows tcp:127.0.0.1:6634***

**** s1 ----------*

NXST_FLOW reply (xid=0x4):

cookie=0x0, duration=28.007s, table=0, n_packets=5, n_bytes=378, idle_age=7, in_port=3 actions=output:2

cookie=0x0, duration=33.471s, table=0, n_packets=5, n_bytes=378, idle_age=7, in_port=2 actions=output:3

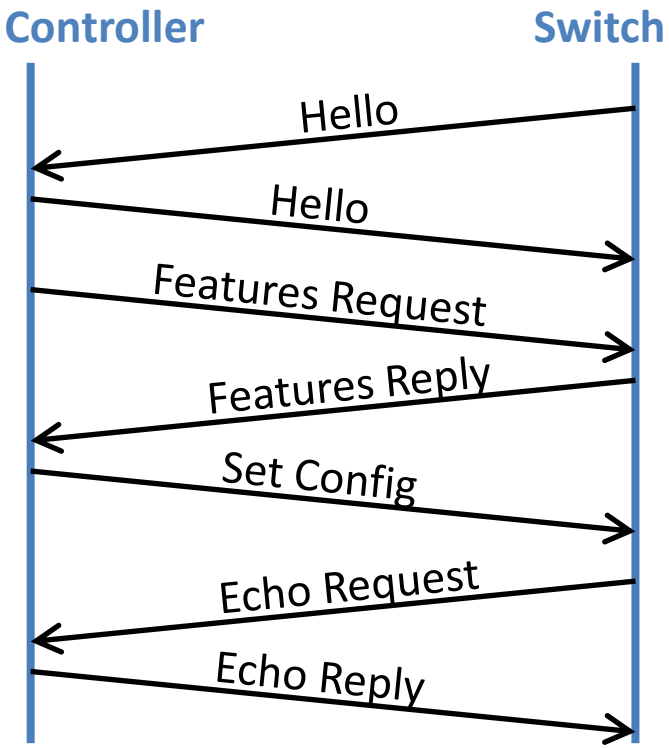
OpenFlow Messages

- Start Wireshark: # ***wireshark &***
  - Start capturing on interfaces *lo1* and s1-*
  - OF controller is on port 6633
  - Hint: filter expressions:
    - *tcp.port==6633*
    - *ip.addr==10.0.0.x*
  - Add columns for source/destination port
    - Choose “Column preferences…“ in the context menu (press right mouse button) of the existing column labels
    - Add column, then choose field type “Source port“
    - Repeat with “Destination port“

- Start OF controller:

$ cd ~/ryu

$ ./bin/ryu-manager --verbose ryu/app/simple_switch_13.py



Connection Setup:

Following the TCP handshake, the switch sends its version number to the controller.

The controller replies with its supported version number.

The controller asks to see which ports are available.

The switch replies with a list of ports, port speeds, and supported tables and actions.

The controller asks the switch to set configuration flags.

The switch checks every 5 seconds whether the controller is still alive.

OF Messages, Examples

- Symmetric
  - Hello
  - Echo (Request/Reply)
- Controller-to-Switch
  - Features (Request/Reply): switch capabilities
  - Configuration: e.g. max new flow bytes to controller
  - Modify-State: e.g. add/delete/modify flow entries and to set switch port properties
- Asynchronous
  - Packet-In, Packet-Out
  - Port-Status: e.g. link down

OpenDaylight

- Open source project
- Platform for
  - Software-Defined-Networking
  - Network Function Virtualization
- ODL project
  - Diverse sub projects / modules, APIs
  - Java-based implementation, OSGI interface
  - Southbound interfaces, e.g. OpenFlow
- Current release: Hydrogen – 3 editions: Base, Virtualization, Service Provider

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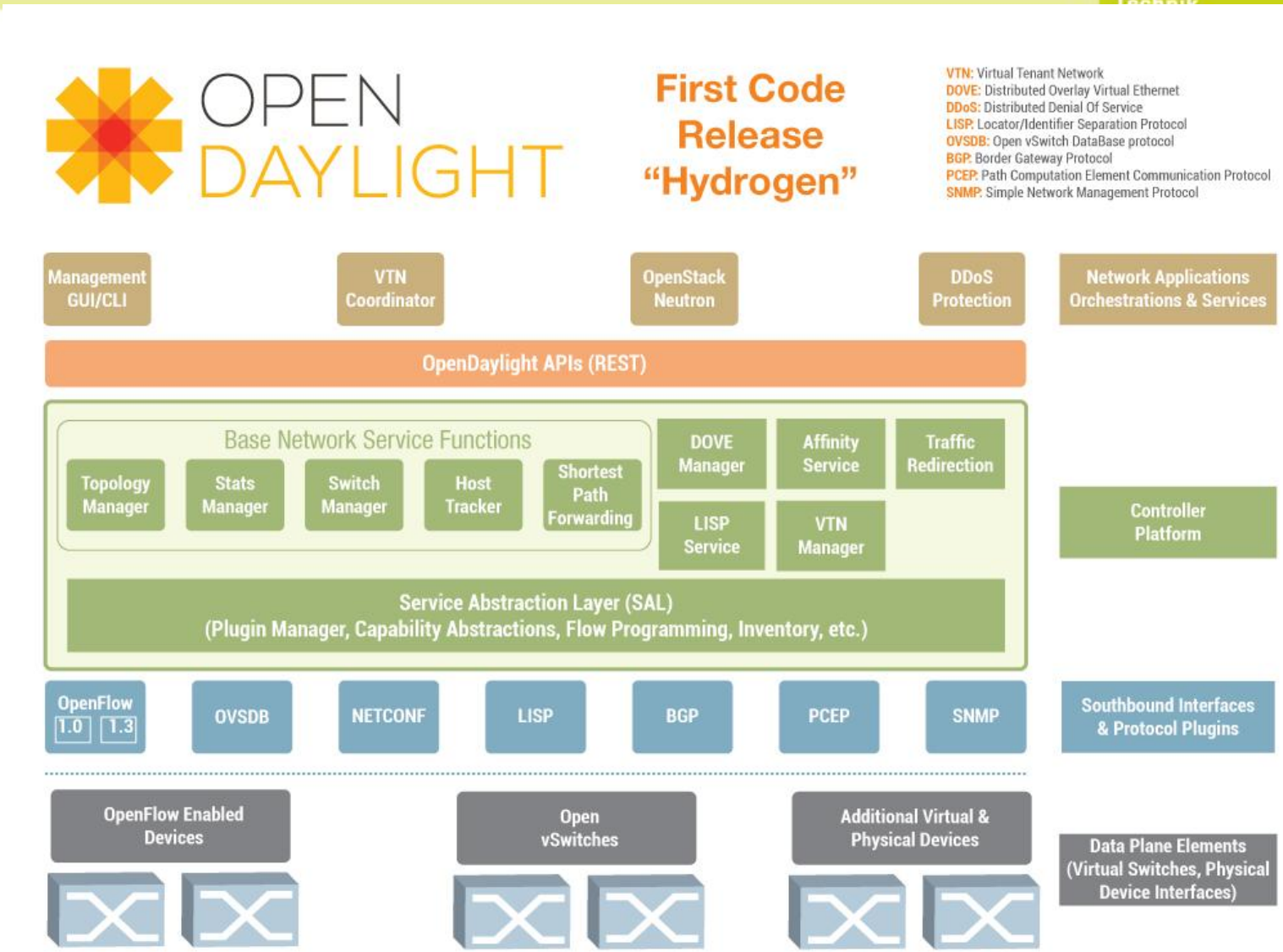
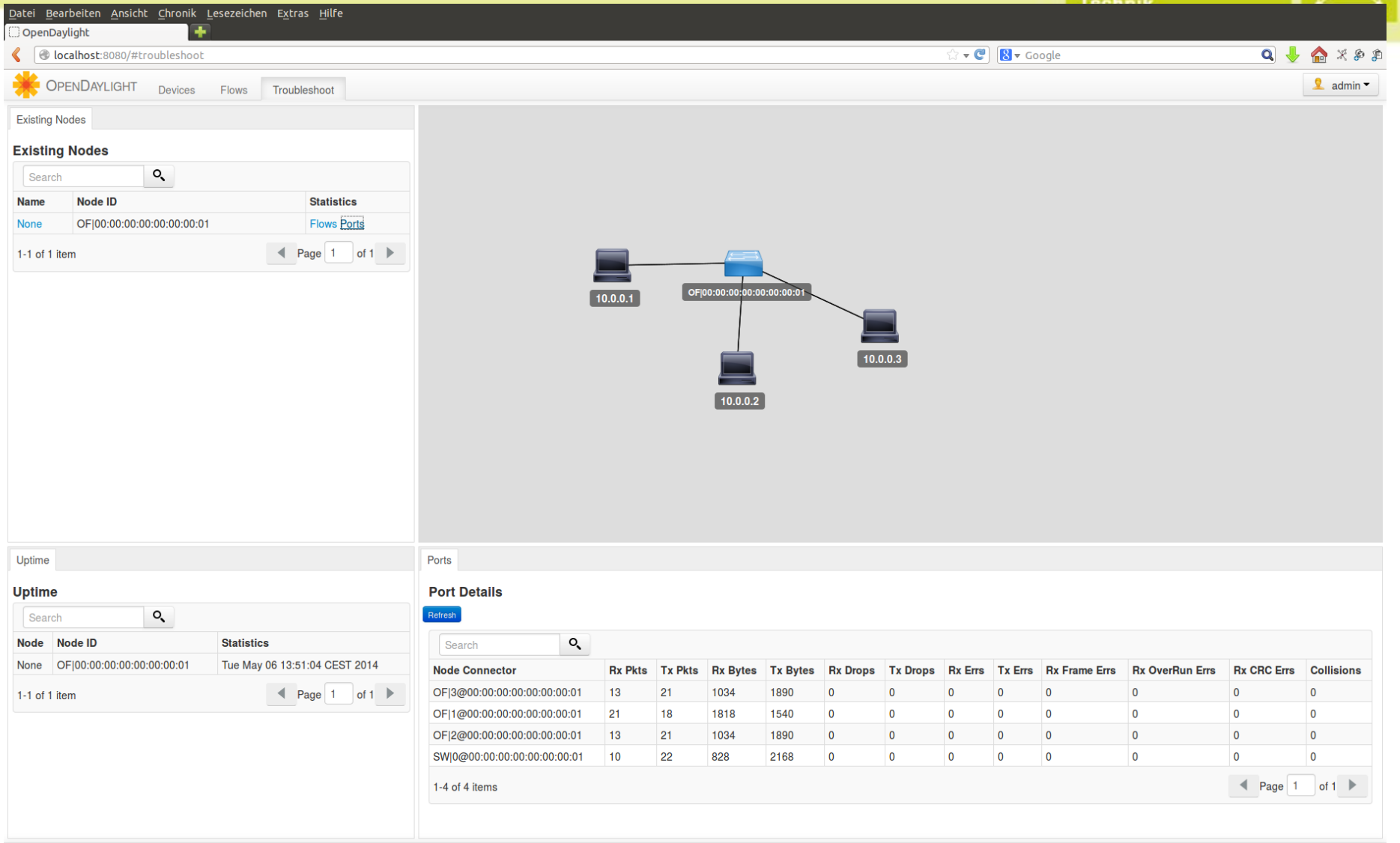


OpenDaylight GUI



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