

Undefined Fields in Floodlight

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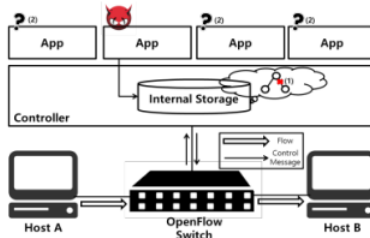
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OpenFlow

- **OpenFlow** is a **standard protocol** that allows SDN controller to control network switches.
- Using OpenFlow, each switch can receive flow rules from the controller and **determine how it handles network traffic** by storing the **flow rules** in its own **flow table**.
- By default, **the required fields (parameters)** are defined in **OpenFlow specification**.
- **The flow rule is the most important factor in controlling the entire network in SDN.**

Attacker and malicious application

- In SDN, the remote **attacker** can deploy a **malicious application** or install **malformed rules**.



checkFlow() function in StaticFlowEntryPusherResource.java (RESTful service)

- Floodlight has poor input-validation related to RESTful service.
- A network administrator (or attacker, malicious application) can install unintended flow rules in the switch by mistake.
- **It does not check any undefined parameters (fields) in OpenFlow specification.**

```
/**
 * Validates if all the mandatory fields are set properly while adding an IPv6 flow
 * @param Map containing the fields of the flow
 * @return state indicating whether a flow is valid or not
 */
private int checkFlow(Map<String, Object> rows) {
    //Declaring & Initializing flags
    int state = 0;
```