#### Dos Attack in Internetworks

Software Used: NetSim Standard v13.0 (32/64 bit), Visual Studio 2019

## **Project Download Link:**

https://github.com/NetSim-

TETCOS/DOS\_Attack\_in\_Internetworks\_v13.0/archive/refs/heads/main.zip

Follow the instructions specified in the following link to download and setup the Project in NetSim:

https://support.tetcos.com/en/support/solutions/articles/14000128666-downloading-and-setting-up-netsim-file-exchange-projects

### Introduction:

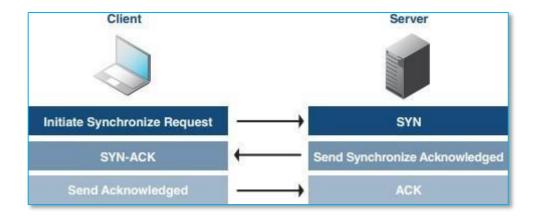
A Denial of Service (DoS) attack is an attempt to make a system unavailable to the intended user(s), such as preventing access to a website. A successful DoS attack consumes all available network or system resources, usually resulting in a slowdown or server crash. Whenever multiple sources are coordinating in the DoS attack, it becomes known as a DDoS (Distributed Denial of Service) attack. **Standard DDoS Attack types:** 

- SYN Flood
- 2. UDP Flood
- 3. SMBLoris
- 4. ICMP Flood
- 5. HTTP GET Flood

#### SYN Flood:

TCP SYN floods are DoS attacks that attempt to flood the DNS server with new TCP connection requests. Normally, a client initiates a TCP connection through a three-way handshake of messages:

- The client requests a connection by sending a SYN (synchronize) message to the server.
- The server acknowledges the request by sending SYN-ACK back to the client.
- The client answers with a responding ACK, establishing the connection.



This triple exchange is the foundation for every connection established using the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP). A SYN Flood is one of the most common forms of DDoS attacks. It occurs when an attacker sends a succession of TCP Synchronize (SYN) requests to the target in an attempt to consume enough resources to make the server unavailable for legitimate users. This works because a SYN request opens network communication between a prospective client and the target server. When the server receives a SYN request, it responds acknowledging the request and holds the communication open while it waits for the client to acknowledge the open connection. However, in a successful SYN

Flood, the client acknowledgment never arrives, thus consuming the server's resources until the connection times out. A large number of incoming SYN requests to the target server exhausts all available server resources and results in a successful DoS attack. Before implementing this project in NetSim, users have to understand the steps given below:

## 1. TCP Log file

- User need to understand the TCP log file which will get created in the temp path of NetSim <Windows Temp Folder>/NetSim>
- The TCP Log file is usually a very large file and hence is disabled by default in NetSim.
- To enable logging, go to TCP.c inside the TCP project and change the function bool isTCPlog() to return true instead of false.

# 2. At malicious node:

Create a new timer event called SYN\_FLOOD in TCP for sending TCP\_SYN packets that should be triggered for every 1000 micro seconds. This will create and send the

TCP\_SYN packet for every 1000 micro seconds. SYN request opens network communication between a client and the target **3. At Target node**:

When the target receives a SYN request, it responds acknowledging the request and holds the communication open while it waits for the client to acknowledge the open connection. If a SYN packet arrives at Receiver, it should reply with a SYN\_ACK packet. For this SYN\_ACK packet, add a processing time of 2000 micro seconds in Ethernet Physical Out. This delays the arrival of SYN\_ACK at source node. During this delay, another SYN packet will get created at the malicious node. A large number of incoming SYN requests to the target exhausts all available server resources and results in a successful DoS attack SYN\_FLOOD in NetSim:

To implement this project in NetSim, we have created SYN\_FLOOD.c file inside TCP project. The file contains the following functions:

int is\_malicious\_node();

This function is used to check the node is malicious node or not

int socket\_creation();

This function is used to create a new socket and update the socket parameters

static void send\_syn\_packet(PNETSIM\_SOCKET s);

This function is used to create and send SYN packet to the network layer

void syn flood();

This function is used to check whether the socket is present or not and also adds a timer event called SYN\_FLOOD (triggers for every 1000µs)

## Code modifications done in NetSim:

 We have added the following lines of code in fn\_NetSim\_TCP\_Trace() function present in TCP.c file inside TCP project. This is used to add the SYN\_FLOOD sub-events in Event Trace file

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TCP.c ≠ X
TCP
                                                    (Global Scope)
   125
            to get the sub event as a string.
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          __declspec (dllexport) char *fn_NetSim_TCP_Trace(int nSubEvent)
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                if (nSubEvent == SYN FLOOD)
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   130
                    return "SYN_FLOOD";
                return (GetStringTCP_Subevent(nSubEvent));
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   132
```

2. We have added the following lines of code in fn\_NetSim\_TCP\_HandleTimer() function present in

TCP.c file inside TCP project. Used to add a TCP sub\_event called SYN\_FLOOD

```
TCP.c → X
TCP
                                                (Global Scope)
         206
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          switch (pstruEventDetails->nSubEventType)
   209
               case SYN FLOOD:
   210
                  syn flood();
   211
                  break;
   212
   213
               case TCP RTO TIMEOUT:
   214
                  handle_rto_timer();
                  break;
   215
   216
               case TCP TIME WAIT TIMEOUT:
                  handle_time_wait_timeout();
   217
   218
                  break;
               default:
   219
                  fnNetSimError("Unknown subevent %d in %s\n",
   220
                                pstruEventDetails->nSubEventType,
   221
                                FUNCTION );
   222
   223
                  break;
   224
   225
               return 0;
   226
```

3. And modified the following lines of code in fn\_NetSim\_TCP\_Init() function resent in TCP.c inside TCP project

```
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    ▼ Ø fn_NetSim_TCP_Init(stru_NetSim_Network * NETWORK_Fore

    ▼ (Global Scope)

                        declspec (dllexport) int fn_NetSim_TCP_Init(struct stru_NetSim_Network* NETWORK_Formal,
NetSim_EVENTDETAILS* pstruEventDetails_Formal,
char* pszAppPath_Formal,
char* pszMyitePath_Formal,
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                               int nVersion_Type,
void** fnPointer)
                                fn_NetSim_TCP_Init_F(NETWORK_Formal,
                              pstruEventDetails Formal,
pstappPath Formal,
pstMritePath_Formal,
nVersion_Type,
fnPointer);
NetSim_EVENTDETAILS pevent;
memcpy(&pevent, pstruEventDetails, sizeof pevent);
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                                for (int i = 0; i < NETWORK->nDeviceCount; i++)
                                        if (is_malicious_node(i + 1))
                                               pevent.nDeviceId = i + 1;
pevent.dEventTime += 1000;
pevent.nEventType = TIMER_EVENT;
pevent.nSubEventType = STW_FLOOD;
pevent.nProtocolId = TX_PROTOCOL_TCP;
fnpAddEvent(&pevent);
                               }
return 0;
       112
113
114
                        This function is called by NetworkStack.dll, once simulation end to free the allocated memory for the network.
```

4. And modified the following lines of code in add\_timeout\_event() present in RTO.c file inside TCP project which avoids RTO timer for malicious nodes

5. Users can give their own number of malicious node in TCP.h file inside TCP project

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6. Users can give their own target ID and malicious ID in **SYN\_FLOOD.c** file inside TCP project

```
SYN_flood.c ⊅ ×
TCP
                                                  (Global Scope)
            #include "TCP.h"
     16
            #include "List.h"
     17
            #include "TCP_Header.h"
     18
            #include "TCP_Enum.h"
    19
     20
            int malicious_node[NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE] = {8, 9};
    21
            static void send_syn_packet(PNETSIM_SOCKET s);
    22
            //static PNETSIM_SOCKET socket_creation();
    23
     24
            int target_node = 4;
     25
           PNETSIM_SOCKET get_Remotesocket(NETSIM_ID d, PSOCKETADDRESS addr);
            static PSOCKETADDRESS sockAddr = NULL;
     26
     27
     28
          mint is_malicious_node(NETSIM_ID devid)
     29
            {
                for (int i = 0; i < NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE; i++)</pre>
     30
                    if (devid == malicious_node[i]) return 1;
     31
     32
     33
                return 0;
           }
     34
     35
```

 Added the following line in TCP\_Enum.h file inside TCP project to add a new TCP\_subevent called SYN\_FLOOD

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#include "EnumString.h"

BEGIN_ENUM(TCP_Subevent)

{
DECL_ENUM_ELEMENT_WITH_VAL(TCP_RTO_TIMEOUT, TX_PROTOCOL_TCP * 100),
DECL_ENUM_ELEMENT(SYN_FLOOD),
}

#pragma warning(disable:4028)
END_ENUM(TCP_Subevent);
#pragma warning(default:4028)
```

8. SYN FLOOD.c file contains the following functions

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            #include "TCP.h"
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            #include "List.h"
            #include "TCP_Header.h"
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            #include "TCP_Enum.h"
     20
            int malicious_node[NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE] = {8, 9};
     21
            static void send_syn_packet(PNETSIM_SOCKET s);
     22
            //static PNETSIM SOCKET socket creation();
     23
     24
            int target_node = 4;
            PNETSIM_SOCKET get_Remotesocket(NETSIM_ID d, PSOCKETADDRESS addr);
     25
     26
            static PSOCKETADDRESS sockAddr = NULL;
     27
           int is_malicious_node(NETSIM_ID devid)
     28
     29
                 for (int i = 0; i < NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE; i++)</pre>
     30
                     if (devid == malicious_node[i]) return 1;
     31
     32
     33
                return 0;
     34
     35
```

```
™ TCP
                                                                                             → (Global Scope)
    67
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☐static void send_syn_packet(PNETSIM_SOCKET s)

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    70
                letSim_PACKET* syn = create_syn(s, pstruEventDetails->dEventTime);
    71
    72
    73
               s->tcb->SND.UNA = s->tcb->ISS;
    74
               s->tcb->SND.NXT = s->tcb->ISS + 1;
               tcp_change_state(s, TCPCONNECTION_SYN_SENT);
    75
    76
    77
               s->tcb->synRetries++;
    78
    79
               s->tcpMetrics->synSent++;
    80
               send_to_network(syn, s);
    81
    82
               add_timeout_event(s, syn);
    83
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```

9. Added PROCESSING\_TIME macro in Ethernet.h file inside ETHERNET project

```
Ethernet.h 🕫 🗙
1 Ethernet
                                                     (Global Scope)
            #pragma comment(lib,"Metrics.lib"
    23
            #pragma comment (lib, "libTCP")
            #define isETHConfigured(d,i) (DEVICE_MACLAYER(d,i)->nMacProtocolId == MAC_PROTOCOL_IEEE802_3)
    24
    25
                //Global variable
                PNETSIM_MACADDRESS multicastSPTMAC;
    26
    27
    28
            #define ETH_IFG 0.960 //Micro sec
    29
    30 4
            #define Processing_TIME 1000
    31
    32
                 typedef enum enum_eth_packet
    33
                     ETH CONFIGBPDU = MAC PROTOCOL IEEE802 3 * 100 + 1,
    34
    35
                }ETH_PACKET;
    36
    37
                /** Enumeration for Switching Technique */
    38
                typedef enum enum_SwitchingTechnique
    39
    40
                     SWITCHINGTECHNIQUE_NULL,
    41
                     SWITCHINGTECHNIQUE_STORE_FORWARD,
    42
                     SWITCHINGTECHNIQUE_CUT_THROUGH,
                    SWITCHINGTECHNIQUE_FRAGMENT_FREE,
    43
    44
                }SWITCHING_TECHNIQUE;
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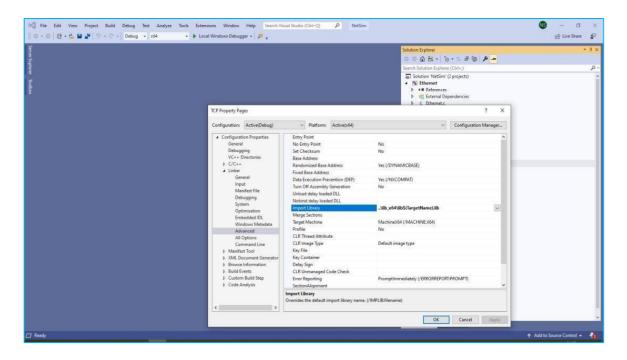
10. Modified the following lines of code in fn\_NetSim\_Ethernet\_HandlePhyOut() function present in Ethernet\_Phy.c file inside Ethernet project.

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Ethernet_Phy.c* → ×
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4 Ethernet
                                                     (Global Scope)

        • fn_NetSim_Ethernet_HandlePhyOut()

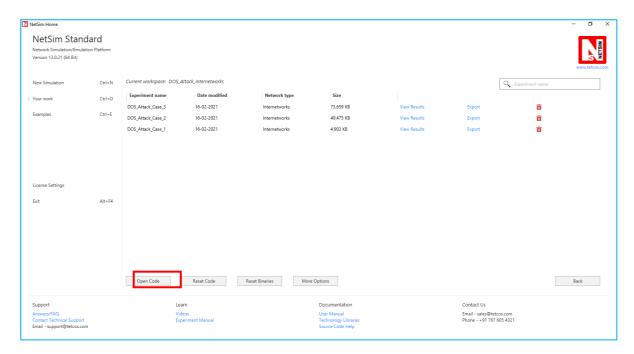
           if (!packet)
               return 2; // No packet is there for transmission
           double start;
           if (pstruEventDetails->nDeviceId == target_node && (packet->nControlDataType == 40102 || packet->nControlDataType == 40105))
               if (phy->lastPacketEndTime + phy->IFG <= pstruEventDetails->dEventTime)
                   start = pstruEventDetails->dEventTime + Processing_TIME;
                   start = phy->lastPacketEndTime + phy->IFG + Processing_TIME;
           else
               if (phy->lastPacketEndTime + phy->IFG <= pstruEventDetails->dEventTime)
                   start = pstruEventDetails->dEventTime;
               else
                   start = phy->lastPacketEndTime + phy->IFG;
```

- 11. Right click on TCP project □ Properties □ Linker □ Advanced □ import library 32-bit and 64-bit
  - ..\lib\lib\$(TargetName).lib or ..\lib\_x64\lib\$(TargetName).lib

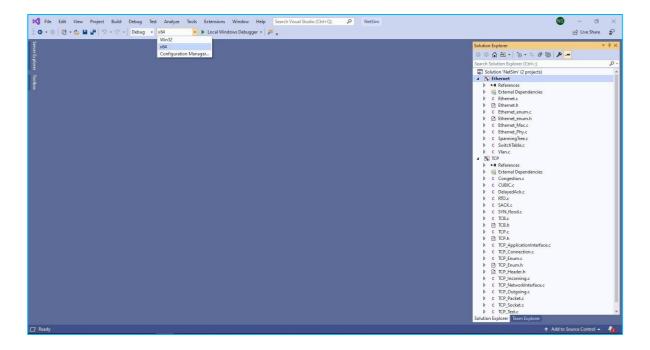


## Steps:

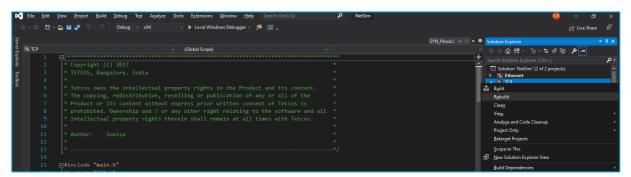
1. Open the Source codes in Visual Studio by going to Your work-> Workspace Options and Clicking on Open code button as shown below:



- 2. Under the TCP project in the solution explorer you will be able to see that SYN\_FLOOD.c file.
- **3.** Based on whether you are using NetSim 32 bit or 64 bit setup you can configure Visual studio to build 32 bit or 64 bit Dll files respectively as shown below:



**4.** Right click on the solution in the solution explorer and select Rebuild. (Note: first rebuild the TCP project and then rebuild the Ethernet project)



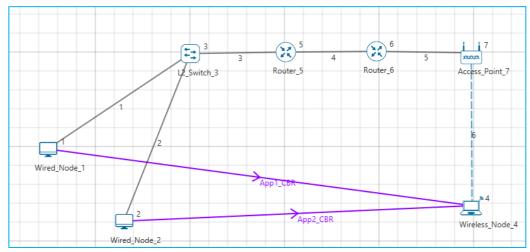
**5.** Upon successful build modified libTCP.dll and libEthernet.dll file gets automatically updated in the directory containing NetSim binaries.

# **Case-1: Without Malicious Node**

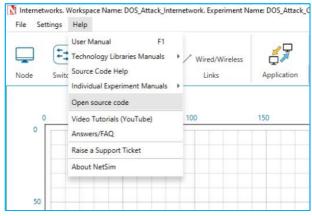
1. Then DOS\_Attack\_Internetworks comes with a sample configuration that is already saved. To open this example, go to Your work and click on the DOS\_Attack\_Case\_1 that is present under the list of experiments as shown below:



2. The saved network scenario consisting of 2 Wired Nodes, 1 L2 Switch, 2 router, 1 Access Point and 1 wireless node in the grid environment forming a internetworks Network. Traffic is configured from Wired node to the Wireless node.



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4. In TCP.h set NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE as 1.

```
TCP.h ⇒ × RTO.c
™ TCP
                                                           (Global Scope)
            #pragma comment (lib, "NetworkStack.lib")
    45
                _declspec(dllexport) target_node;
    46
    47
    48
                //USEFUL MACRO
    49
            #define isTCPConfigured(d) (DEVICE TRXLayer(d) && DEVICE TRXLayer(d)->isTCP)
    50
    51
           #define isTCPControl(p) (p->nControlDataType/100 == TX_PROTOCOL_TCP)
    52
    53
                //Constant
            #define TCP_DupThresh
    54
    55
           #define NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE 1
                int is_malicious_node(NETSIM_ID devid);
```

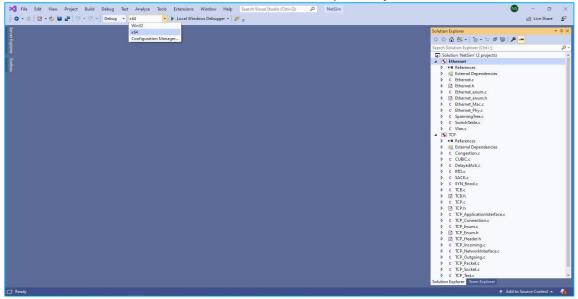
5. In SYN\_FLOOD.c set malicious node as 0.

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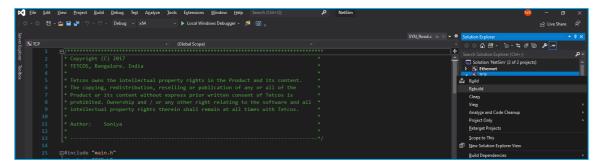
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            * intellectual property rights therein shall remain at all times with Tetcos.
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          ⊟#include "main.h"
            #include "TCP.h"
    16
            #include "List.h"
    17
            #include "TCP_Header.h"
    18
            #include "TCP_Enum.h"
    19
    20
            int malicious_node[NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE] = { 0 };
    21
    22
            static void send_syn_packet(PNETSIM_SOCKET s);
            //static PNETSIM_SOCKET socket_creation();
    23
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**6.** Based on whether you are using NetSim 32 bit or 64 bit setup you can configure Visual studio to build 32 bit or 64 bit DII files respectively as shown below:



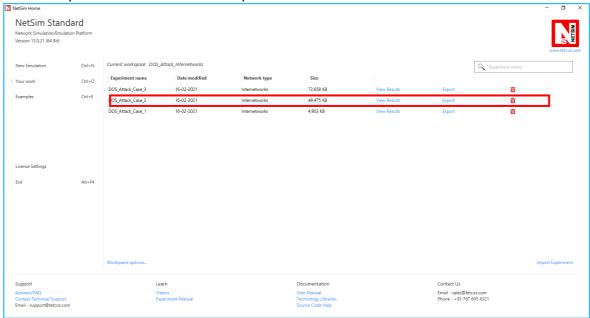
**7.** Right click on the solution in the solution explorer and select Rebuild. (Note: first rebuild the TCP project and then rebuild the Ethernet project)



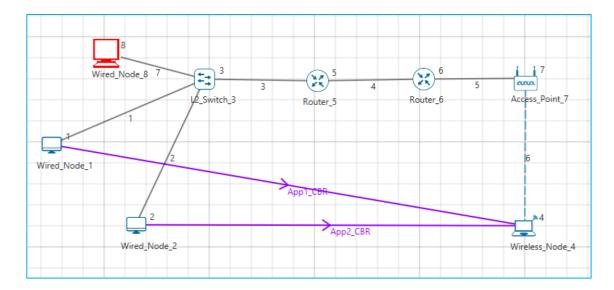
- **8.** Upon successful build modified libTCP.dll and libEthernet.dll file gets automatically updated in the directory containing NetSim binaries.
- 9. Run the simulation for 10 seconds.

## Case-2: With one Malicious Node

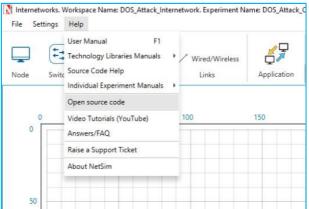
1. Then DOS\_Attack\_Internetworks comes with a sample configuration that is already saved. To open this example, go to Your work and click on the DOS\_Attack\_Case\_2 that is present under the list of experiments as shown below:



2. The saved network scenario consisting of 3 Wired Nodes, 1 L2 Switch, 2 router, 1 Access Point and 1 wireless node in the grid environment forming a internetworks Network. Traffic is configured from Wired node to the Wireless node.



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4. In TCP.h set NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE as 1.

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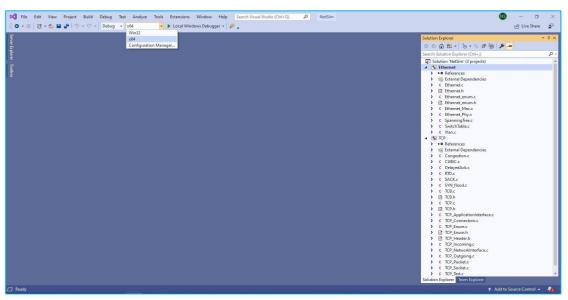
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            #pragma comment (lib,"NetworkStack.lib")
    44
                _declspec(dllexport) target_node;
    47
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    49
                //USEFUL MACRO
            #define isTCPConfigured(d) (DEVICE_TRXLayer(d) && DEVICE_TRXLayer(d)->isTCP)
    50
            #define isTCPControl(p) (p->nControlDataType/100 == TX_PROTOCOL_TCP)
    51
    52
                //Constant
    53
            #define TCP_DupThresh 3
    54
            #define NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE 1
    55 1
    56
                int is_malicious_node(NETSIM_ID devid);
```

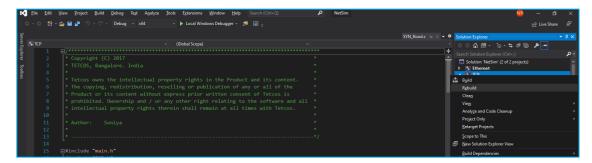
5. In SYN\_FLOOD.c set malicious node as 8.

```
TCP.h
           SYN_flood.c + X
TCP TCP
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    14
    15
          ⊟#include "main.h"
            #include "TCP.h"
    16
            #include "List.h"
    17
            #include "TCP_Header.h"
    18
           #include "TCP_Enum.h"
    19
     20
         int malicious_node[NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE] = { 8 };
     21
            static void send_syn_packet(PNETSIM_SOCKET s);
     22
     23
            //static PNETSIM_SOCKET socket_creation();
     24
            int target node = 4;
     25
            PNETSIM_SOCKET get_Remotesocket(NETSIM_ID d, PSOCKETADDRESS addr);
     26
            static PSOCKETADDRESS sockAddr = NULL;
```

**6.** Based on whether you are using NetSim 32 bit or 64 bit setup you can configure Visual studio to build 32 bit or 64 bit Dll files respectively as shown below:



7. Right click on the solution in the solution explorer and select Rebuild. (Note: first rebuild the TCP project and then rebuild the Ethernet project)



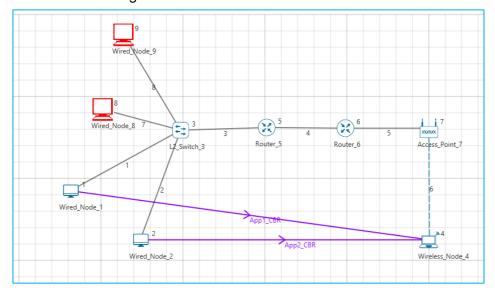
- **8.** Upon successful build modified libTCP.dll and libEthernet.dll file gets automatically updated in the directory containing NetSim binaries.
- **9.** Run the simulation for 10 seconds.

## **Case-3: With two Malicious Node**

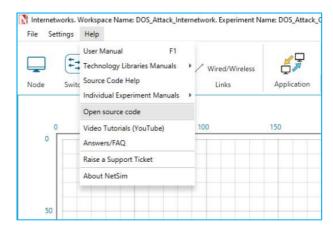
1. Then DOS\_Attack\_Internetworks comes with a sample configuration that is already saved. To open this example, go to your work and click on the DOS\_Attack\_Case\_3 that is present under the list of experiments as shown below:



2. The saved network scenario consisting of 4 Wired Nodes, 1 L2 Switch, 2 router, 1 Access Point and 1 wireless node in the grid environment forming a internetworks Network. Traffic is configured from Wired node to the Wireless node.



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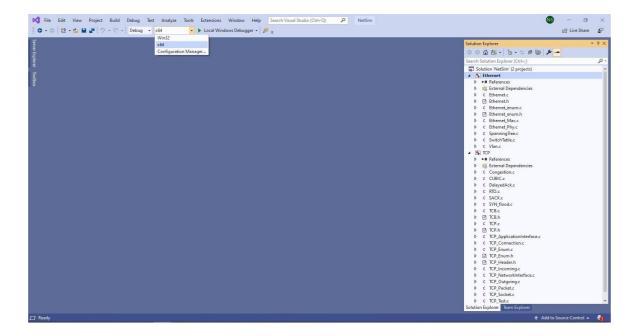
4. In TCP.h set NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE as 2.

```
SYN_flood.c*
               TCP.h* ≠ × RTO.c
TCP
                                                           (Global Scope)
     43
            #pragma comment (lib, "NetworkStack.lib")
     11
     45
                _declspec(dllexport) target_node;
     46
     47
     48
                //USEFUL MACRO
     49
            #define isTCPConfigured(d) (DEVICE_TRXLayer(d) && DEVICE_TRXLayer(d)->isTCP)
     50
            #define isTCPControl(p) (p->nControlDataType/100 == TX_PROTOCOL_TCP)
     51
     52
                //Constant
     53
     54
            #define TCP_DupThresh 3
            #define NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE 2
     55 1
                int is_malicious_node(NETSIM_ID devid);
     56
     57
                typedef struct stru_TCP_Socket NETSIM_SOCKET, *PNETSIM_SOCKET;
     58
```

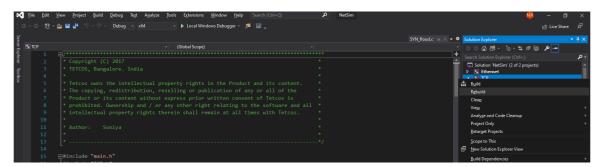
5. In SYN\_FLOOD.c set malicious node as 8, 9.

```
TCP.h*
            SYN_flood.c* + X
TCP
                                                     (Global Scope)
    10
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            * Author:
                          Soniya
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    14
          ∃#include "main.h"
    15
            #include "TCP.h"
    16
            #include "List.h"
    17
            #include "TCP_Header.h"
    18
           #include "TCP Enum.h"
    19
    20
            int malicious_node[NUMBEROFMALICIOUSNODE] = {8, 9};
    21
            static void send syn packet(PNETSIM SOCKET s);
    22
            //static PNETSIM_SOCKET socket_creation();
    23
            int target node = 4;
```

**6.** Based on whether you are using NetSim 32 bit or 64 bit setup you can configure Visual studio to build 32 bit or 64 bit Dll files respectively as shown below:



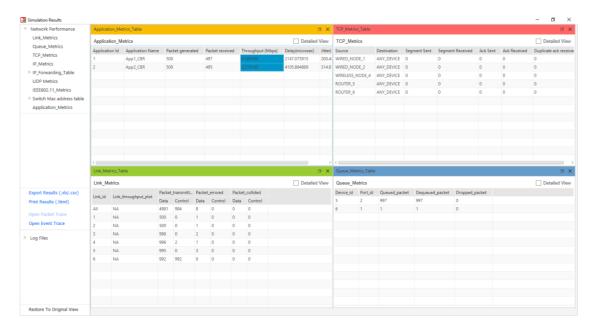
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- 9. Run the simulation for 10 seconds.

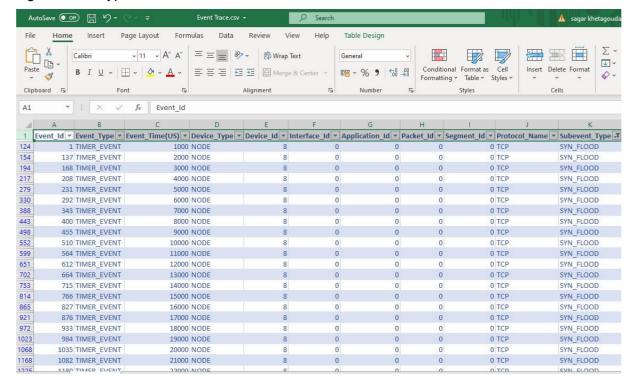
# Result:

After simulation, open metrics window and observe the Application\_Throughput is decreasing for both applications as we increase the malicious node because of the SYN flood sent from the malicious node. In case 1 there is no malicious node so there will be no SYN\_FLOOD packets.



	Throughput_APP1 (Mbps)	Throughput_APP2 (Mbps)
Case-1: Malicious Node =0	0.5805	0.5782
Case-2: Malicious Node =1	0.5233	0.5186
Case-3: Malicious Node =2	0.2873	0.2862

Go to the result window open Event trace, user can find out the SYN\_FLOOD packets via filting subevent type as SYN\_FLOOD.



**Note:** Users can also create their own network scenarios in Internetworks and run simulation.