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Name of Experiments: TCP and Router Queues.

Objective:

- For TCP and router queues, create a simple dumbbell topology with two client node1, node 2 on the left side and node3 and node4 in the right side.
- Let Node5 and Node6 form the bridge of the dumbbell. Use point to point links.
- Add drop tail queues of size QueueSize5 and QueueSize6 to Node5 and Node5 and Node6.
- Install a TCP socket instance on Node1 that will connect to Node3
- Install a TCP socket instance on Node2 that will connect to Node3
- Also Install a TCP socket instance on Node2 that will connect to Node4.
- Install a UDP socket instance on Node2 that will connect to Node4.
- Start Node1--Node3 flow at time 1s, then measure it's throughput.
- Start Node2--Node3 and Node2--Node4 flows at time 15s, measure their throughput.
- Measure packet loss and cwnd size, and plot graphs throughput/time, cwnd/time and packet loss/time for each of the flows.
- Use the ns-3 tracing mechanism to record changes in congestion window size of the TCP instance over time.
- Mark points of fast recovery and slow start in the graphs.
- Perform the above experiment for TCP variants Tahoe, Reno and New Reno, all of which are available with ns-3.

Source Code:

// This example serves as a benchmark for all the queue discs (with BQL enabled or not)

//

// Network topology

//

//   192.168.1.0   192.168.2.0

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// n1 --------------------------------- n2 --------------------------------- n3
//   point-to-point (access link)          point-to-point (bottleneck link)
//   100 Mbps, 0.1 ms                      bandwidth [10 Mbps], delay [5 ms]
//   qdiscs PfifoFast with capacity        qdiscs queueDiscType in {PfifoFast, ARED,
CoDel, FqCoDel, PIE} [PfifoFast]
//   of 1000 packets                       with capacity of queueDiscSize packets [1000]
//   netdevices queues with size of 100 packets  netdevices queues with size of
netdevicesQueueSize packets [100]
//   without BQL                           bql BQL [false]
//   *** fixed configuration ***
//
// Two TCP flows are generated: one from n1 to n3 and the other from n3 to n1.
// Additionally, n1 pings n3, so that the RTT can be measured.
//
// The output will consist of a number of ping Rtt such as:
//
//    /NodeList/0/ApplicationList/2/$ns3::V4Ping/Rtt=111 ms
//    /NodeList/0/ApplicationList/2/$ns3::V4Ping/Rtt=111 ms
//    /NodeList/0/ApplicationList/2/$ns3::V4Ping/Rtt=110 ms
//    /NodeList/0/ApplicationList/2/$ns3::V4Ping/Rtt=111 ms
//    /NodeList/0/ApplicationList/2/$ns3::V4Ping/Rtt=111 ms
//    /NodeList/0/ApplicationList/2/$ns3::V4Ping/Rtt=112 ms
//    /NodeList/0/ApplicationList/2/$ns3::V4Ping/Rtt=111 ms
//
// The files output will consist of a trace file with bytes in queue and of a trace file for
limits
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// (when BQL is enabled) both for bottleneck NetDevice on n2, two files with upload and download

// goodput for flows configuration and a file with flow monitor stats.

//

// If you use an AQM as queue disc on the bottleneck netdevices, you can observe that the ping Rtt

// decrease. A further decrease can be observed when you enable BQL.

```cpp
#include "ns3/core-module.h"

#include "ns3/network-module.h"

#include "ns3/internet-module.h"

#include "ns3/point-to-point-module.h"

#include "ns3/applications-module.h"

#include "ns3/internet-apps-module.h"

#include "ns3/traffic-control-module.h"

#include "ns3/flow-monitor-module.h"


using namespace ns3;


NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("BenchmarkQueueDiscs");


void
LimitsTrace (Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> stream, uint32_t oldVal, uint32_t newVal)
{
  *stream->GetStream () << Simulator::Now ().GetSeconds () << " " << newVal << std::endl;
```

```cpp
}


void

BytesInQueueTrace (Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> stream, uint32_t oldVal, uint32_t
newVal)

{

  *stream->GetStream () << Simulator::Now ().GetSeconds () << " " << newVal <<
std::endl;

}


static void

GoodputSampling (std::string fileName, ApplicationContainer app,
Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> stream, float period)

{

  Simulator::Schedule (Seconds (period), &GoodputSampling, fileName, app, stream,
period);

  double goodput;

  uint64_t totalPackets = DynamicCast<PacketSink> (app.Get (0))->GetTotalRx ();

  goodput = totalPackets * 8 / (Simulator::Now ().GetSeconds () * 1024); // Kbit/s

  *stream->GetStream () << Simulator::Now ().GetSeconds () << " " << goodput <<
std::endl;

}


static void PingRtt (std::string context, Time rtt)

{

  std::cout << context << "=" << rtt.GetMilliSeconds () << " ms" << std::endl;

}
```

```cpp
int main (int argc, char *argv[])

{

  std::string bandwidth = "10Mbps";

  std::string delay = "5ms";

  std::string queueDiscType = "PfifoFast";

  uint32_t queueDiscSize = 1000;

  uint32_t netdevicesQueueSize = 50;

  bool bql = false;


  std::string flowsDatarate = "20Mbps";

  uint32_t flowsPacketsSize = 1000;


  float startTime = 0.1f; // in s

  float simDuration = 60;

  float samplingPeriod = 1;


  CommandLine cmd;

  cmd.AddValue ("bandwidth", "Bottleneck bandwidth", bandwidth);

  cmd.AddValue ("delay", "Bottleneck delay", delay);

  cmd.AddValue ("queueDiscType", "Bottleneck queue disc type in {PfifoFast, ARED,
CoDel, FqCoDel, PIE, prio}", queueDiscType);

  cmd.AddValue ("queueDiscSize", "Bottleneck queue disc size in packets",
queueDiscSize);

  cmd.AddValue ("netdevicesQueueSize", "Bottleneck netdevices queue size in
packets", netdevicesQueueSize);
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```cpp
cmd.AddValue ("bql", "Enable byte queue limits on bottleneck netdevices", bql);

cmd.AddValue ("flowsDatarate", "Upload and download flows datarate",
flowsDatarate);

cmd.AddValue ("flowsPacketsSize", "Upload and download flows packets sizes",
flowsPacketsSize);

cmd.AddValue ("startTime", "Simulation start time", startTime);

cmd.AddValue ("simDuration", "Simulation duration in seconds", simDuration);

cmd.AddValue ("samplingPeriod", "Goodput sampling period in seconds",
samplingPeriod);

cmd.Parse (argc, argv);


float stopTime = startTime + simDuration;


// Create nodes
NodeContainer n1, n2, n3;
n1.Create (1);
n2.Create (1);
n3.Create (1);


// Create and configure access link and bottleneck link
PointToPointHelper accessLink;
accessLink.SetDeviceAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue ("100Mbps"));
accessLink.SetChannelAttribute ("Delay", StringValue ("0.1ms"));


PointToPointHelper bottleneckLink;
bottleneckLink.SetDeviceAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue (bandwidth));
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bottleneckLink.SetChannelAttribute ("Delay", StringValue (delay));


InternetStackHelper stack;

stack.InstallAll ();


// Access link traffic control configuration

TrafficControlHelper tchPfifoFastAccess;

tchPfifoFastAccess.SetRootQueueDisc ("ns3::PfifoFastQueueDisc", "MaxSize",
StringValue ("1000p"));


// Bottleneck link traffic control configuration

TrafficControlHelper tchBottleneck;


if (queueDiscType.compare ("PfifoFast") == 0)
  {
    tchBottleneck.SetRootQueueDisc ("ns3::PfifoFastQueueDisc", "MaxSize",

                       QueueSizeValue (QueueSize (QueueSizeUnit::PACKETS,
queueDiscSize)));
  }
else if (queueDiscType.compare ("ARED") == 0)
  {
    tchBottleneck.SetRootQueueDisc ("ns3::RedQueueDisc");

    Config::SetDefault ("ns3::RedQueueDisc::ARED", BooleanValue (true));

    Config::SetDefault ("ns3::RedQueueDisc::MaxSize",

                QueueSizeValue (QueueSize (QueueSizeUnit::PACKETS,
queueDiscSize)));
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    }
  else if (queueDiscType.compare ("CoDel") == 0)
    {
      tchBottleneck.SetRootQueueDisc ("ns3::CoDelQueueDisc");

      Config::SetDefault ("ns3::CoDelQueueDisc::MaxSize",

                    QueueSizeValue (QueueSize (QueueSizeUnit::PACKETS,
queueDiscSize)));
    }
  else if (queueDiscType.compare ("FqCoDel") == 0)
    {
      tchBottleneck.SetRootQueueDisc ("ns3::FqCoDelQueueDisc");

      Config::SetDefault ("ns3::FqCoDelQueueDisc::MaxSize",

                    QueueSizeValue (QueueSize (QueueSizeUnit::PACKETS,
queueDiscSize)));
    }
  else if (queueDiscType.compare ("PIE") == 0)
    {
      tchBottleneck.SetRootQueueDisc ("ns3::PieQueueDisc");

      Config::SetDefault ("ns3::PieQueueDisc::MaxSize",

                    QueueSizeValue (QueueSize (QueueSizeUnit::PACKETS,
queueDiscSize)));
    }
  else if (queueDiscType.compare ("prio") == 0)
    {
      uint16_t handle = tchBottleneck.SetRootQueueDisc ("ns3::PrioQueueDisc",
"Priomap",

                              StringValue ("0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1"));
```

```cpp
    TrafficControlHelper::ClassIdList cid = tchBottleneck.AddQueueDiscClasses
(handle, 2, "ns3::QueueDiscClass");

    tchBottleneck.AddChildQueueDisc (handle, cid[0], "ns3::FifoQueueDisc");

    tchBottleneck.AddChildQueueDisc (handle, cid[1], "ns3::RedQueueDisc");

  }

 else

  {

    NS_ABORT_MSG ("--queueDiscType not valid");

  }


 if (bql)

  {

    tchBottleneck.SetQueueLimits ("ns3::DynamicQueueLimits");

  }


Config::SetDefault ("ns3::QueueBase::MaxSize", StringValue ("100p"));


NetDeviceContainer devicesAccessLink = accessLink.Install (n1.Get (0), n2.Get (0));

tchPfifoFastAccess.Install (devicesAccessLink);

Ipv4AddressHelper address;

address.SetBase ("192.168.0.0", "255.255.255.0");

address.NewNetwork ();

Ipv4InterfaceContainer interfacesAccess = address.Assign (devicesAccessLink);


 Config::SetDefault ("ns3::QueueBase::MaxSize", StringValue (std::to_string
(netdevicesQueueSize) + "p"));
```

```cpp
  NetDeviceContainer devicesBottleneckLink = bottleneckLink.Install (n2.Get (0), n3.Get
(0));

  QueueDiscContainer qdiscs;

  qdiscs = tchBottleneck.Install (devicesBottleneckLink);


  address.NewNetwork ();

  Ipv4InterfaceContainer interfacesBottleneck = address.Assign
(devicesBottleneckLink);


  Ptr<NetDeviceQueueInterface> interface = devicesBottleneckLink.Get (0)-
>GetObject<NetDeviceQueueInterface> ();

  Ptr<NetDeviceQueue> queueInterface = interface->GetTxQueue (0);

  Ptr<DynamicQueueLimits> queueLimits = StaticCast<DynamicQueueLimits>
(queueInterface->GetQueueLimits ());


  AsciiTraceHelper ascii;

  if (bql)

    {

      queueDiscType = queueDiscType + "-bql";

      Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> streamLimits = ascii.CreateFileStream (queueDiscType
+ "-limits.txt");

      queueLimits->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("Limit",MakeBoundCallback
(&LimitsTrace, streamLimits));

    }

  Ptr<Queue<Packet> > queue = StaticCast<PointToPointNetDevice>
(devicesBottleneckLink.Get (0))->GetQueue ();
```

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Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> streamBytesInQueue = ascii.CreateFileStream
(queueDiscType + "-bytesInQueue.txt");

queue->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("BytesInQueue",MakeBoundCallback
(&BytesInQueueTrace, streamBytesInQueue));


Ipv4InterfaceContainer n1Interface;

n1Interface.Add (interfacesAccess.Get (0));


Ipv4InterfaceContainer n3Interface;

n3Interface.Add (interfacesBottleneck.Get (1));


Ipv4GlobalRoutingHelper::PopulateRoutingTables ();


Config::SetDefault ("ns3::TcpSocket::SegmentSize", UintegerValue
(flowsPacketsSize));


// Flows configuration

// Bidirectional TCP streams with ping like flent tcp_bidirectional test.

uint16_t port = 7;

ApplicationContainer uploadApp, downloadApp, sourceApps;

// Configure and install upload flow

Address addUp (InetSocketAddress (Ipv4Address::GetAny (), port));

PacketSinkHelper sinkHelperUp ("ns3::TcpSocketFactory", addUp);

sinkHelperUp.SetAttribute ("Protocol", TypeIdValue (TcpSocketFactory::GetTypeId
()));

uploadApp.Add (sinkHelperUp.Install (n3));
```

```cpp
  InetSocketAddress socketAddressUp = InetSocketAddress (n3Interface.GetAddress
(0), port);

  OnOffHelper onOffHelperUp ("ns3::TcpSocketFactory", Address ());

  onOffHelperUp.SetAttribute ("Remote", AddressValue (socketAddressUp));

  onOffHelperUp.SetAttribute ("OnTime", StringValue
("ns3::ConstantRandomVariable[Constant=1]"));

  onOffHelperUp.SetAttribute ("OffTime", StringValue
("ns3::ConstantRandomVariable[Constant=0]"));

  onOffHelperUp.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UintegerValue (flowsPacketsSize));

  onOffHelperUp.SetAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue (flowsDatarate));

  sourceApps.Add (onOffHelperUp.Install (n1));


  port = 8;

  // Configure and install download flow

  Address addDown (InetSocketAddress (Ipv4Address::GetAny (), port));

  PacketSinkHelper sinkHelperDown ("ns3::TcpSocketFactory", addDown);

  sinkHelperDown.SetAttribute ("Protocol", TypeIdValue (TcpSocketFactory::GetTypeId
()));

  downloadApp.Add (sinkHelperDown.Install (n1));


  InetSocketAddress socketAddressDown = InetSocketAddress
(n1Interface.GetAddress (0), port);

  OnOffHelper onOffHelperDown ("ns3::TcpSocketFactory", Address ());

  onOffHelperDown.SetAttribute ("Remote", AddressValue (socketAddressDown));

  onOffHelperDown.SetAttribute ("OnTime", StringValue
("ns3::ConstantRandomVariable[Constant=1]"));

  onOffHelperDown.SetAttribute ("OffTime", StringValue
("ns3::ConstantRandomVariable[Constant=0]"));
```

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onOffHelperDown.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UintegerValue (flowsPacketsSize));

onOffHelperDown.SetAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue (flowsDatarate));

sourceApps.Add (onOffHelperDown.Install (n3));


// Configure and install ping

V4PingHelper ping = V4PingHelper (n3Interface.GetAddress (0));

ping.Install (n1);


Config::Connect ("/NodeList/*/ApplicationList/*/$ns3::V4Ping/Rtt", MakeCallback
(&PingRtt));


uploadApp.Start (Seconds (0));

uploadApp.Stop (Seconds (stopTime));

downloadApp.Start (Seconds (0));

downloadApp.Stop (Seconds (stopTime));


sourceApps.Start (Seconds (0 + 0.1));

sourceApps.Stop (Seconds (stopTime - 0.1));


Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> uploadGoodputStream = ascii.CreateFileStream
(queueDiscType + "-upGoodput.txt");


Simulator::Schedule (Seconds (samplingPeriod), &GoodputSampling, queueDiscType
+ "-upGoodput.txt", uploadApp,

                uploadGoodputStream, samplingPeriod);

Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> downloadGoodputStream = ascii.CreateFileStream
(queueDiscType + "-downGoodput.txt");
```

```cpp
  Simulator::Schedule (Seconds (samplingPeriod), &GoodputSampling, queueDiscType
+ "-downGoodput.txt", downloadApp,

                downloadGoodputStream, samplingPeriod);


 // Flow monitor

 Ptr<FlowMonitor> flowMonitor;

 FlowMonitorHelper flowHelper;

 flowMonitor = flowHelper.InstallAll();


 Simulator::Stop (Seconds (stopTime));

 Simulator::Run ();


 flowMonitor->SerializeToXmlFile(queueDiscType + "-flowMonitor.xml", true, true);


 Simulator::Destroy ();

 return 0;

}
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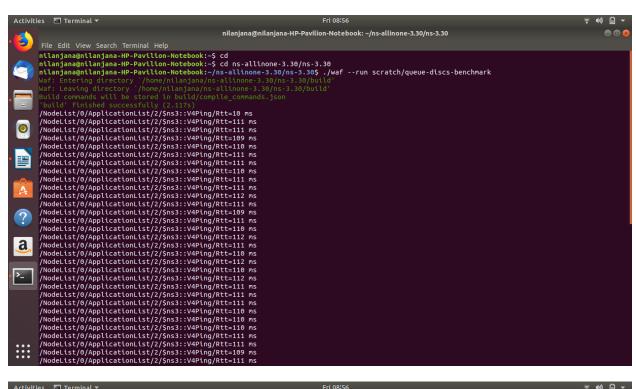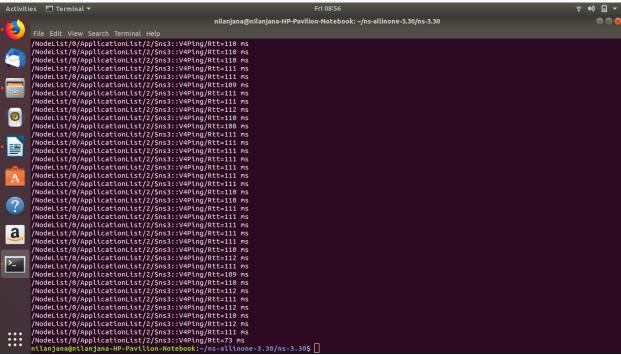
Conclusion:

Creating dumbbell topology, the process of installing TCP & UDP instance are learnt by this lab. The specific characteristics of TCP and Router queues include the manner in which they avoid routing loops, the manner in which they select preferred routes, using information. Ns-3 tracing mechanism are used to record changes in congestion window size of the TCP instance over time. & used gnuplot/matplotlib to visualise plots of cwnd vs time. TCP and router is related to connecting the network packages simultaneously.