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Objective:

The objective of the lab is to:

- Install and use traffic generators as powerful tools for testing network performance.
- Install and configure SDN Controller
- Install and understand how the mininet simulator works
- Implement and run basic examples for understanding the role of the controller and how it interact with mininet.

Theory:

Iperf: Iperf is a widely used tool for network performance measurement and tuning. It is significant as a cross-platform tool that can produce standardized performance measurements for any network. Iperf has client and server functionality, and can create data streams to measure the throughput between the two ends in one or both directions. Typical iperf output contains a time-stamped report of the amount of data transferred and the throughput measured.

Software-defined networking (SDN) is an approach to networking that uses software-based controllers or application programming interfaces (APIs) to direct traffic on the network and communicate with the underlying hardware infrastructure.

This is different from traditional networks, which use dedicated hardware devices (routers and switches) to control network traffic. SDN can create and control a virtual network or control a traditional hardware network with software.

While network virtualization enables the ability to segment different virtual networks within one physical network or connect devices on different physical networks into one virtual network, software-defined networking enables a new way of controlling the routing of data packets through a centralized server.

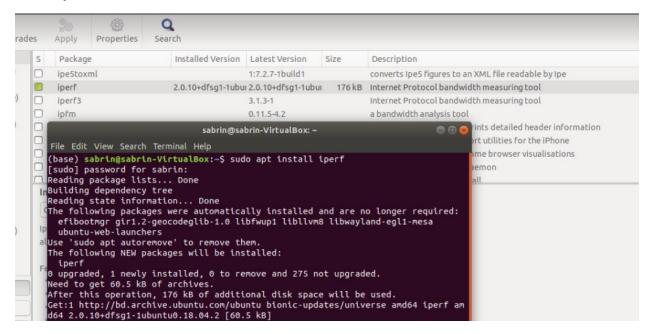
Mininet: Mininet creates a realistic virtual network, running real kernel, switch and application code, on a single machine (VM, cloud or native).

Methodology:

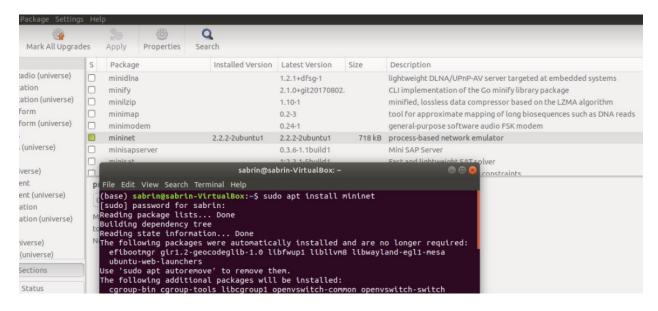
Install Synaptic:

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sabrin@sabrin-VirtualBox: ~
                                                                            File Edit View Search Terminal Help
(base) sabrin@sabrin-VirtualBox:~$ sudo apt-get install synaptic
[sudo] password for sabrin:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
 efibootmgr gir1.2-geocodeglib-1.0 libfwup1 libllvm8 libwayland-egl1-mesa
 ubuntu-web-launchers
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
The following additional packages will be installed:
 docbook-xml libept1.5.0 libqtk2-perl libpango-perl librarian0 rarian-compat
 sqml-base sqml-data xml-core
Suggested packages:
 docbook docbook-dsssl docbook-xsl docbook-defguide libgtk2-perl-doc
 sgml-base-doc perlsgml w3-recs opensp libxml2-utils dwww menu deborphan
  apt-xapian-index tasksel debhelper
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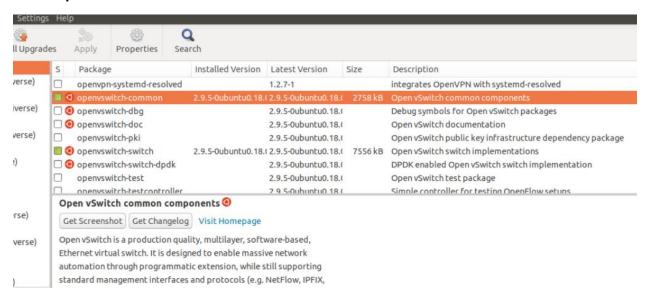
Install iperf:



Install mininet:



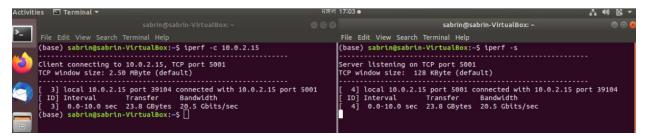
Install openvswitch-controller:



Exercise 4.1.1: Open a Linux terminal, and execute the command line iperf --help. Provide four configuration options of iperf.

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-c, --client
                  <host>
                            run in client mode, connecting to <host>
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                                                                                                 -d, --dualtest
                            Do a bidirectional test simultaneously
  -n, --num
                  #[kmgKMG] number of bytes to transmit (instead of -t)
 -r, --tradeoff
                            Do a bidirectional test individually
 -t, --time
                            time in seconds to transmit for (default 10 secs)
  -B, --bind [<ip> | <ip:port>] bind src addr(s) from which to originate traffic
  -F, --fileinput <name> input the data to be transmitted from a file
  -I, --stdin
                            input the data to be transmitted from stdin
  -L, --listenport #
                            port to receive bidirectional tests back on
 -P, --parallel #
-R, --reverse
                          number of parallel client threads to run
                           reverse the test (client receives, server sends)
                            time-to-live, for multicast (default 1)
  -V, --ipv6_domain
                            Set the domain to IPv6 (send packets over IPv6)
  -X, --peer-detect
                            perform server version detection and version exchange
  -Z, --linux-congestion <algo> set TCP congestion control algorithm (Linux only)
Miscellaneous:
 -x, --reportexclude [CDMSV] exclude C(connection) D(data) M(multicast) S(settings) V(server) reports
 -y, --reportstyle C
-h, --help
                           report as a Comma-Separated Values
                            print this message and quit
  -v, --version
                            print version information and quit
[kmgKMG] Indicates options that support a k,m,g,K,M or G suffix
Lowercase format characters are 10^3 based and uppercase are 2^n based
(e.g. 1k = 1000, 1K = 1024, 1m = 1,000,000 and 1M = 1,048,576)
The TCP window size option can be set by the environment variable
TCP_WINDOW_SIZE. Most other options can be set by an environment variable IPERF_<long option name>, such as IPERF_BANDWIDTH.
Source at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/iperf2/>
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Exercise 4.1.2: Open two Linux terminals, and configure terminal-1 as client (iperf –c IPv4_server_address) and terminal-2 as server (iperf -s).



Exercise 4.1.3: Open two Linux terminals, and configure terminal-1 as client and terminal-2 as server for exchanging UDP traffic, which are the command lines?

Netcat Command:

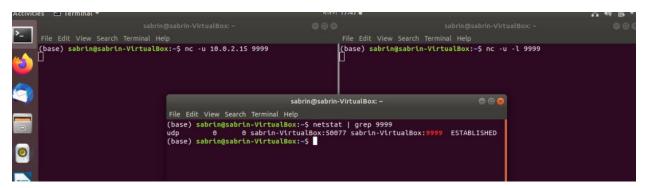
Netcat(nc) command is installed by default in Linux OS.

This means no command is already exist in Linux.

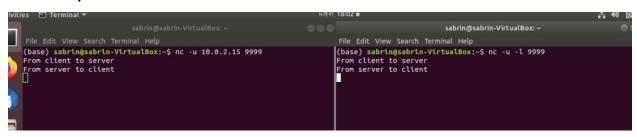
Start Server: \$ nc -u -l 9999

Start client: \$ nc -u 10.0.2.15 9999

Check connection: \$ netstat | grep 9999



Send UDP packets from client to server:

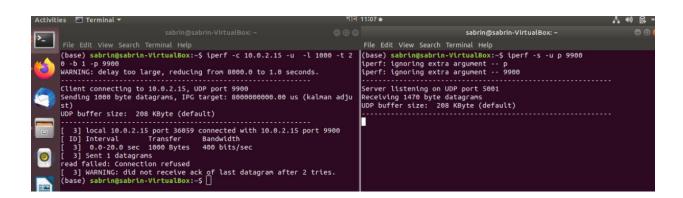


Send UDP packets from server to client:

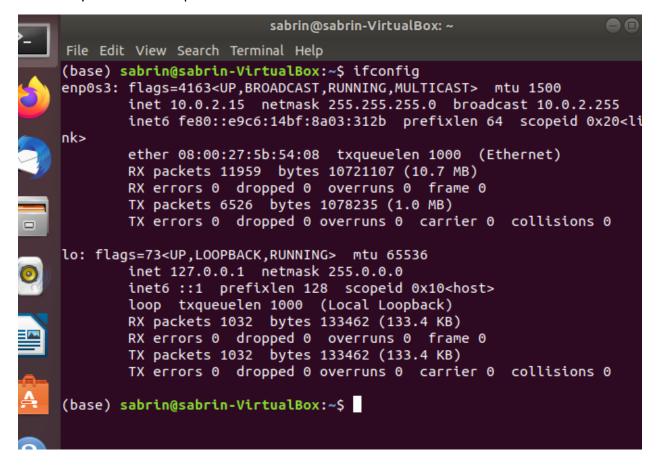


Exercise 4.1.4: Open two Linux terminals, and configure terminal-1 as client and terminal-2 as server for exchanging UDP traffic, with:

- Packet length = 1000bytes
- Time = 20 seconds
- Bandwidth = 1Mbps
- Port = 9900



Exercise 4.2.1: Open two Linux terminals, and execute the command line ifconfig in terminal-1. How many interfaces are present?



In terminal-2, execute the command line sudo mn, which is the output?

```
sabrin@sabrin-VirtualBox: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
base) sabrin@sabrin-VirtualBox:~$ sudo mn
sudo] password for sabrin:
** No default OpenFlow controller found for default switch!
*** Falling back to OVS Bridge
*** Creating network
*** Adding controller
** Adding hosts:
1 h2
*** Adding switches:
:1
*** Adding links:
h1, s1) (h2, s1)
*** Configuring hosts
1 h2
*** Starting controller
*** Starting 1 switches
*** Starting CLI:
nininet>
```

In terminal-1 execute the command line ifconfig. How many real and virtual interfaces are present now?

```
(base) sabrin@sabrin-VirtualBox:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet 10.0.2.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
       inet6 fe80::e9c6:14bf:8a03:312b prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<li
nk>
       ether 08:00:27:5b:54:08 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 13491 bytes 11352952 (11.3 MB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 7835 bytes 1576680 (1.5 MB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
       inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
       inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
       loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
       RX packets 1230 bytes 153626 (153.6 KB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 1230 bytes 153626 (153.6 KB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
s1-eth1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet6 fe80::8056:c0ff:fe50:2791 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<li
nk>
       ether 82:56:c0:50:27:91 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 12 bytes 936 (936.0 B)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 56 bytes 6824 (6.8 KB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
s1-eth2: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet6 fe80::8c67:6bff:fe97:b29 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<lin
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Exercise 4.2.2: Interacting with mininet; in terminal-2, display the following command lines and explain what it does:

mininet> help

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mininet> help
Documented commands (type help <topic>):
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EOF
      gterm iperfudp nodes
                                  pingpair
                                                       switch
                                               ру
                                  pingpairfull quit
dpctl help
            link
                      noecho
                                                       time
dump intfs links
                      pingall
                                  ports
                                               sh
exit iperf net
                      pingallfull px
                                               source xterm
You may also send a command to a node using:
 <node> command {args}
For example:
 mininet> h1 ifconfig
The interpreter automatically substitutes IP addresses
for node names when a node is the first arg, so commands
like
 mininet> h2 ping h3
should work.
Some character-oriented interactive commands require
noecho:
 mininet> noecho h2 vi foo.py
However, starting up an xterm/gterm is generally better:
 mininet> xterm h2
mininet>
```

mininet> nodes

```
mininet> nodes
available nodes are:
n1 h2 s1
```

mininet> net

```
nininet> net
h1 h1-eth0:s1-eth1
h2 h2-eth0:s1-eth2
s1 lo: s1-eth1:h1-eth0 s1-eth2:h2-eth0
```

mininet> dump

```
nininet> dump
<Host h1: h1-eth0:10.0.0.1 pid=3244>
<Host h2: h2-eth0:10.0.0.2 pid=3246>
<OVSBridge s1: lo:127.0.0.1,s1-eth1:None,s1-eth2:None pid=3251>
```

mininet> h1 ifconfig -a

```
nininet> h1 ifconfig -a
h1-eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet 10.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0 broadcast 10.255.255.255
       inet6 fe80::749e:7aff:fe51:b152 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<li
nk>
       ether 76:9e:7a:51:b1:52 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 58 bytes 6996 (6.9 KB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 13 bytes 1006 (1.0 KB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
       inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
       inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
       loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
       RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
mininet>
```

mininet> s1 ifconfig -a

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mininet> s1 ifconfig -a
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet 10.0.2.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
       inet6 fe80::e9c6:14bf:8a03:312b prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
       ether 08:00:27:5b:54:08 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 14999 bytes 11983409 (11.9 MB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 9133 bytes 2079164 (2.0 MB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
       inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
       inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
       loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
       RX packets 1359 bytes 166813 (166.8 KB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 1359 bytes 166813 (166.8 KB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
ovs-system: flags=4098<BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       ether 72:87:aa:6c:6d:e9 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

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ovs-system: flags=4098<BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       ether 72:87:aa:6c:6d:e9 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
s1: flags=4098<BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       ether de:ca:58:89:0f:47 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       RX errors 0 dropped 24 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
s1-eth1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet6 fe80::8056:c0ff:fe50:2791 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
       ether 82:56:c0:50:27:91 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 13 bytes 1006 (1.0 KB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 60 bytes 7168 (7.1 KB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
s1-eth2: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet6 fe80::8c67:6bff:fe97:b29 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
       ether 8e:67:6b:97:0b:29 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 14 bytes 1076 (1.0 KB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 60 bytes 7188 (7.1 KB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
mininet>
```

mininet> h1 ping -c 5 h2

```
nininet> h1 ping -c 5 h2
PING 10.0.0.2 (10.0.0.2) 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1.34 ms

64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.080 ms

64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.125 ms

64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.057 ms

64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.052 ms

--- 10.0.0.2 ping statistics ---

5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4080ms

rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.052/0.331/1.344/0.507 ms

nininet>
```

In terminal-1, display the following command line: sudo ovs-vsctl show, what is displayed?

mininet>exit

```
mininet> exit
*** Stopping 0 controllers

*** Stopping 2 links
..
*** Stopping 1 switches
s1
*** Stopping 2 hosts
h1 h2
*** Done
completed in 1679.263 seconds
(base) sabrin@sabrin-VirtualBox:~$
```

Exercise 4.2.3: In terminal-2, display the following command line: sudo mn --link tc,bw=10,delay=500ms

mininet> h1 ping -c 5 h2

```
mininet> h1 ping -c 5 h2
PING 10.0.0.2 (10.0.0.2) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=6.06 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=2.19 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=2.27 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=3.01 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=2.22 ms
--- 10.0.0.2 ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4004ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 2.197/3.153/6.068/1.490 ms
mininet>
```

mininet> h1 iperf -s -u

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*** Shutting down stale tunnels

pkill -9 -f Tunnel=Ethernet

pkill -9 -f .ssh/mn

rm -f ~/.ssh/mn/*

*** Cleanup complete.

(base) sabrin@sabrin-VirtualBox:~$
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mininet> h2 iperf -c IPv4 h1 -u

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mininet> h2 iperf -c IPv4_h1 -u
error: Name or service not known
mininet>
```

Conclusion:

Software-defined networking (SDN) is an architecture that aims to make networks agile and flexible. The goal of SDN is to improve network control by enabling enterprises and service providers to respond quickly to changing business requirements.

In a software-defined network, a network engineer or administrator can shape traffic from a centralized control console without having to touch individual switches in the network. The centralized SDN controller directs the switches to deliver network services wherever they're needed, regardless of the specific connections between a server and devices.

Mininet is a network emulator which creates a network of virtual hosts, switches, controllers, and links. Mininet hosts run standard Linux network software, and its switches support OpenFlow for highly flexible custom routing and Software-Defined Networking.

Mininet:

- Provides a simple and inexpensive network testbed for developing OpenFlow applications
- Enables multiple concurrent developers to work independently on the same topology
- Supports system-level regression tests, which are repeatable and easily packaged
- Enables complex topology testing, without the need to wire up a physical network
- Includes a CLI that is topology-aware and OpenFlow-aware, for debugging or running network-wide tests
- Supports arbitrary custom topologies, and includes a basic set of parametrized topologies
- is usable out of the box without programming, but
- also Provides a straightforward and extensible Python API for network creation and experimentation.

Mininet provides an easy way to get correct system behavior and to experiment with topologies.

Mininet networks run real code including standard Unix/Linux network applications as well as the real Linux kernel and network stack.