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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.

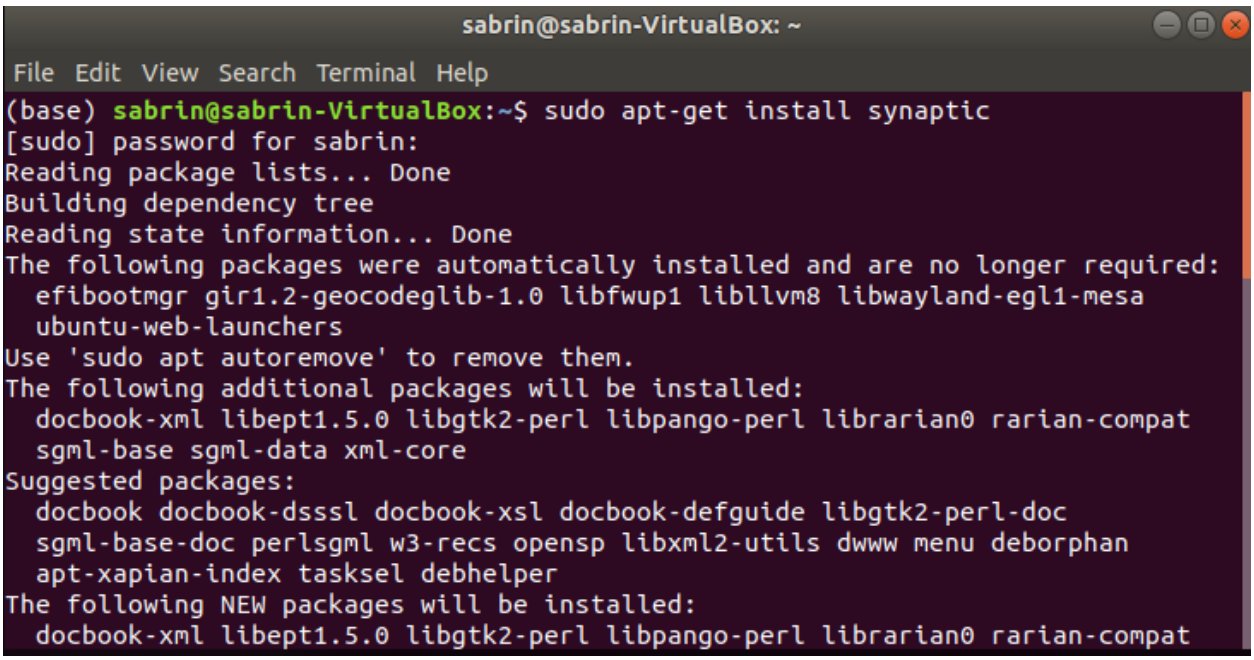
This is different from traditional networks, which use dedicated hardware devices (routers and switches) to control network traffic. SDN can create and control a virtual network or control a traditional hardware network with software.

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.

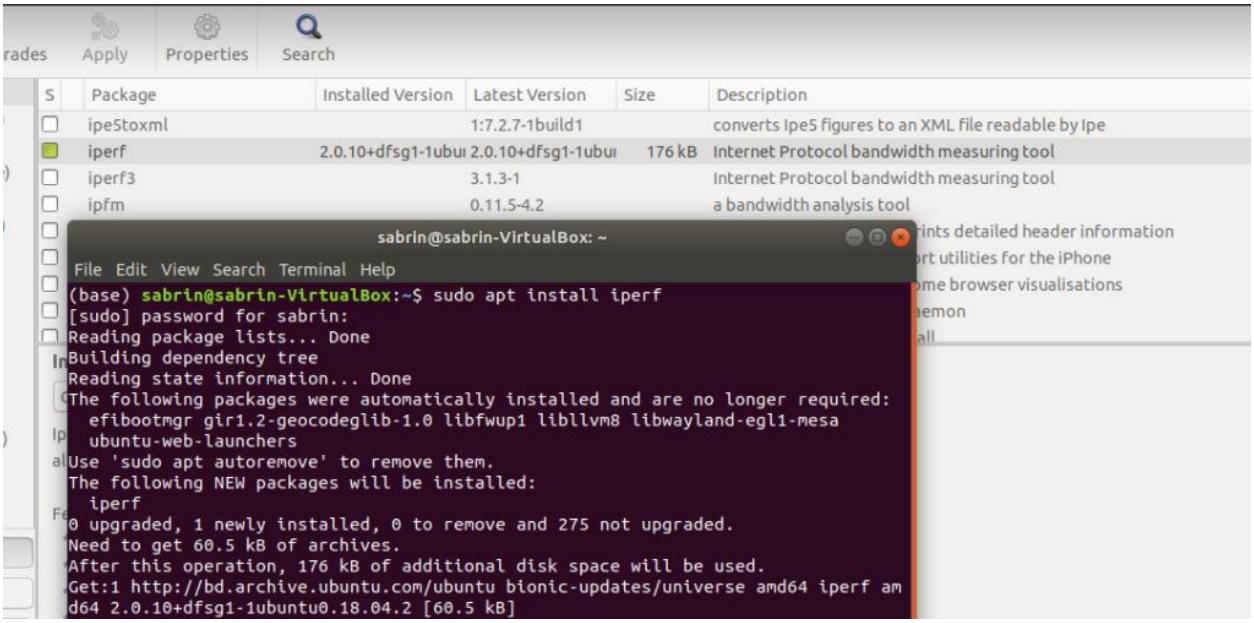
Mininet: Mininet creates a realistic virtual network, running real kernel, switch and application code, on a single machine (VM, cloud or native).

Methodology:

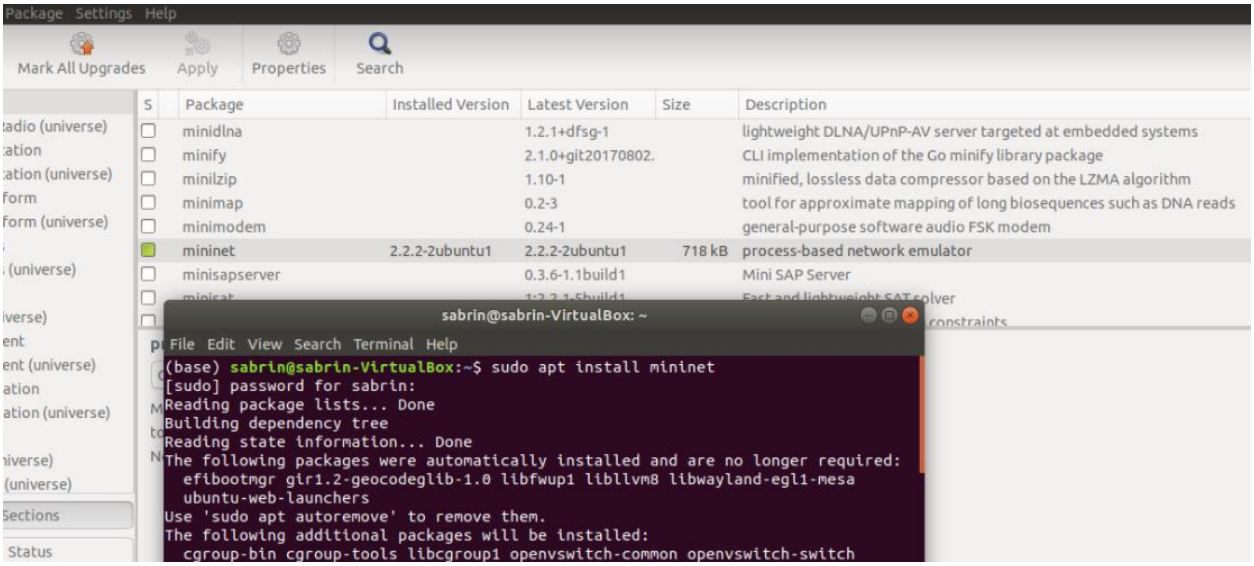
Install Synaptic:



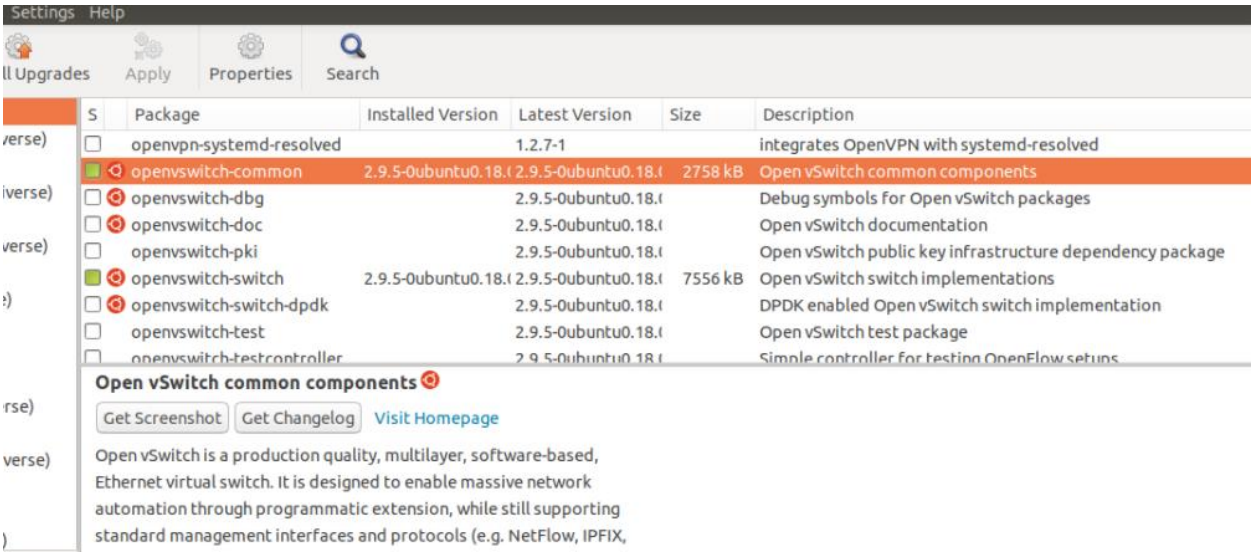
Install iperf :



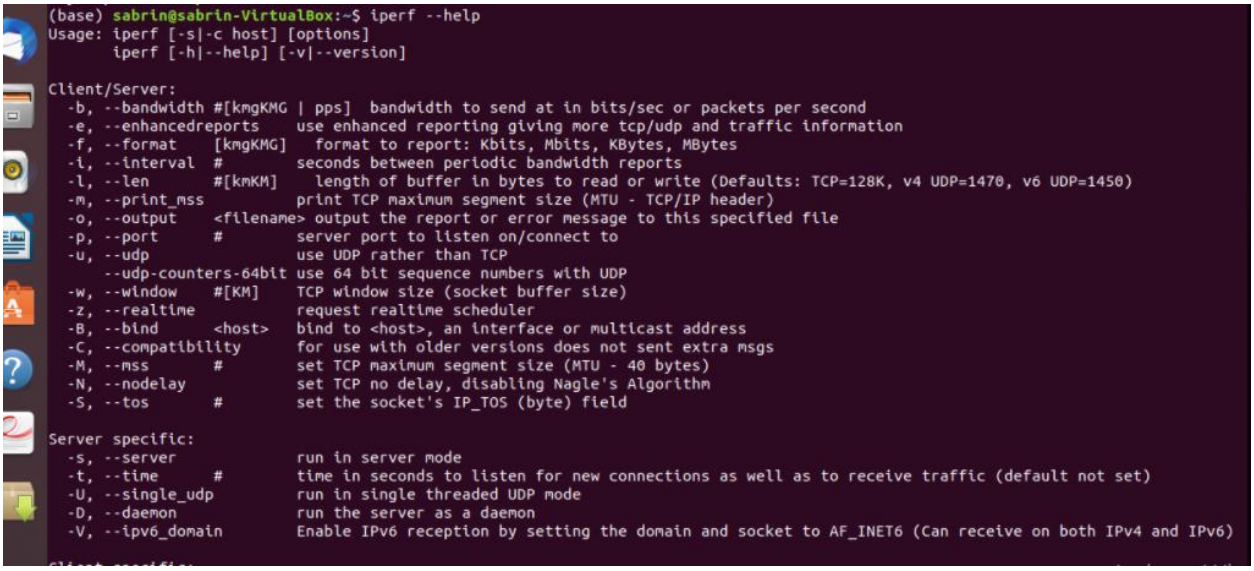
Install mininet :

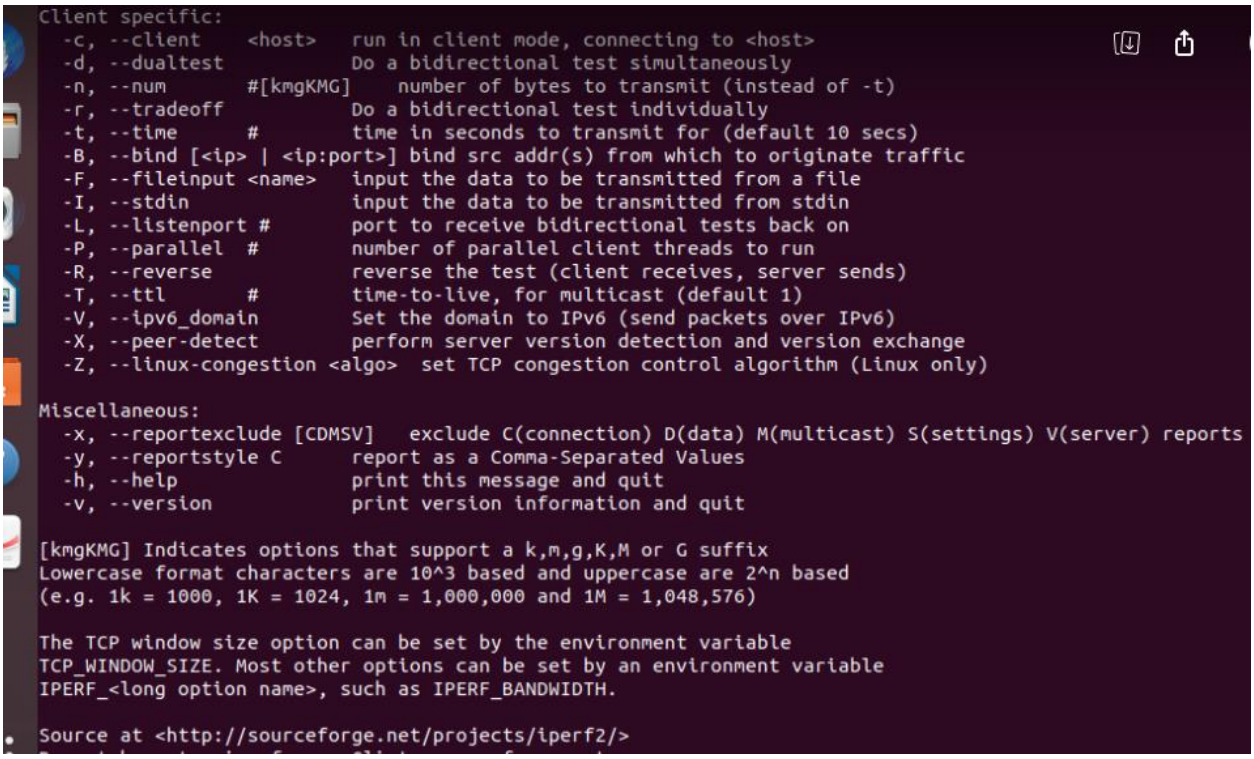


Install openvswitch-controller:

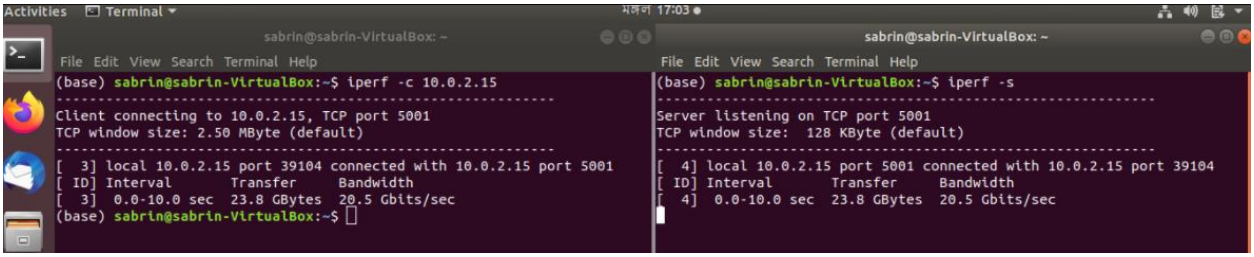


Exercise 4.1.1: Open a Linux terminal, and execute the command line iperf --help. Provide four configuration options of iperf.





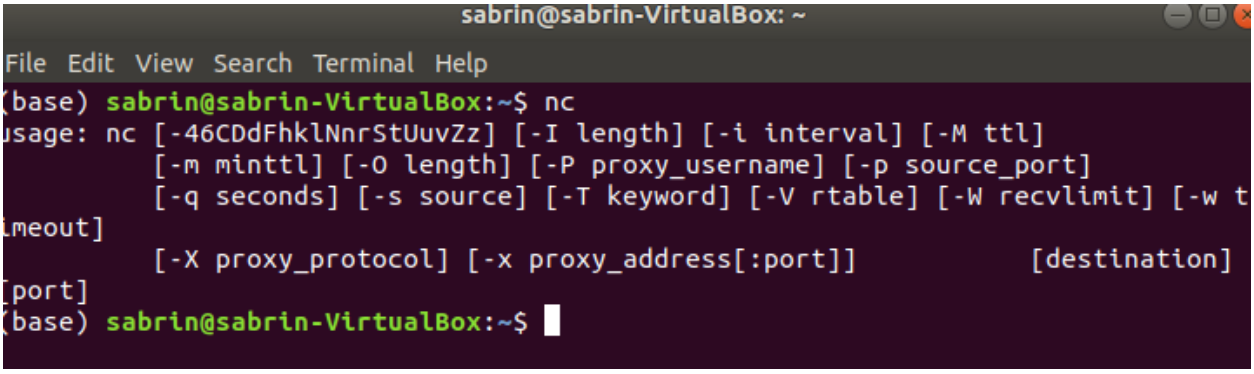
Exercise 4.1.2: Open two Linux terminals, and configure terminal-1 as client (iperf –c IPv4_server_address) and terminal-2 as server (iperf -s).



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.

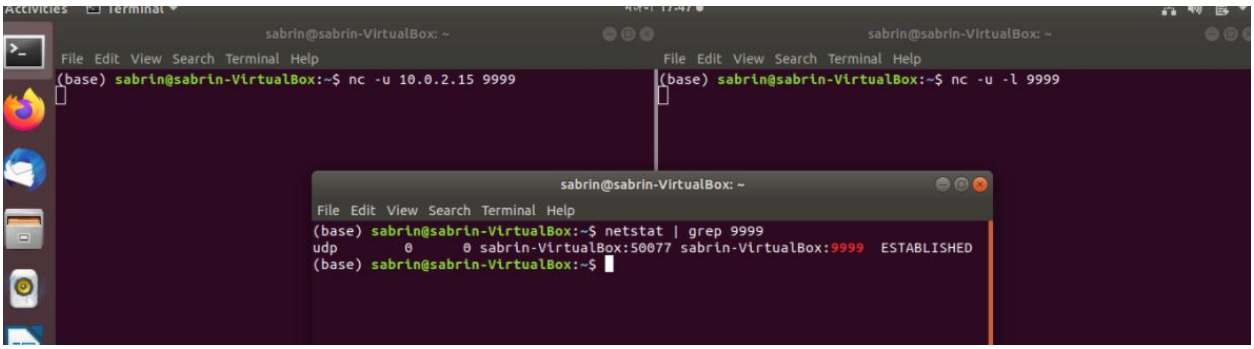


This means nc command is already exist in Linux.

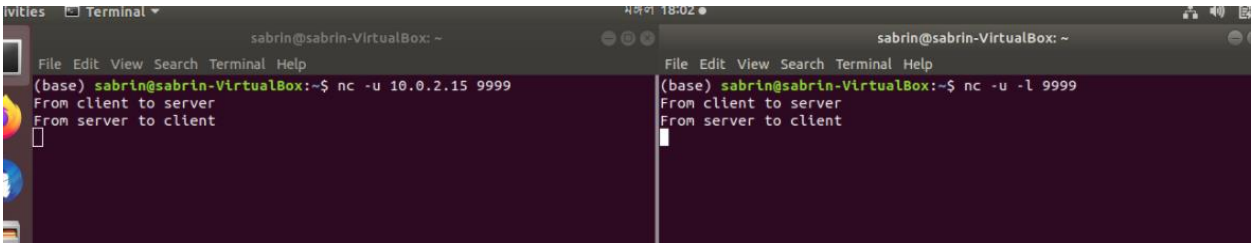
Start Server : $ nc –u –l 9999

Start client : $ nc -u 10.0.2.15 9999

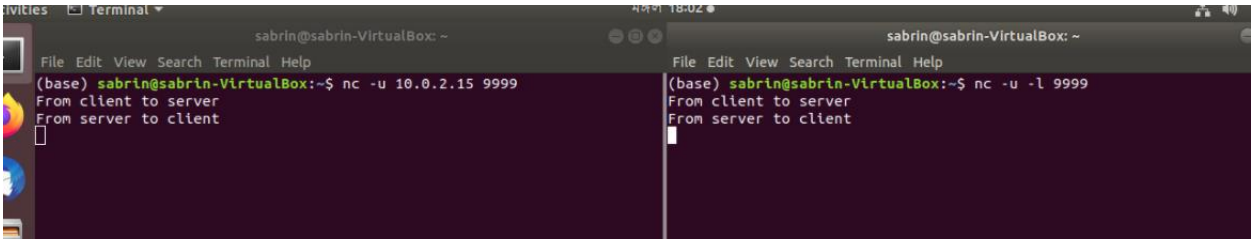
Check connection : $ netstat | grep 9999



Send UDP packets from client to server:

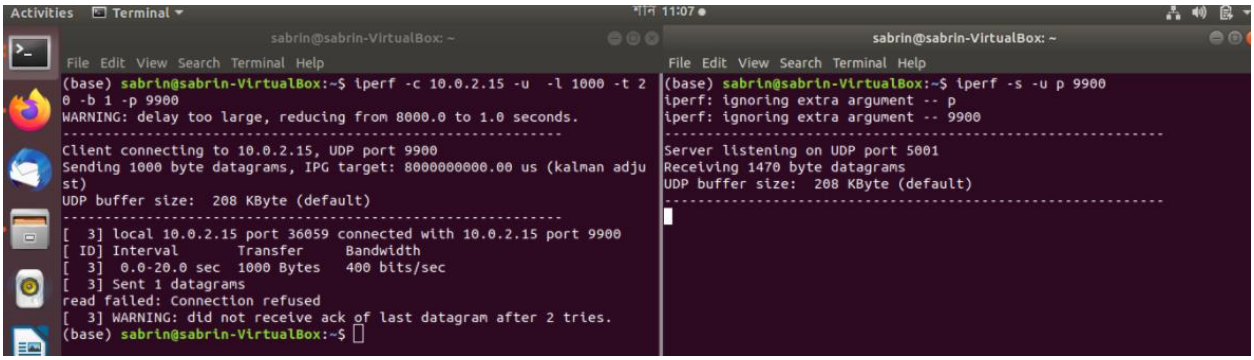


Send UDP packets from server to client:

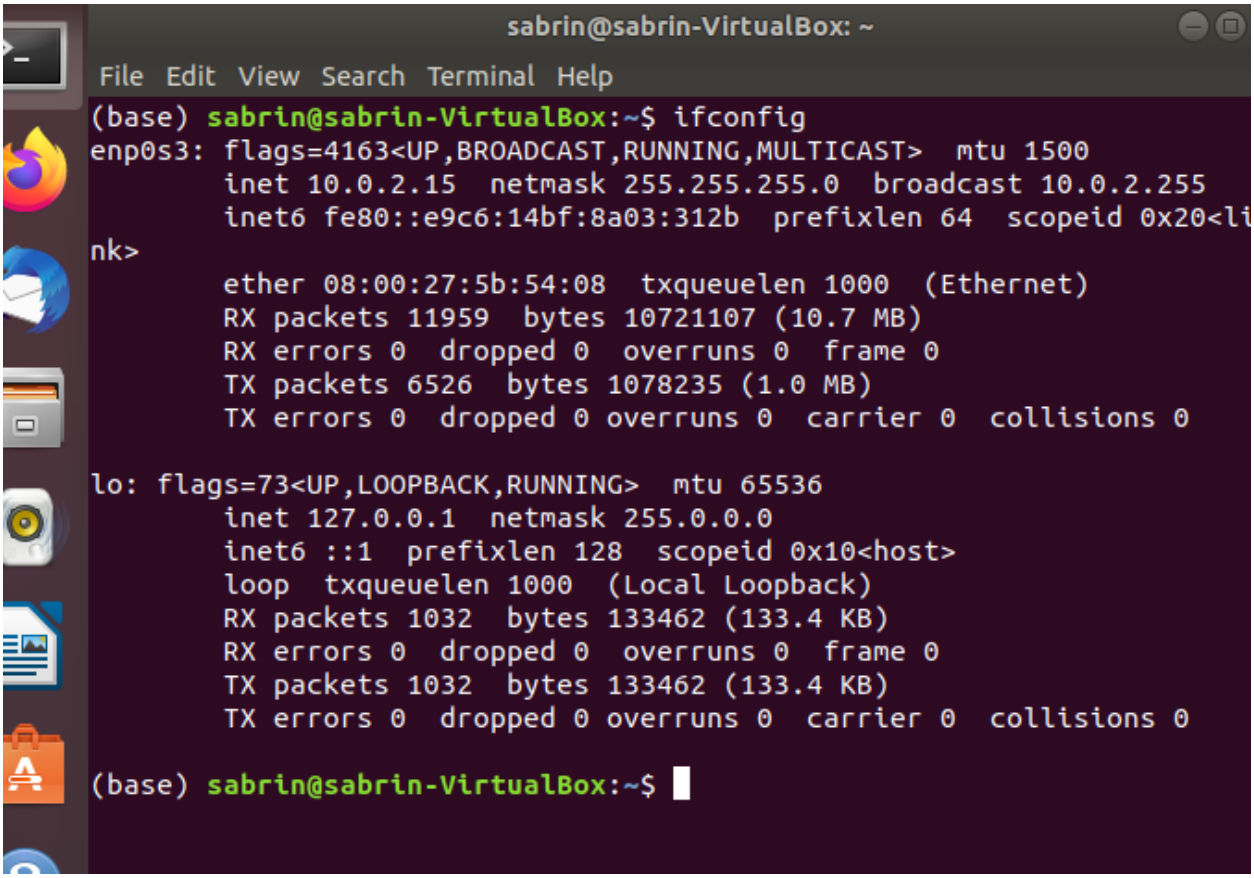


Exercise 4.1.4: Open two Linux terminals, and configure terminal-1 as client and terminal-2 as server for exchanging UDP traffic, with:

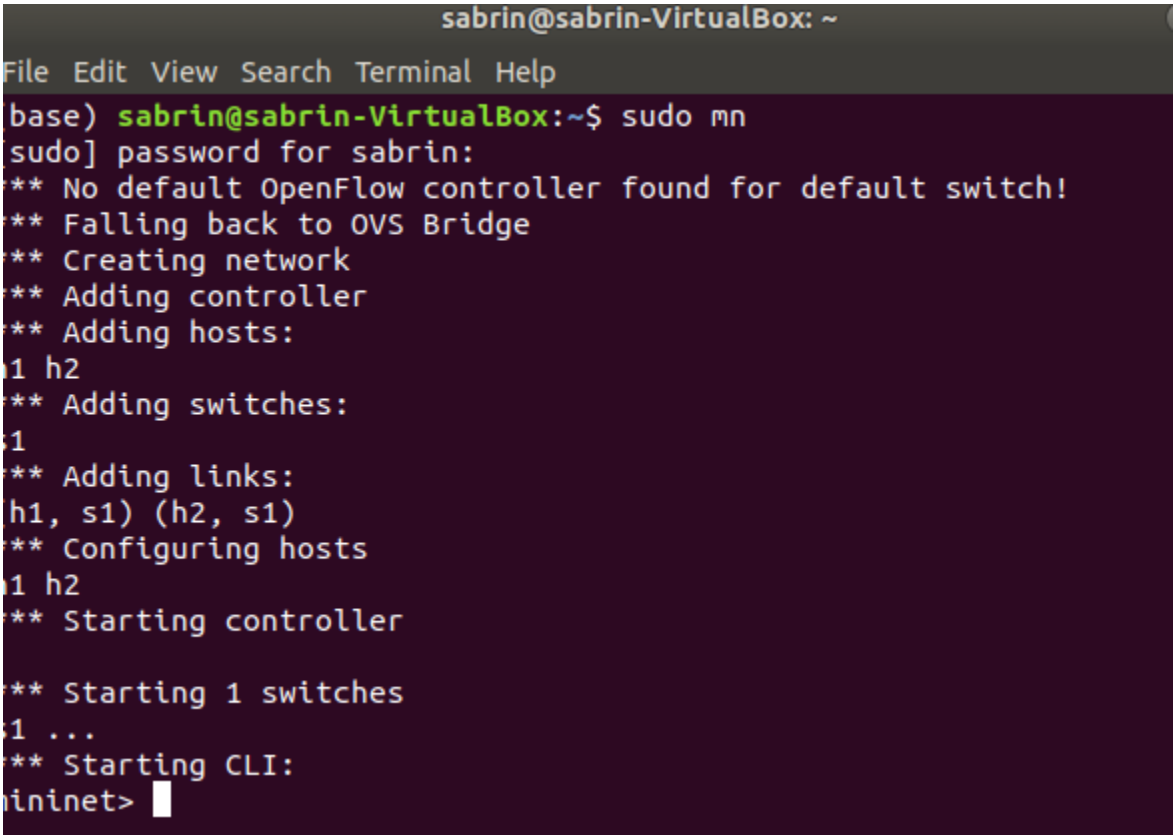
- Packet length = 1000bytes
- Time = 20 seconds
- Bandwidth = 1Mbps
- Port = 9900



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?



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

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(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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s1-eth2: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>  mtu 1500
        inet6 fe80::8c67:6bff:fe97:b29  prefixlen 64  scopeid 0x20<lin
k>
        ether 8e:67:6b:97:0b:29  txqueuelen 1000  (Ethernet)
        RX packets 13  bytes 1006 (1.0 KB)
        RX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  frame 0
        TX packets 56  bytes 6844 (6.8 KB)
        TX errors 0  dropped 0 overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0

(base) sabrin@sabrin-VirtualBox:~$
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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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Documented commands (type help <topic>):
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EOF    gterm  iperfudp  nodes        pingpair      py      switch
dpctl  help   link      noecho       pingpairfull  quit    time
dump   intfs  links     pingall      ports         sh      x
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>
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mininet> nodes

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available nodes are:
h1 h2 s1
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mininet> net

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

mininet> dump

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mininet> 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>
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mininet> h1 ifconfig –a

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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

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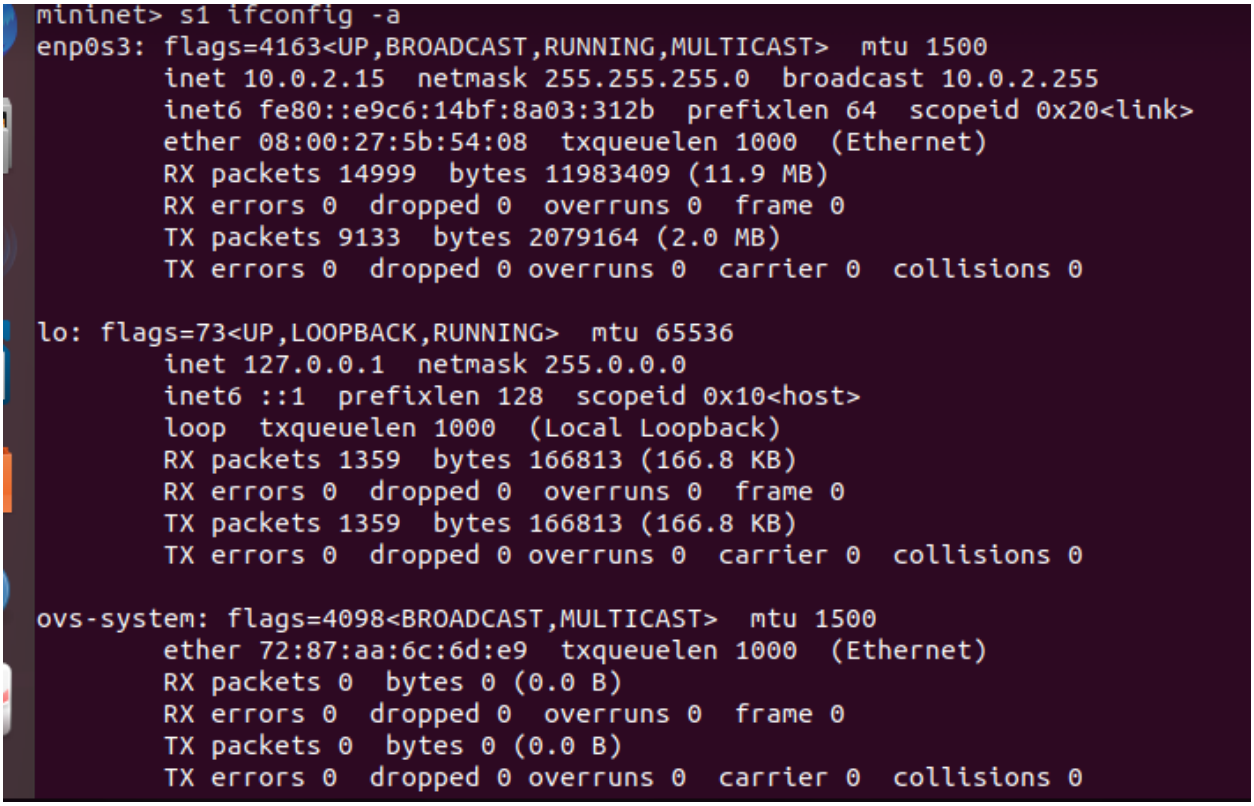

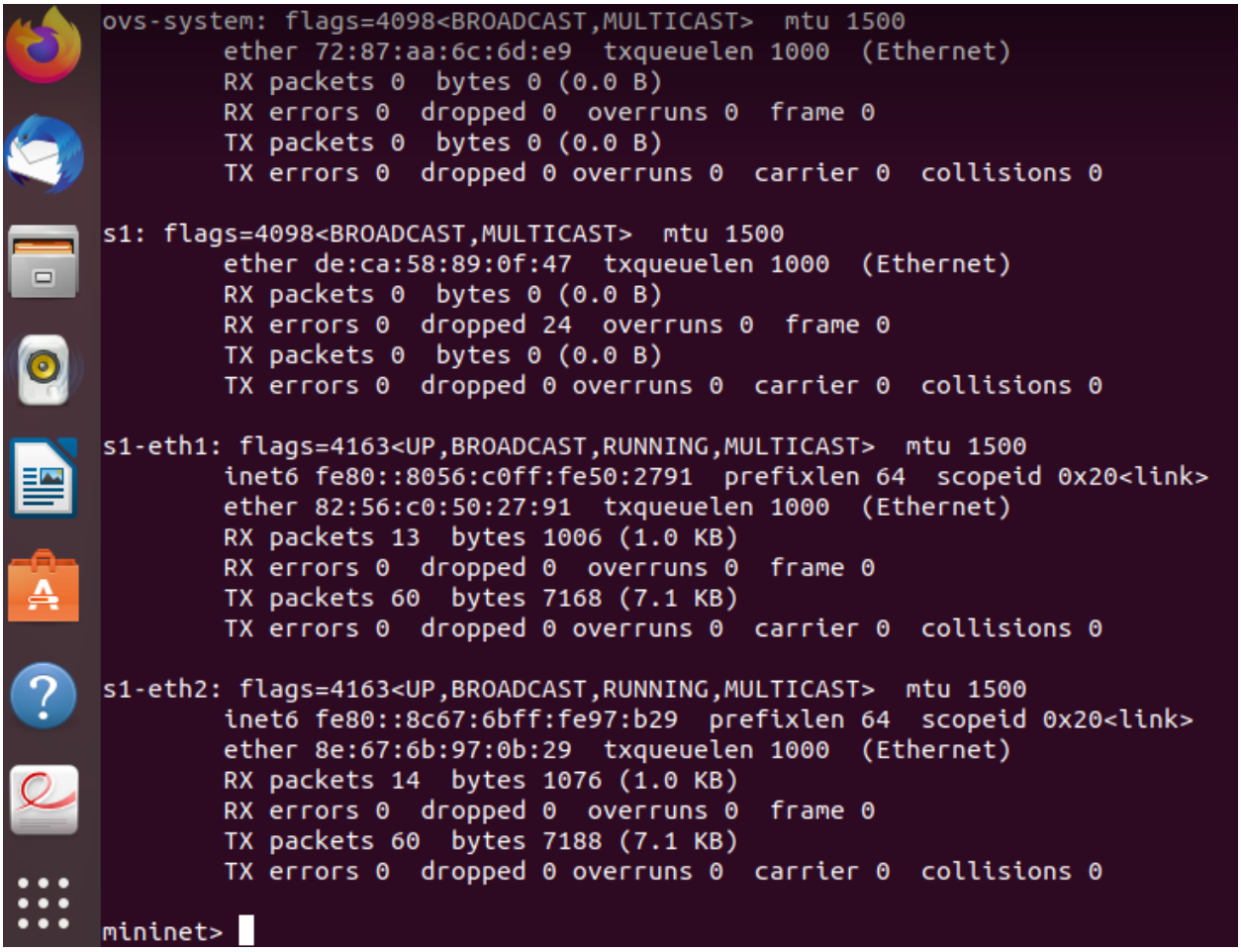

mininet> h1 ping -c 5 h2

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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
mininet>
```

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

```
(base) sabrin@sabrin-VirtualBox:~$ sudo ovs-vsctl show
[sudo] password for sabrin:
83b68947-a9ad-4213-9d7e-cfc47380622c
    Bridge "s1"
        Controller "ptcp:6654"
        fail_mode: standalone
        Port "s1"
            Interface "s1"
                type: internal
        Port "s1-eth2"
            Interface "s1-eth2"
        Port "s1-eth1"
            Interface "s1-eth1"
    ovs_version: "2.9.5"
(base) sabrin@sabrin-VirtualBox:~$
```

mininet>exit

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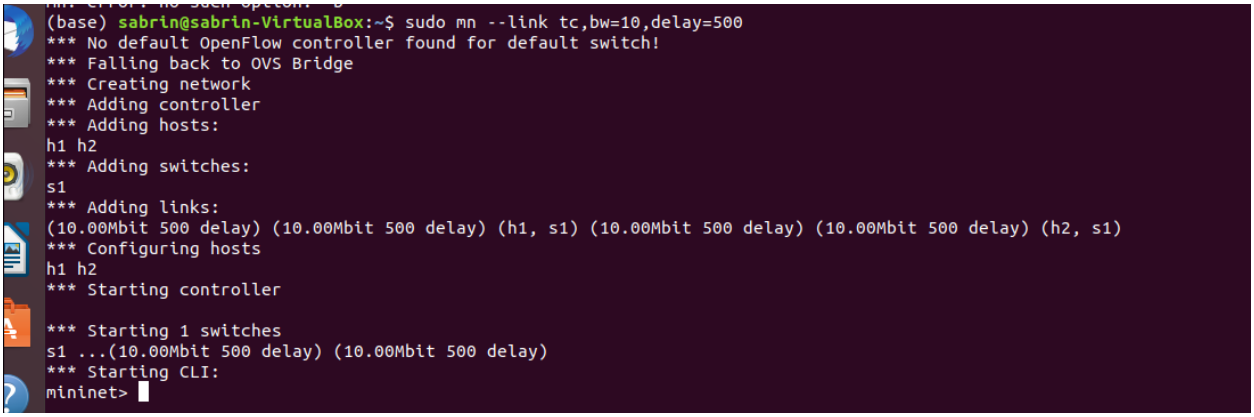
Exercise 4.2.3: In terminal-2, display the following command line: sudo mn --link tc,bw=10,delay=500ms



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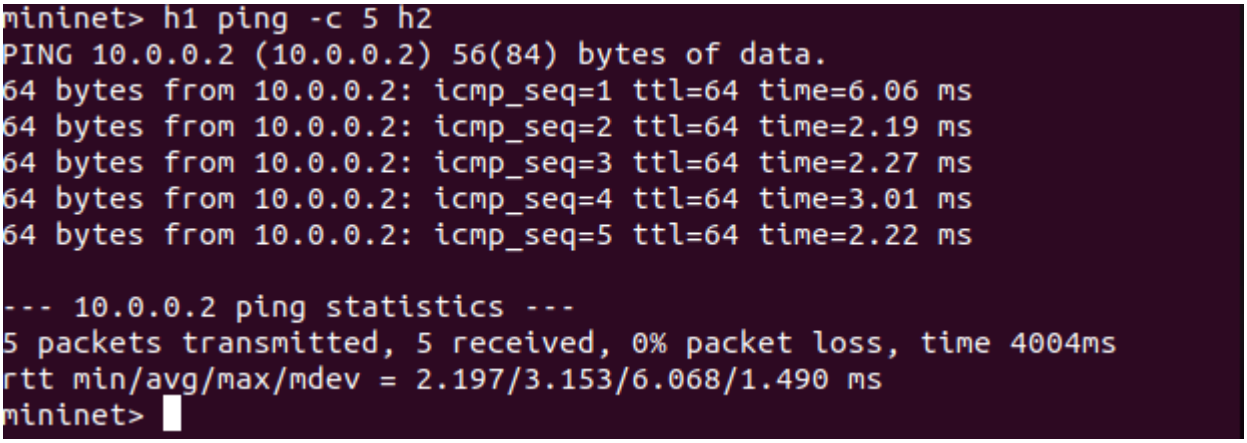
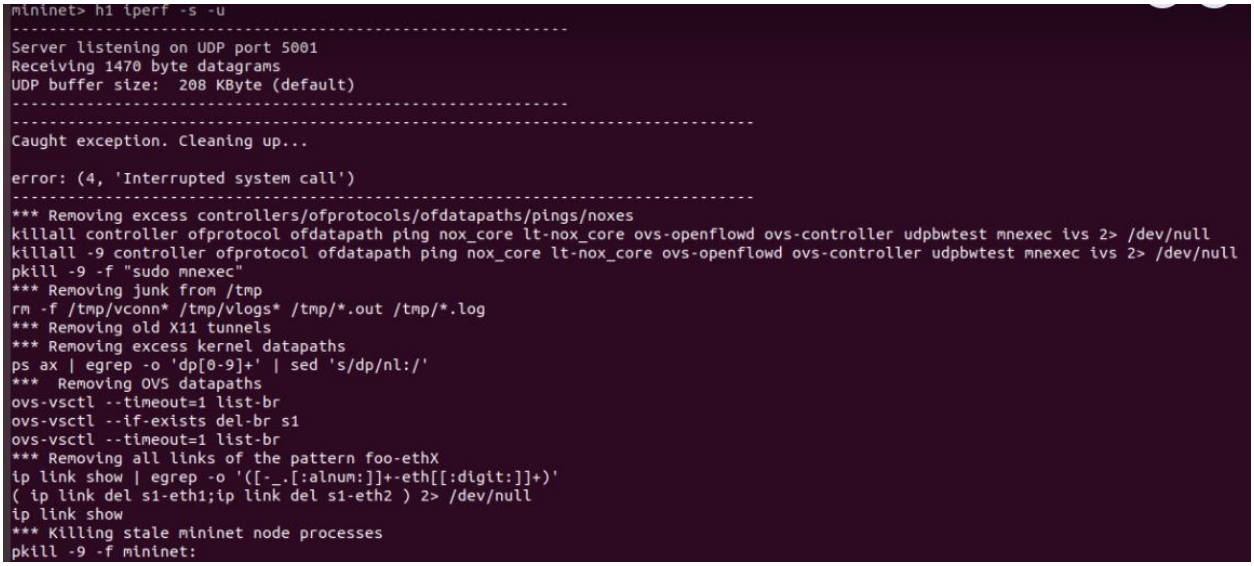
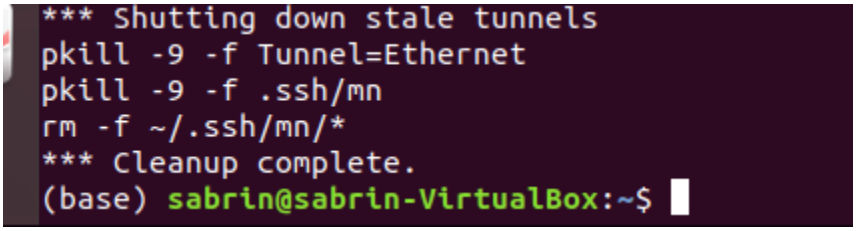
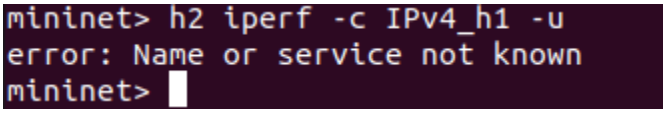


mininet> h1 iperf –s –u





mininet> h2 iperf –c IPv4_h1 -u



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.