# Manual to replicate our experiments and to use the testing framework

This chapter describes how to reproduce the results of this thesis. The developed code, along with other necessary files, is available through the provided GitHub link Access\_Thesis\_on\_Github. Additionally, we offer an OVF image containing all code, dependencies, and scripts prepared for immediate execution. Alternatively, you can set up your environment by cloning the main directories from the repository.

# 0.1 OVF Image Route To Reproduce The Results

The provided OVF image is based on Ubuntu, with the password for all users set as uwbothell. Within the directory /home/anthony/, you will find two directories containing all the necessary code, dependencies, and scripts to conduct the tests discussed in this thesis.

# 0.1.1 HTTP\_TEST Directory

This directory includes three subdirectories corresponding to the three different implementations explored in the thesis

```
root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/HTTP_TEST# ls
data_plane_implementation openflow_based_implementation p4runtime_based_implementation
root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/HTTP_TEST# _
```

Figure 1: Overview of HTTP project directory structure

# 0.1.2 Testing The P4runtime-based Implementation (Directory p4runtime\_based\_implementation)

The process to test the P4runtime\_based implementation involves several steps:

- 1. Run the bash script create\_architecture.sh to set up the network architecture for the tests.
- 2. Upon executing create\_architecture.sh, a Mininet console will appear. Use the command xterm h1 h2 to open terminal windows for hosts h1 and h2.
- 3. In each console, disable receive and transmit offload using: ethtool --offload h1-eth0 rx off tx off and similarly for h2-eth0.
- 4. On h2's console, start the HTTP server with: python3 http\_dpi\_server.py.
- 5. Execute run\_controller.sh to start the p4runtime controller that contains the HTTP filtering application as dependency to filter out domains.

- 6. On h1's console, execute benchmarking.sh to run the tests.
- 7. Once benchmarking.sh completes, collect the results for accuracy, delay, CPU consumption, memory consumption, etc.

Note: To exist the p4\_runtime controller you must press "s", be careful not to press it if you do not want to exit.

```
root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/HTTP_TEST/p4runtime_based_implementation# ls app.log http_dpi_client.py p4-guide ss-log.1.txt benchmarking.sh http_dpi_p p4runtime_metric_results.txt ss-log.2.txt create_architecture.sh http_dpi_server.py p4runtime_test.csv ss-log.3.txt http_client.py http_server.py run_controller.sh ss-log.txt
```

Figure 2: Needed files for the P4runtime-based Implementation

The results will look like figure 3

Figure 3: P4runtime\_based implementation results

# 0.1.3 Testing The Openflow-based Implementation (Directory openflow\_based\_implementation)

The process to test the Openflow\_based implementation involves several steps:

- 1. Execute run\_controller.sh to start the POX controller that contains the HTTP filtering application as a dependency to filter out domains.
- 2. Run the bash script create\_architecture.sh to set up the network architecture for the tests.
- 3. Upon executing create\_architecture.sh, a Mininet console will appear. Use the command xterm h1 h2 to open terminal windows for hosts h1 and h2.
- 4. On h2's console, start the HTTP server with: python3 http\_dpi\_server.py.
- 5. On h1's console, execute benchmarking.sh to run the tests.
- 6. Once benchmarking.sh completes, collect the results for accuracy, delay, CPU consumption, memory consumption, etc.

```
root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/HTTP_TEST/openflow_based_implementation# ls app.log dp_metric_results.txt http_dpi.py openflow_test.csv bechmarking.sh http_client.py http_dpi_server.py run_controller.sh create_architecture.sh http_dpi_client.py http_server.py
```

Figure 4: Needed files for the OpenFlow-based Implementation

The results will look like figure 5

Figure 5: Openflow\_based implementation results

# 0.1.4 Testing The Data Plane Implementation (Directory data\_plane\_implementation)

The process to test the Data Plane implementation involves several steps:

- 1. Run the bash script create\_architecture.sh to set up the network architecture for the tests.
- 2. Execute architecture\_dependencies.sh to connect interfaces to the network and add necessary table entries for the BMv2 switch.
- 3. Upon executing create\_architecture.sh, a Mininet console will appear. Use the command xterm h1 h2 to open terminal windows for hosts h1 and h2.
- 4. In each console, disable receive and transmit offload using: ethtool --offload h1-eth0 rx off tx off and similarly for h2-eth0.
- 5. On h2's console, start the HTTP server with: python3 http\_dpi\_server.py.
- 6. On h1's console, execute benchmarking.sh to run the tests.
- 7. Once benchmarking.sh completes, collect the results for accuracy, delay, CPU consumption, memory consumption, etc.

```
root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/HTTP_TEST/data_plane_implementation# ls

architecture_dependencies.sh dp_test.csv http_dpi.p4i sf.txt

bechmarking.sh http_dpi_client.py http_dpi.py

create_architecture.sh http_dpi.json http_dpi_server.py

dp_metric_results.txt http_dpi.p4 rules_list.txt
```

Figure 6: Needed files for the Data Plane Implementation

The results will look like figure 7

```
Accuracy and Delay Results:

Accuracy: 0.98
Precision: 1.00
Recall: 0.97
F1 Score: 0.98
True Positive Rate (TPR): 1.00
False Positive Rate (FPR): 0.03
Minimum Delay: 4.69 ms
Maximum Delay: 25.36 ms
Average Delay: 9.81 ms

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Execution Time: 286865ms
Peak CPU Usage During Execution: 34.62%
CPU Usage Increment Factor: 33.61
CPU Time: 1.79s
Maximum Memory Usage: 98860KB
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```

Figure 7: Data Plane Implementation Results

# 0.1.5 SQL\_TEST Directory

This directory includes three subdirectories corresponding to the three different implementations explored in the thesis.

```
root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/SQL_TEST# ls
data_plane_implementation openflow_based_implementation p4runtime_based_implementation
root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/SQL_TEST#
```

Figure 8: Overview of SQL project directory structure

# 0.1.6 Testing The P4runtime-based Implementation (Directory p4runtime\_based\_implementation)

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- 1. Run the bash script create\_architecture.sh to set up the network architecture for the tests.
- 2. Upon executing create\_architecture.sh, a Mininet console will appear. Use the command xterm h1 to open terminal windows for hosts h1. Note: In this step, we are not opening the h2 console, because we are connecting our BMv2 switch to a VMware machine that is hosting the MySQL Database, we could use any other solution to host our database like a real machine or docker.
- 3. In h1 console, disable receive and transmit offload using: ethtool --offload h1-eth0 rx off tx off.
- 4. Execute run\_controller.sh to start the p4runtime controller that contains the SQL filtering application as a dependency to filter out domains.
- 5. On h1's console, execute benchmarking.sh to run the tests.
- 6. Once benchmarking.sh completes, collect the results for accuracy, delay, CPU consumption, memory consumption, etc.

Note: To exist the p4\_runtime controller you must press "s", be careful not to press it if you do not want to exit. Additionally to collect the results for accuracy and delay you have to read the .csv files

```
Execution Time: 63535ms
Peak CPU Usage During Execution: 65.44%
CPU Usage Increment Factor: 40.90
CPU Time: 2.38s
Maximum Memory Usage: 92368KB
```

Figure 10: Enter Caption

"accuracy\_sql.csv" and "command\_response\_times.csv", make sure to not have these two .csv files before executing the script benchmarking.sh.

```
root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/SQL_TEST/p4runtime_based_implementation# ls
accuracy_sql.csv accuracy_sql_utility.py delay_test.py __pycache_ ss-log.2.txt
accuracy_sql_dcl.py app.log http_dpi_client.py sql_ddl_commands.py scuracy_sql_dml.py benchmarking.sh http_dpi_server.py sql_dpi.py
accuracy_sql_show.py command_response_times.csv http_server.py sql_show_commands.py ss-log.1.txt
root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/SQL_TEST/p4runtime_based_implementation# ss-log.2.txt
ss-log.2.txt
run_controller.sh ss-log.3.txt
sql_ddl_commands.py sql_dpi.py
sql_dpi.py sql_dpi.py
sql_show_commands.py ss-log.1.txt
```

Figure 9: Needed files for the P4runtime-based Implementation

The results will look like figure ??

# 0.1.7 Testing The Openflow-based Implementation (Directory openflow\_based\_implementation)

The process to test the Openflow based implementation involves several steps:

- 1. Execute run\_controller.sh to start the POX controller that contains the SQL filtering application as dependency to filter out domains.
- 2. Run the bash script create\_architecture.sh to set up the network architecture for the tests.
- 3. Then execute the command ovs-vsctl add-port s1 ens37 that is going to add the interface ens37 to the OpenV Switch, you should add whichever interfaces connecting your Database instead.
- 4. Upon executing create\_architecture.sh, a Mininet console will appear. Use the command xterm h1 to open terminal windows for hosts h1. Note: In this step, we are not opening the h2 console, because we are connecting our Openv Switch to a VMware machine that is hosting the MySQL Database, we could use any other solution to host our database like a real machine or docker.
- 5. On h1's console, execute benchmarking.sh to run the tests.
- 6. Once benchmarking.sh completes, collect the results for accuracy, delay, CPU consumption, memory consumption, etc.

Note: To collect the results for accuracy and delay you have to read the .csv file "accuracy\_sql.csv" and "command\_response\_times.csv", make sure to not have these two .csv files before executing the script benchmarking.sh.

```
root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/SQL_TEST/openflow_based_implementation# ls accuracy_sql.csv accuracy_sql_utility.py 'delay_test copy.py' __pycache_ accuracy_sql_dcl.py accuracy_test.py delay_test.py run_controller.sh accuracy_sql_ddl.py app.log http_client.py sql_ddl_commands.py accuracy_sql_dml.py benchmarking.sh http_dpl_client.py sql_dpl.py accuracy_sql_show.py command_response_times.csv http_dpl_server.py sql_show_commands.py accuracy_sql_tc.py create_architecture.sh http_server.py sql-topology.py root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/SQL_TEST/openflow_based_implementation#
```

Figure 11: Needed files for the OpenFlow-based Implementation

The results will look like figure 12

```
Execution Time: 46544ms
Peak CPU Usage During Execution: 65.2%
CPU Usage Increment Factor: 65.20
CPU Time: 2.31s
Maximum Memory Usage: 98272KB
```

Figure 12: Openflow\_based implementation results

# 0.1.8 Testing The Data Plane Implementation (Directory data\_plane\_implementation)

The process to test the Data Plane implementation involves several steps:

- 1. Run the bash script create\_architecture.sh to set up the network architecture for the tests.
- 2. Execute architecture\_dependencies.sh to connect interfaces to the network and add necessary table entries for the BMv2 switch.
- 3. Upon executing create\_architecture.sh, a Mininet console will appear. Use the command xterm h1 to open terminal windows for hosts h1.
- 4. In the console, disable receive and transmit offload using: ethtool --offload h1-eth0 rx off tx off. Note: In this step, we are not opening the h2 console, because we are connecting our BMv2 switch to a VMware machine that is hosting the MySQL Database, we could use any other solution to host our database like a real machine or docker.
- 5. On the virtual machine we have running our MySQL database.
- 6. On h1's console, execute benchmarking.sh to run the tests.
- 7. Once benchmarking.sh completes, collect the results for accuracy, delay, CPU consumption, memory consumption, etc.

Note: To collect the results for accuracy and delay you have to read the .csv file "accuracy\_sql.csv" and "command\_response\_times.csv", make sure to not have these two .csv files before executing the script benchmarking.sh.

```
root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/SQL_TEST/p4runtime_based_implementation# ls
accuracy_sql.csv accuracy_sql_utility.py delay_test.py __pycache_
accuracy_sql_dcl.py apulog http_client.py run_controller.sh ss-log.3.txt
accuracy_sql_ddl.py app.log http_dpi_client.py sql_ddl_commands.py scuracy_sql_dml.py accuracy_sql_dml.py accuracy_sql_show.py command_response_times.csv http_dpi_server.py sql_show_commands.py saccuracy_sql_tc.py reate_architecture.sh p4-guide ss-log.1.txt
root@anthony-virtual-machine:/home/anthony/SQL_TEST/p4runtime_based_implementation#
```

Figure 13: Needed files for the Data Plane Implementation

The results will look like figure 14

```
Execution Time: 54430ms
Peak CPU Usage During Execution: 63.3%
CPU Usage Increment Factor: 63.30
CPU Time: 2.43s
Maximum Memory Usage: 92488KB
```

Figure 14: Data Plane Implementation Results

# 0.1.9 About MySQL Database

The Database that we used for out tests is not in the provided OVF image, therefore, to execute the SQL tests successfully we will have to import the dump file that contains the squema, tables, etc. in regards to the DB. Besides, when importing the database make sure to set up this information:

```
    'user': 'username'
    'password': 'password'
    'host': '192.168.118.136' (IP of the host containing the DB)
    'database': 'sqli'
```

If you decide to opt for configuring different username, password, host, or database name, you will have to update the parameters in the python programs. Also, note that the MySQL Database is not encrypting the communication. Hence, you will have to disable SSL/TLS for the tests.

#### Appendix A: Database Schema Dump

Below is the complete MySQL dump from the database 'sqli', which includes detailed table structures, data insertion commands, and system settings. This dump is crucial for reproducing the database environment necessary for the experiments conducted in this thesis. Note: You can download the file from the provided GitHub repository.

```
-- MySQL dump 10.13 Distrib 8.0.36, for Linux (x86_64)
-- Host: localhost Database: sqli
-- Server version 8.0.36-Oubuntu0.22.04.1
/*!40101 SET @OLD_CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT=@@CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT */;
/*!40101 SET @OLD_CHARACTER_SET_RESULTS=@@CHARACTER_SET_RESULTS */;
/*!40101 SET @OLD_COLLATION_CONNECTION=@@COLLATION_CONNECTION */;
/*!50503 SET NAMES utf8mb4 */;
/*!40103 SET @OLD_TIME_ZONE=@@TIME_ZONE */;
/*!40103 SET TIME_ZONE='+00:00' */;
/*!40014 SET @OLD_UNIQUE_CHECKS=@@UNIQUE_CHECKS, UNIQUE_CHECKS=0 */;
/*!40014 SET @OLD FOREIGN KEY CHECKS=@@FOREIGN KEY CHECKS, FOREIGN KEY CHECKS=0 */;
/*!40101 SET @OLD_SQL_MODE=@@SQL_MODE, SQL_MODE='NO_AUTO_VALUE_ON_ZERO' */;
/*!40111 SET @OLD_SQL_NOTES=@@SQL_NOTES, SQL_NOTES=0 */;
-- Table structure for table 'coffee_table'
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS 'coffee_table';
/*!40101 SET @saved_cs_client = @@character_set_client */;
```

```
/*!50503 SET character_set_client = utf8mb4 */;
CREATE TABLE 'coffee_table' (
  'id' int DEFAULT NULL,
  'name' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  'region' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  'roast' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci;
/*!40101 SET character_set_client = @saved_cs_client */;
-- Dumping data for table 'coffee_table'
LOCK TABLES 'coffee_table' WRITE;
/*!40000 ALTER TABLE 'coffee_table' DISABLE KEYS */;
INSERT INTO 'coffee_table' VALUES
(1, 'default route', 'Ethiopia', 'light'),
(1, 'Colombian', 'South America', 'Medium'),
(2, 'Ethiopian Yirgacheffe', 'Africa', 'Light'),
(3, 'Sumatra Mandheling', 'Indonesia', 'Dark'),
(4, 'Guatemala Antigua', 'Central America', 'Medium'),
(5, 'Kenya AA', 'Africa', 'Medium'),
(6, 'Costa Rica Tarrazu', 'Central America', 'Medium');
/*!40000 ALTER TABLE 'coffee_table' ENABLE KEYS */;
UNLOCK TABLES;
-- Table structure for table 'countries'
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS 'countries';
/*!40101 SET @saved_cs_client = @@character_set_client */;
/*!50503 SET character_set_client = utf8mb4 */;
CREATE TABLE 'countries' (
  'id' int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  'country_name' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  'capital' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  'government_type' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  'population' int DEFAULT NULL,
  'area_km2' decimal(10,2) DEFAULT NULL,
  'currency' varchar(50) DEFAULT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY ('id')
) ENGINE=InnoDB AUTO_INCREMENT=6 DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci
/*!40101 SET character_set_client = @saved_cs_client */;
-- Dumping data for table 'countries'
LOCK TABLES 'countries' WRITE;
/*!40000 ALTER TABLE 'countries' DISABLE KEYS */;
INSERT INTO 'countries' VALUES
(1, 'United States', 'Washington D.C.', 'Federal Republic', 331002651, 9833517.85,
   → 'USD'),
(2, 'United Kingdom', 'London', 'Constitutional Monarchy', 67886011, 242495.00, '
   → GBP'),
(3, 'France', 'Paris', 'Semi-Presidential Republic', 65273511, 551695.00, 'EUR'),
(4, 'Germany', 'Berlin', 'Federal Republic', 83783942, 357022.00, 'EUR'),
(5, 'Japan', 'Tokyo', 'Constitutional Monarchy', 126476461, 377975.00, 'JPY');
```

```
/*!40000 ALTER TABLE 'countries' ENABLE KEYS */;
UNLOCK TABLES;
-- Table structure for table 'dpi2'
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS 'dpi2';
/*!40101 SET @saved_cs_client = @@character_set_client */;
/*!50503 SET character_set_client = utf8mb4 */;
CREATE TABLE 'dpi2' (
 'id' int NOT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY ('id')
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci;
/*!40101 SET character_set_client = @saved_cs_client */;
-- Dumping data for table 'dpi2'
LOCK TABLES 'dpi2' WRITE;
/*!40000 ALTER TABLE 'dpi2' DISABLE KEYS */;
/*!40000 ALTER TABLE 'dpi2' ENABLE KEYS */;
UNLOCK TABLES;
-- Table structure for table 'test1'
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS 'test1';
/*!40101 SET @saved_cs_client = @@character_set_client */;
/*!50503 SET character_set_client = utf8mb4 */;
CREATE TABLE 'test1' (
  'id' int NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  'column1' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  'column2' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  'column3' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  'column4' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  'column5' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
  'column6' varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
 PRIMARY KEY ('id')
) ENGINE=InnoDB AUTO_INCREMENT=6 DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci
/*!40101 SET character_set_client = @saved_cs_client */;
-- Dumping data for table 'test1'
LOCK TABLES 'test1' WRITE;
/*!40000 ALTER TABLE 'test1' DISABLE KEYS */;
INSERT INTO 'test1' VALUES
(1, 'data1_1', 'data1_2', 'data1_3', 'data1_4', 'data1_5', 'data1_6'),
(2, 'data2_1', 'data2_2', 'data2_3', 'data2_4', 'data2_5', 'data2_6'),
(3, 'data3_1', 'data3_2', 'data3_3', 'data3_4', 'data3_5', 'data3_6'),
(4, 'data4_1', 'data4_2', 'data4_3', 'data4_4', 'data4_5', 'data4_6'),
(5, 'data5_1', 'data5_2', 'data5_3', 'data5_4', 'data5_5', 'data5_6');
/*!40000 ALTER TABLE 'test1' ENABLE KEYS */;
UNLOCK TABLES;
-- Footer settings to restore system settings
/*!40103 SET TIME_ZONE=@OLD_TIME_ZONE */;
/*!40101 SET SQL_MODE=@OLD_SQL_MODE */;
```

```
/*!40014 SET FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS=@OLD_FOREIGN_KEY_CHECKS */;
/*!40014 SET UNIQUE_CHECKS=@OLD_UNIQUE_CHECKS */;
/*!40101 SET CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT=@OLD_CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT */;
/*!40101 SET CHARACTER_SET_RESULTS=@OLD_CHARACTER_SET_RESULTS */;
/*!40101 SET COLLATION_CONNECTION=@OLD_COLLATION_CONNECTION */;
/*!40111 SET SQL_NOTES=@OLD_SQL_NOTES */;

-- Dump completed on 2024-05-19 19:39:03
```

# 0.2 Create Your Own Environment To Reproduce The Results

If on the contrary you don't want to use the provided OVF image, you can also set up your own environment.

#### Software Installation Guide

These are some of the things to install to have the adequate environment for the tests.

#### 1. Basic Tools Installation

• Command: sudo apt install git wget vim ethtool

#### 2. Mininet Installation

• GitHub: https://github.com/mininet/mininet

## 3. POX Controller Installation

# 4. Thrift Installation

- Required for BMv2.
- Installation guide: Install Thrift

## 5. BMv2 (Behavioral Model v2) Installation

- Necessary for running P4 environments.
- $\bullet \ \ GitHub: \ https://github.com/p4lang/behavioral-model$

## 6. gRPC and Protobuf Installation

- Needed for communication between P4 devices and controllers.
- Protobuf GitHub: https://github.com/protocolbuffers/protobuf
- gRPC GitHub: https://github.com/grpc/grpc
- Installation steps are available on their respective GitHub repositories.

# 7. Docker Installation

- For container management.
- $\bullet\,$  Installation guide: Install Docker

## 8. Additional Commands and Software

• Configure and manage SDN controllers, switches, and environments using provided scripts and command-line utilities.

Once we have out environment we will have to clone the provided GitHub repository GitHub\_repository.

## Post-Repository Cloning Instructions

- 1. **P4-Guide Setup:** After cloning the repository, check for a sub-folder named "p4-guide" within the directories "HTTP\_TEST/p4runtime\_based\_implementation" and "SQL\_TEST/p4runtime\_based\_implementation". If this sub-folder is absent, you should clone it from this link. Once downloaded, replace the "flowcache" folder within the newly downloaded "p4-guide" with the one from "p4runtime\_based\_implementation".
- 2. **POX Controller Configuration:** Upon successful installation of the POX controller on your OS, you will have to add all the files contained in the folder "POX\_Applications" in the GitHub repository to the pox project you just installed. Add the files to the corresponding sub-folders.
- 3. **Final Integration Steps:** Once the above configurations are complete, follow the steps analogous to those provided for the OVF image to ensure a consistent setup across different environments. This includes running the scripts and others as detailed in the first section of the appendices.