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DIGITAL ASSIGNMENT 2

VIBES: Fast Blockchain Simulations for Large-scale Peer-to-Peer Networks

BLOCKCHAIN SIMULATOR GROUP-3

VIBES (Virtual Blockchain Simulation Environment) is a fast and scalable simulator for large-scale peer-to-peer networks running blockchain protocols. It is designed to provide a realistic and controllable environment for testing and evaluating blockchain systems.

VIBES uses a discrete event simulation approach to model the behavior of nodes in a blockchain network. It includes a set of pre-built blockchain protocols, including Bitcoin and Ethereum, and allows users to customize and create their own protocols.

The simulator is designed to be highly scalable, capable of simulating networks with millions of nodes. It also features a fast and efficient implementation, allowing for quick experimentation and testing of different scenarios.

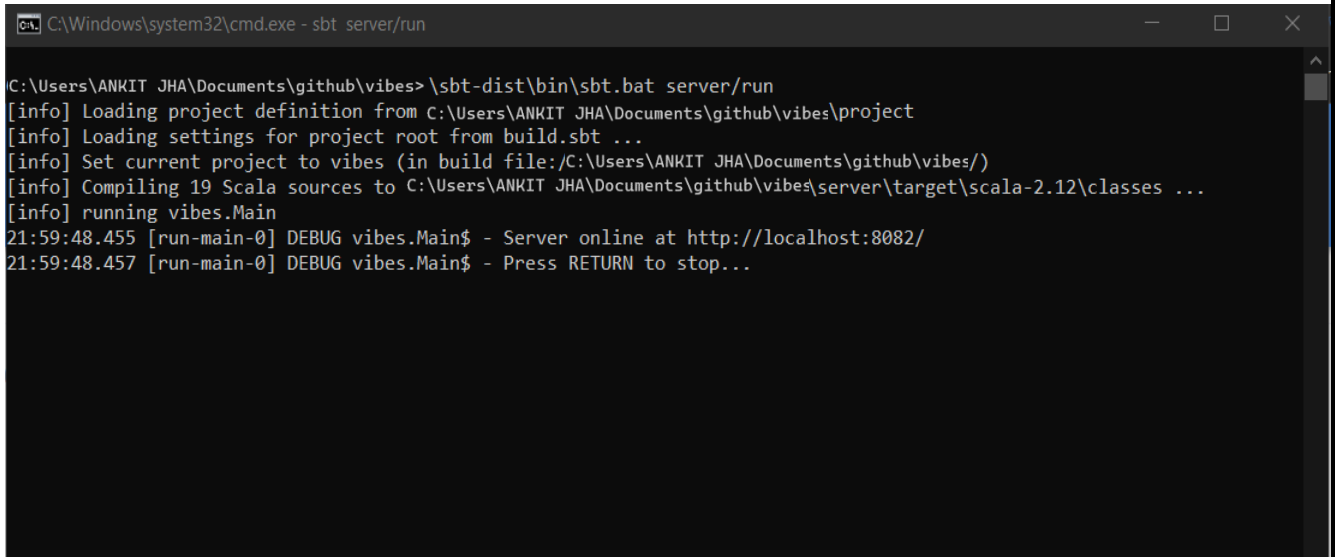
One of the unique features of VIBES is its ability to simulate network latency and packet loss, providing a more realistic testing environment for blockchain protocols. It also includes a visualization tool that allows users to see the behavior of nodes and transactions in the network.

Overall, VIBES is a powerful tool for researchers and developers working on blockchain systems, providing a fast and scalable simulation environment for testing and evaluating new protocols and applications.

It offers several advantages, including:

1. High scalability: VIBES can simulate large-scale blockchain networks with thousands of nodes and transactions, making it an ideal tool for testing and optimizing blockchain protocols.
2. Realistic simulation: VIBES simulates the behavior of nodes in a blockchain network, including message propagation, consensus protocols, and transaction validation. This provides a realistic view of how the network will function in the real world.
3. Fast simulation: VIBES is designed to be fast and efficient, allowing users to run simulations quickly and easily.
4. Customizable parameters: VIBES allows users to customize various parameters, such as network topology, transaction rate, and block size, to test different scenarios and optimize blockchain protocols.

- Download vibes blockchain simulator from their [github](#) repository.
 - The only thing you need to install is SBT (interactive scala build tool) as documented from <https://www.scala-sbt.org/>
 - You need to install the npm package manager as documented: <https://www.npmjs.com/>
 - After the installation is done, you can navigate to the frontend folder of the project and run yarn install.
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- Navigate to the root folder and run start frontend and backend.bat to start the frontend and backend server. Go to <http://localhost:8080/> with your browser.



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C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe - sbt server/run

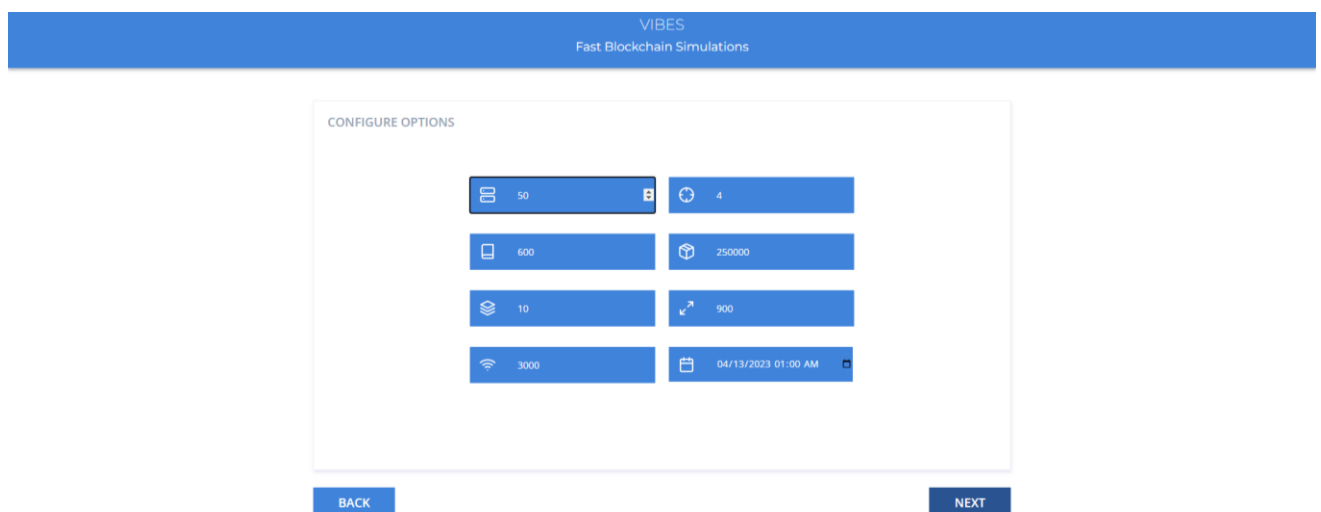
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[info] Set current project to vibes (in build file:/C:/Users/ANKIT JHA/Documents/github/vibes/)
[info] Compiling 19 Scala sources to C:\Users\ANKIT JHA\Documents\github\vibes\server\target\scala-2.12\classes ...
[info] running vibes.Main
21:59:48.455 [run-main-0] DEBUG vibes.Main$ - Server online at http://localhost:8082/
21:59:48.457 [run-main-0] DEBUG vibes.Main$ - Press RETURN to stop...
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There are two options to operate in. One can go for the traditional simple blockchain simulator or the V2 which also includes various attack simulation

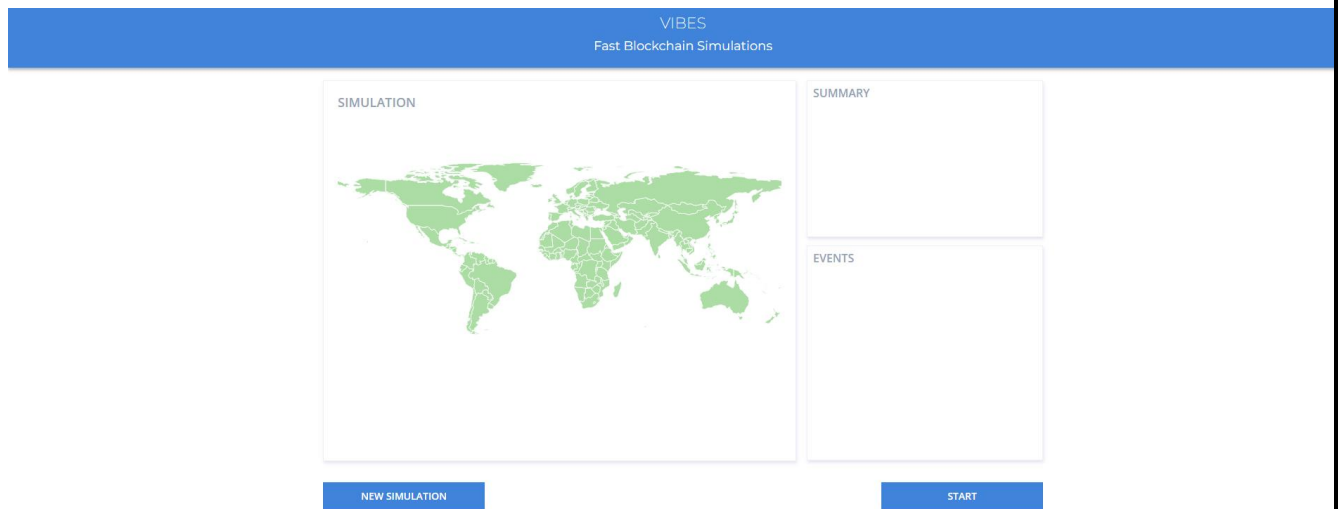


Simulator V1

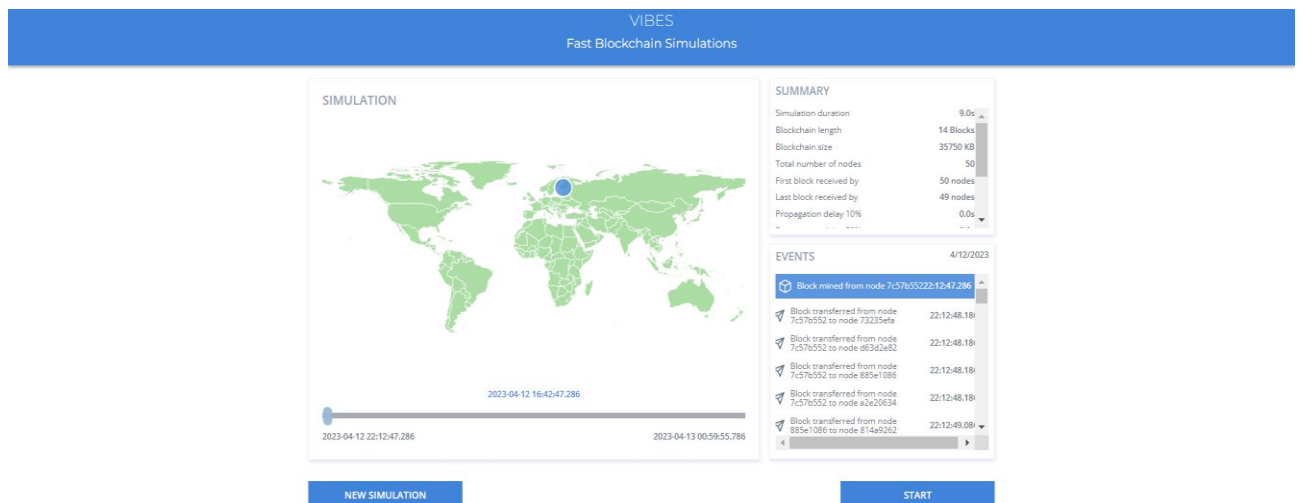
We are given the option to configure the blockchain network for the desired simulation run.



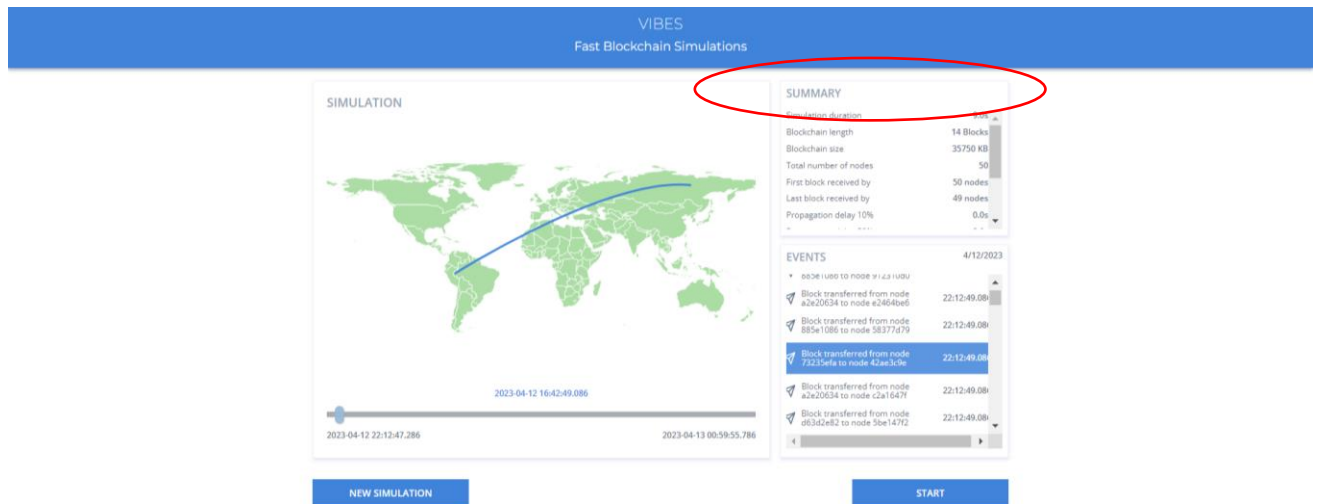
Once we move to the next screen, we are able to observe the GUI for simulation.



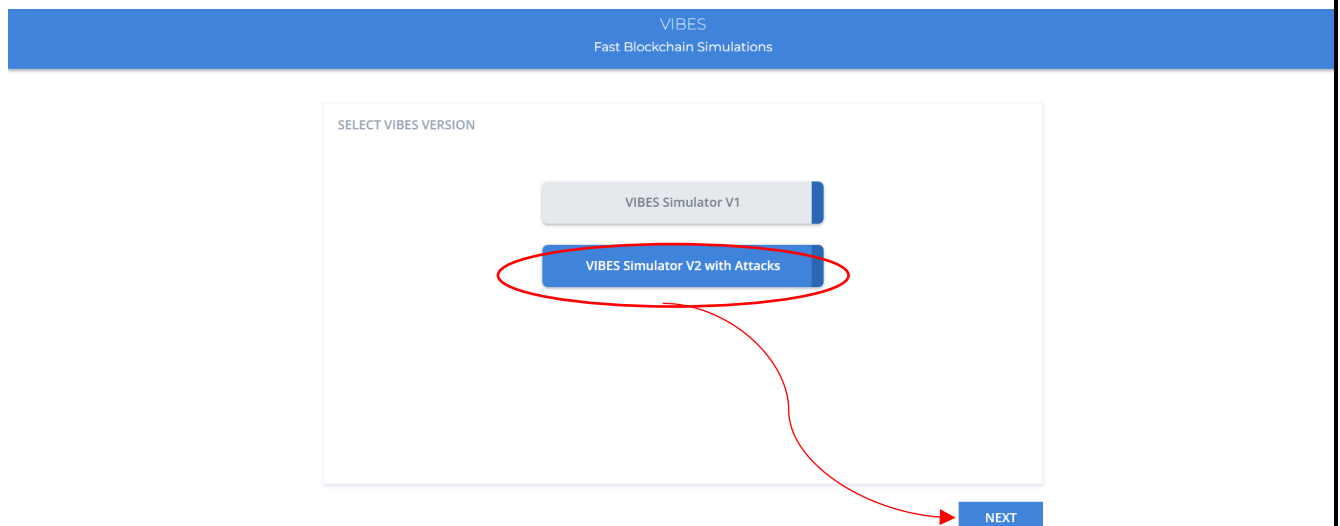
Once we start the simulation, the blockchain network will evolve and the transactions will proceed to happen.



We are able to observe each transaction's details in the summary sub-window and the graphical representation of receiver and sender in the GUI



Simulator V2 with attacks



We are given the option to configure the blockchain network, and other attack parameters for the desired simulation run.

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Fast Blockchain Simulations

CONFIGURE OPTIONS

GENERIC BLOCKCHAIN OPTIONS

Number of nodes

20

Transaction size

1000

Neighbour's Discovery Interval

3000

Number of neighbours

4

Throughput

50

Block time

600

Latency

900

Simulate until

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BITCOIN-LIKE BLOCKCHAIN SPECIFIC OPTIONS

Transaction Propagation Delay

150

Max block size

50000

Network bandwidth

1

SEGREGATED WITNESS OPTIONS

Transaction weight

2000

Maximal block weight

200000

DOUBLE-SPENDING OPTIONS

Confirmations

4

Attacker's hash rate

30

FLOOD ATTACK OPTIONS

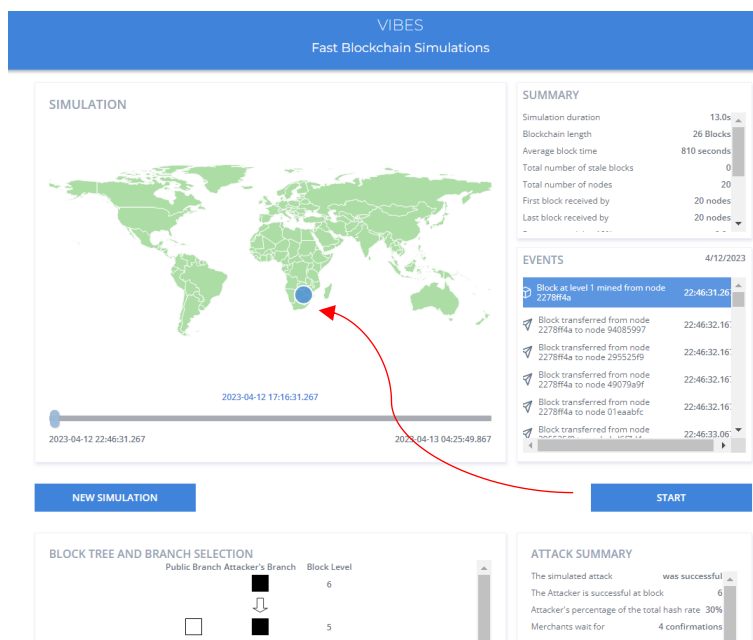
Transaction fee

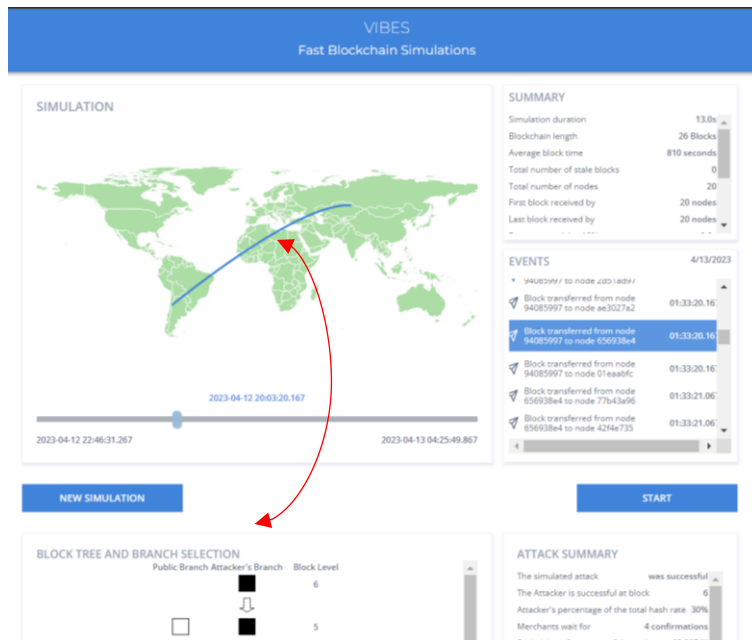
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BACK

NEXT

Once we start the simulation, the blockchain network will evolve and the transactions will proceed to happen.





We can see the details about all the attack simulations and further information and statistics about the network

