

# Pentesting in SDN

## Owning the controllers



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# Who Am I?

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- **Network (traditional)**
- **SDN Overview**
- **Threat Vectors**
- **Pentesting**
- **Defense**
- **Future**

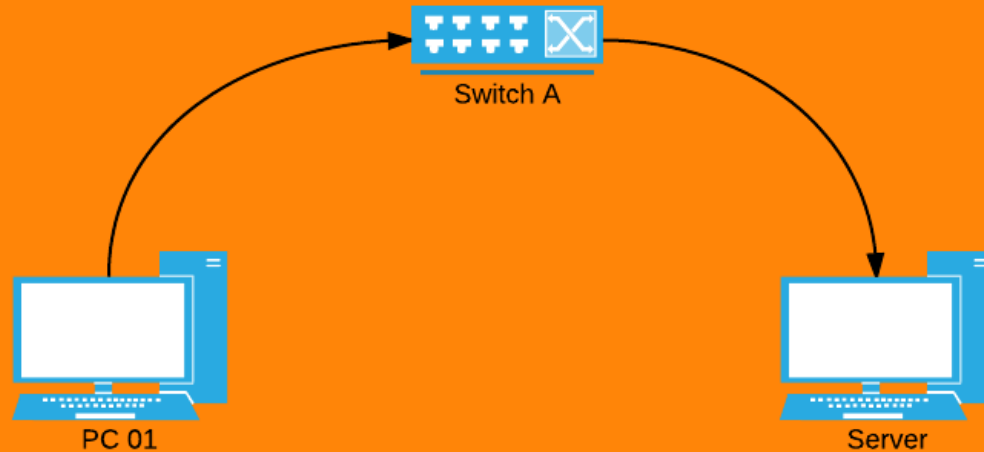


# Traditionally...

- **Specific Vendors;**
- **Scalability;**
- **Complexity;**
- **Hardware Focus;**
- **Interoperability;**
- **etc...**



# Classical Model



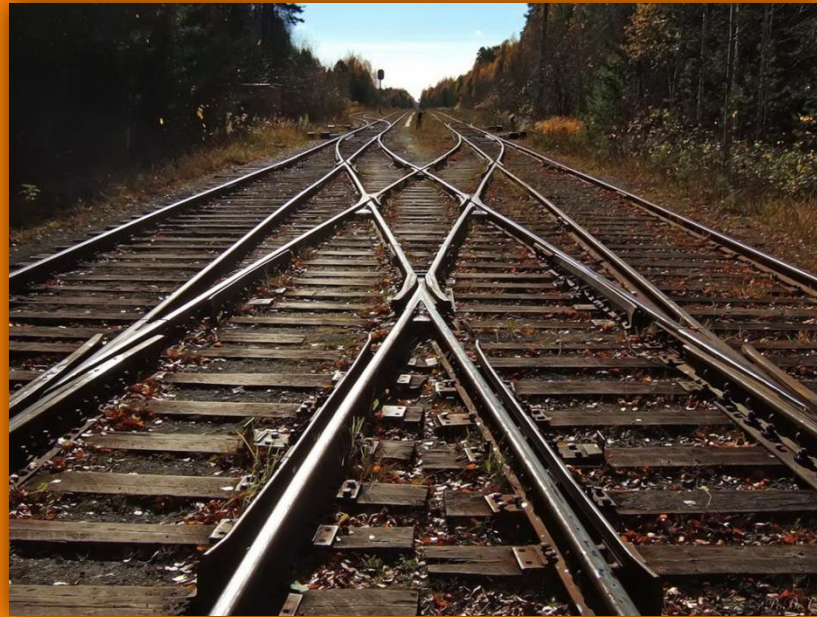
- 1. Package sent to the switch.**
- 2. Switch looks in their policies.**
- 3. Switch forwards the packet to the server.**

# SDN (Software Defined Network)



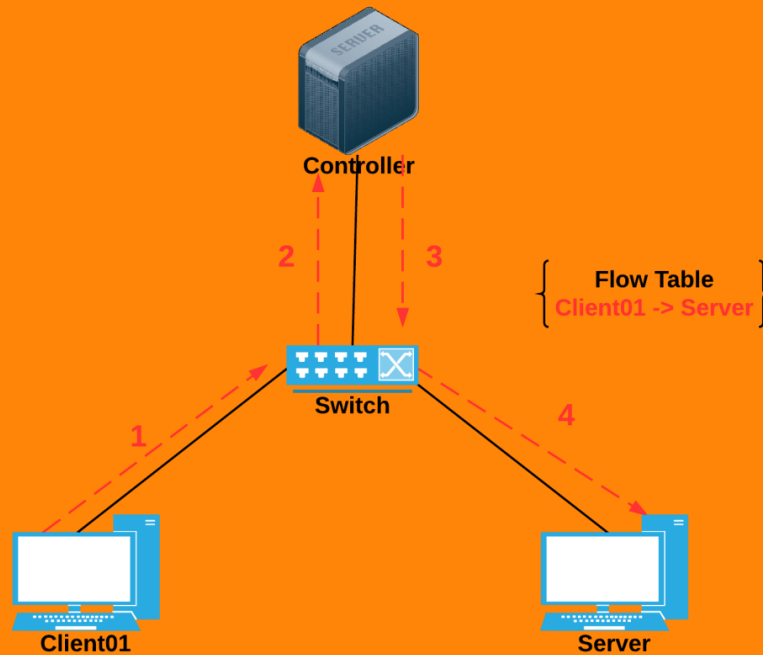
# SDN: Architecture

## Data Plane & Control Plane



**“SDN isn’t a technology, it’s a architecture”.**

# SDN: Technical



- 1. Packet is sent to the switch.**
- 2. Packet header is extracted and sent to the controller.**
- 3. Controller (check) adds a new flow in the switch table.**
- 4. Switch forwards the packet to the server.**



# Vendors

Juniper Plexxi VMware  
Brocade PLVision Nuage  
Metaswitch CPLANE Pica8  
Google HP Sanctum  
Nicira NTT Italtel  
China NCL Extreme NEC VeriX IBM  
Huawei Inocybe  
Sandvine NetSocket  
Cisco Telecom

“SDN is just a fad...”

# Controllers

- **Commercial**
  - HP VAN SDN
  - Juniper Contrail
  - Oracle SDN
  - Cisco XNC
  - Huawei POF
- **Open-Source**
  - Mininet
  - OpenDayLight
  - FloodLight
  - Juniper OpenContrail



# OpenFlow

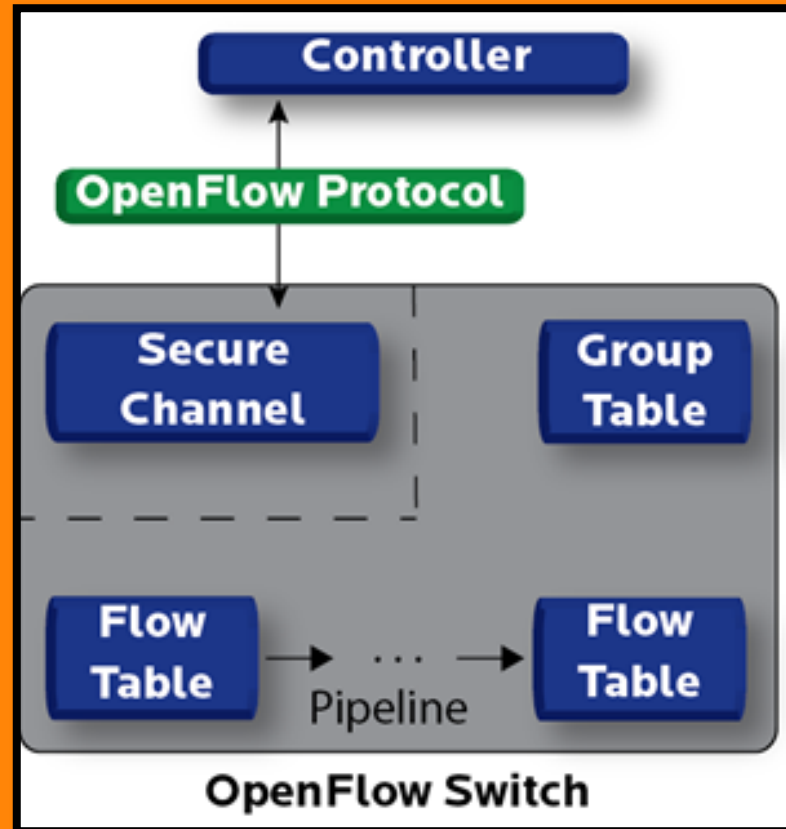
- **Communication between the controller and the switch (logical/physical).**
- **Routing flow based.**
- **Secure channel for transmission.**
- **Allows for programming “Flows” (traffic type);**
- **Allows for switching different network layers to be combined;**
- **Not limited by the platform or be enforced by the protocols.**

**“SDN != OpenFlow”**



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# OpenFlow (internal)



# It's time for revision!



# DEMO 1

**SDN overview with mininet**

**“Why set up your network if you can program it?”**

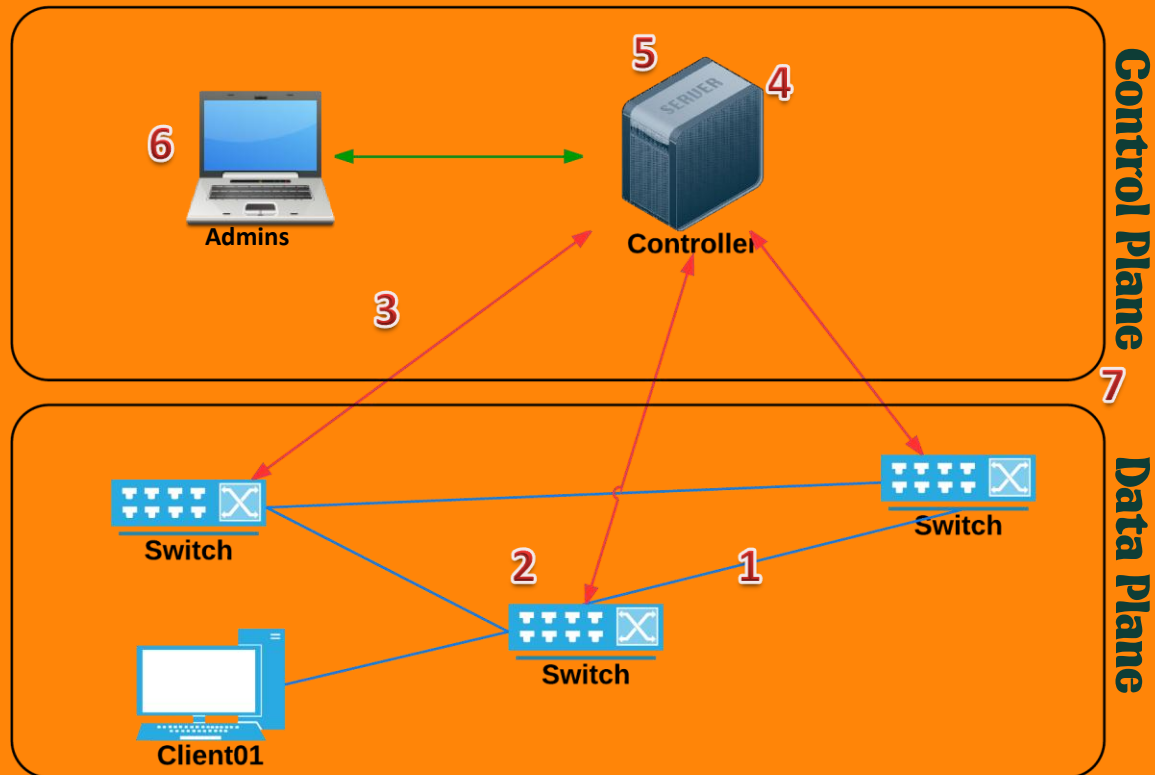


# Threat Vectors



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# Vectors!



- ↔ Admins Management (SSH!?)
- Control Plane (OpenFlow)
- ↔ Data Plane (logical/physical connections)

# Attacks!

1. Fake/Hijacked traffic flows.
2. Switch vulnerabilities.
3. Vulnerabilities on Control Plane communications.
4. Controller vulnerabilities.
5. Untrusted apps/plugins on controller.
6. Vulnerabilities on admin computer.
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**Specific to SDN**



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# Pentesting...

- 1. Identify controllers.**
- 2. Enumerate configs.**



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# Default Ports

## Controllers:

**FloodLight/Mininet/Pox/POF/HP VAN port 6633.**

**Oracle SDN port 6522.**

## Management Interface:

**FloodLight port 8080.**

**OpenDayLight Web Interface port 8080.**

**HP VAN SDN & IBM SDN-VE port 8443.**

**Cisco XNC HTTP (8080) and HTTPS (8443).**

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## DEMO 2

`sdn_enum_controllers.rb`

<https://github.com/espreto>



# Authentication

## Default passwords:

**FloodLight = floodlight:<null>**

**OpenDayLight = admin:admin**

**HP VAN SDN = admin:skyline**

**Juniper Contrail = admin:contrail123**

**IBM SDN-VE = admin:admin**

**Cisco XNC = admin:admin**



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# REST APIs

- **FloodLight port 8080**
  - (<http://localhost:8080/wm/core/controller/switchs/json>)
- **OpenDayLight port 80/8080**
  - (<http://localhost/rest/v1/model/controller-node>)
- **HP VAN SDN port 35357/8443**
  - (<https://localhost:8443/sdn/v2.0/auth>)
- **Juniper Contrail port 8081/8082**
  - (<http://localhost:8081/analytics/uves>)
- **IBM SDN-VE port 8443**
  - (<http://localhost:8443/one/nb/v2>)
- **Cisco XNC port 8080**
  - (<http://localhost:8080/controller/nb/v2/monitor>)



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## DEMO 3

`sdn_enum_configs_api.rb`

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## DEMO 4

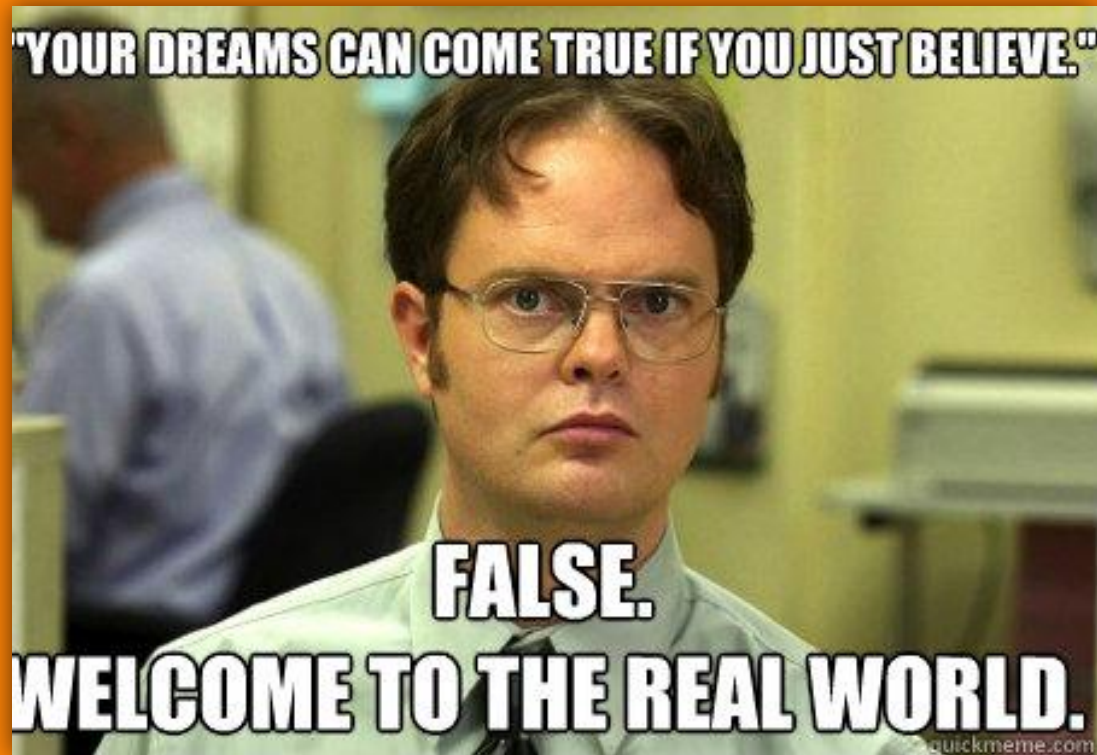
`sdn_hp_change_pass.rb`

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# Real World...



# Try Hard

- **VLANs?**
- **IDS/IPS?**
- **NAC?**
- **Etc, etc, etc...**

**Look:**

**idle\_timeout, hard\_timeout, rtt values, etc.**



**“Packet Analysis is your best friend”.**



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# Defense

- **Apply controls in CP and DP;**
- **Restrict access APIs;**
- **Audit internal malicious activity;**
- **Plugins/Applications that add levels of security;**
- **Hardening;**
- **Secure Development Lifecycle (SDLC);**
- **Specialized intrusion tests;**
- **Others...**

**“Security must not be optional”.**



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# Future...

## ...of this research:

- **Coordination of CVEs with vendors; \o/**
- **Advanced research with SDN;**
- **Donations of Switches (OpenFlow supported); ☺**
- **Create a group to share information;**
- **And...**

**“Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don’t recognize them”.**

**Ann Landers.**



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# Questions?



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