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# PacketMill: Toward Per-Core 100-Gbps Networking – Artifact for ASPLOS'21



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## Description

This is the artifact for the “PacketMill: Toward per-core 100-Gbps Networking” paper published at ASPLOS’21.

PacketMill is a system that optimizes the performance of network functions via holistic inter-stack optimizations. More specifically, PacketMill provides a new metadata management model, called X-Change, enabling the packet processing frameworks to provide their custom buffer to DPDK and fully bypass rte\_mbuf. Additionally, PacketMill performs a set of source-code & intermediate representation (IR) code optimizations.

Our paper’s artifact contains the source code, the experimental workflow, and additional information to (i) set up PacketMill & its testbed, (ii) perform some of the experiments presented in the paper, and (iii) validates the reusability & effectiveness of PacketMill.

For more information, please refer to <https://github.com/aliireza/packetmill>

## ***Instructions***

### **General Installation**

#### **Hardware Dependencies:**

PacketMill's metadata management model (X-Change) only supports MLX5 driver in DPDK. Although MLX5 driver is used by several Mellanox NICs, we have only tested Mellanox Connect-X 5 NICs. To perform PacketMill's experiments, you need two servers (preferably with Xeon processors) equipped with Mellanox Connect-X 5 NICs and interconnected via a 100-Gbps link.

#### **General Installation:**

PacketMill's README.md

(<https://github.com/aliireza/packetmill/blob/master/README.md>) describes the testbed preparation, installation process, and the experimental workflow to use PacketMill and perform different experiments.

## ***Provenance***

Our artifact provides some scripts to perform some experiments with synthetic traces (i.e., using fixed-size packets) to validate the reusability and effectiveness of PacketMill, where it uses NPF tool and FastClick. Please check

<https://github.com/aliireza/packetmill/tree/master/experiments> for more information.

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