

Qos Directed Error Control for Video Multicasting over IP

With rapid advances in wireless packet networking technology, it is becoming possible to provide mobile users not only with data, voice, but also with video communication services. Many emerging mobile applications require the playback of video on the mobile hosts (MHs), and today's wireless networks are getting ready to provide sufficient bandwidth for support of compressed video transmission. Besides sufficient bandwidth, we need effective and efficient error control mechanism to deal with the following problem.

we need to achieve transmission efficiency. Automatic Repeat reQuest (ARQ) has been proposed as effective technique for reliable multicast in wired networks, as well as for reliable unicast in wireless networks. However, for wireless video multicast with real-time constraints, ARQ may have the following disadvantages:

- (1) the sender may experience NACK (Negative ACK) implosion, and the sender may have to retransmit the same packet multiple times;
- (2) the receivers may contend with each other to send NACKs uplink, causing unnecessary latency;

Objectives of this Project:

- (1) To create a Multicast video Application using Socket Programming
- (2) To simulate the multicast application on Mininet with the same topology.
- (3) To implement FEC, FEC_retrans algorithm on the Multicast algorithm and simulate the same on mininet.

Steps in Multicast video applicationn

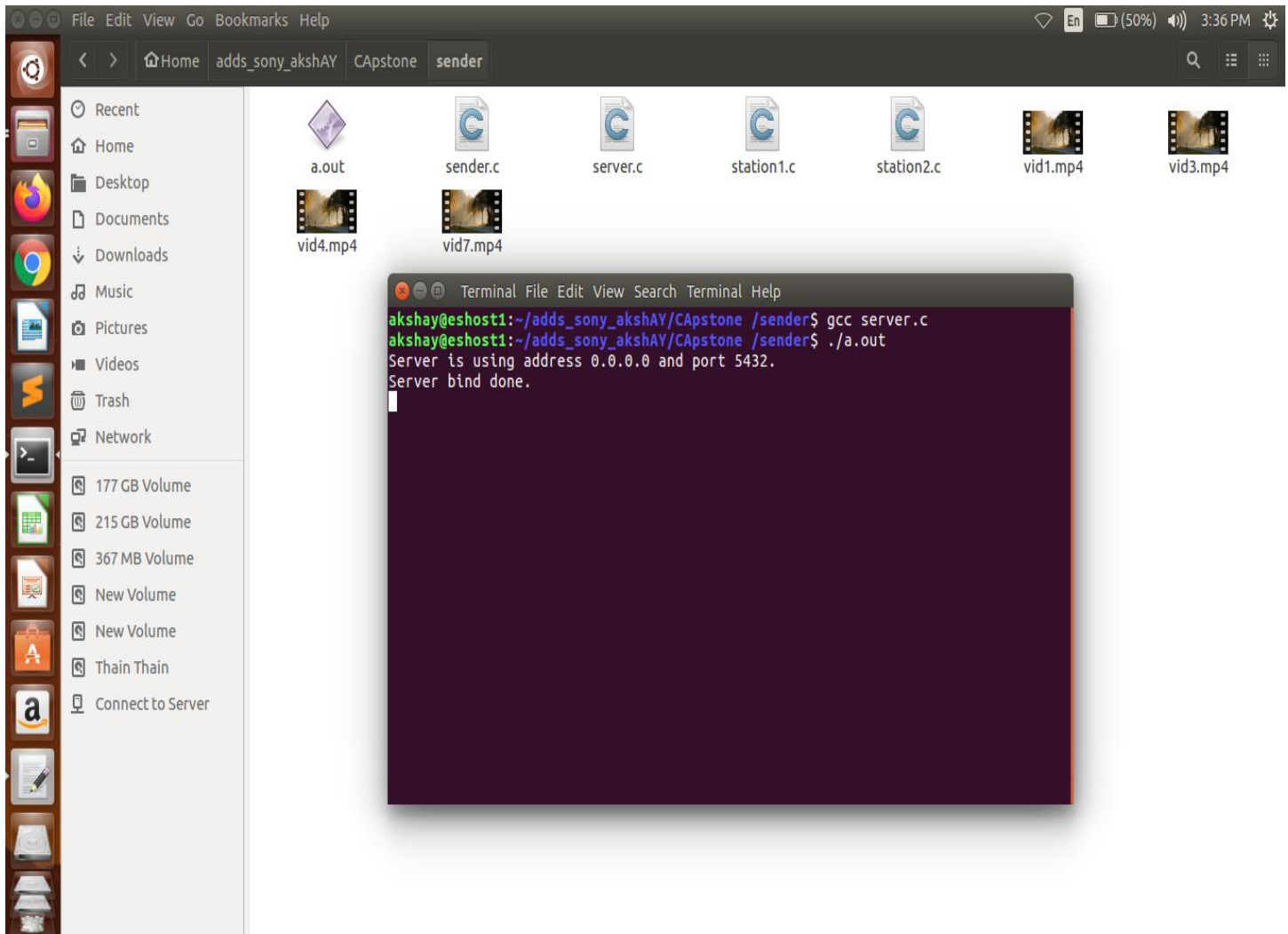
First of all, client will send a join request to the server to join the multicast group.

- After that Server will provide list(the list containing the videos), site info to the client through TCP.
- Then whichever station it selects from the list, it is connected to that station.
- All the stations are sending data, irrespective of client is connected or not.
- Whenever receiver connects to a particular station, it starts receiving live-streaming videos from that station.
- Used Media player: `ffplay` . All videos at station side is converted using `ffmpeg` to make it streamable.

Execution of Server.c file

Client to Server: TCP a. TCP is used for one to one connection from client to server and it is used for station info and site info

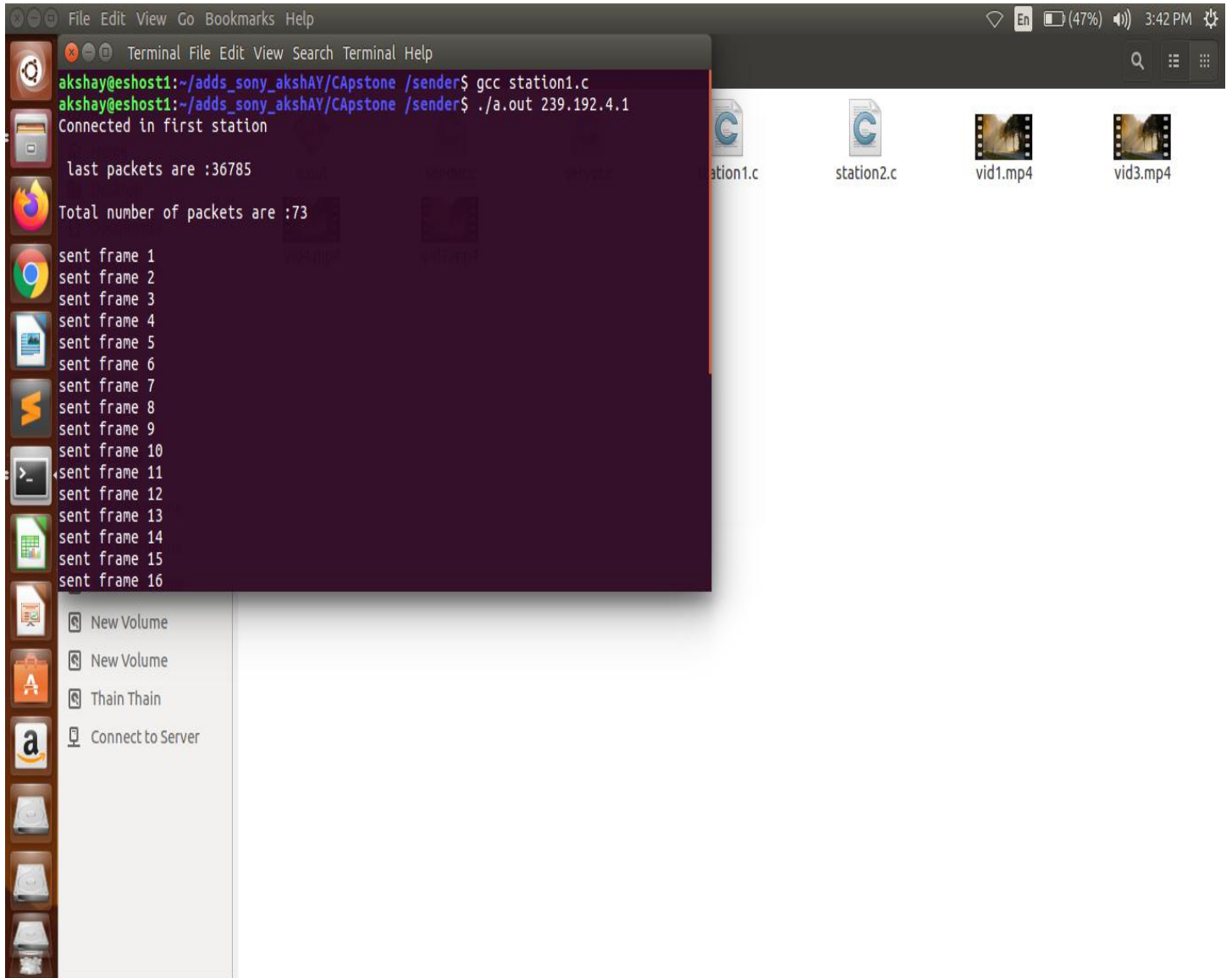
Server is running on port no 5432 and having the ip address 0.0.0.0



Station1.c

Here this file contains the videos to be sent and it sends the video frames one by one printing the total number of packets, then it keeps on sending the frames until the connection is closed

Ip address of station1 is 239.192.4.1



The screenshot shows a Linux desktop environment. A terminal window is open in the foreground, displaying the following commands and output:

```
akshay@eshost1:~/adds_sony_akshAY/CAPstone /sender$ gcc station1.c
akshay@eshost1:~/adds_sony_akshAY/CAPstone /sender$ ./a.out 239.192.4.1
Connected in first station

last packets are :36785

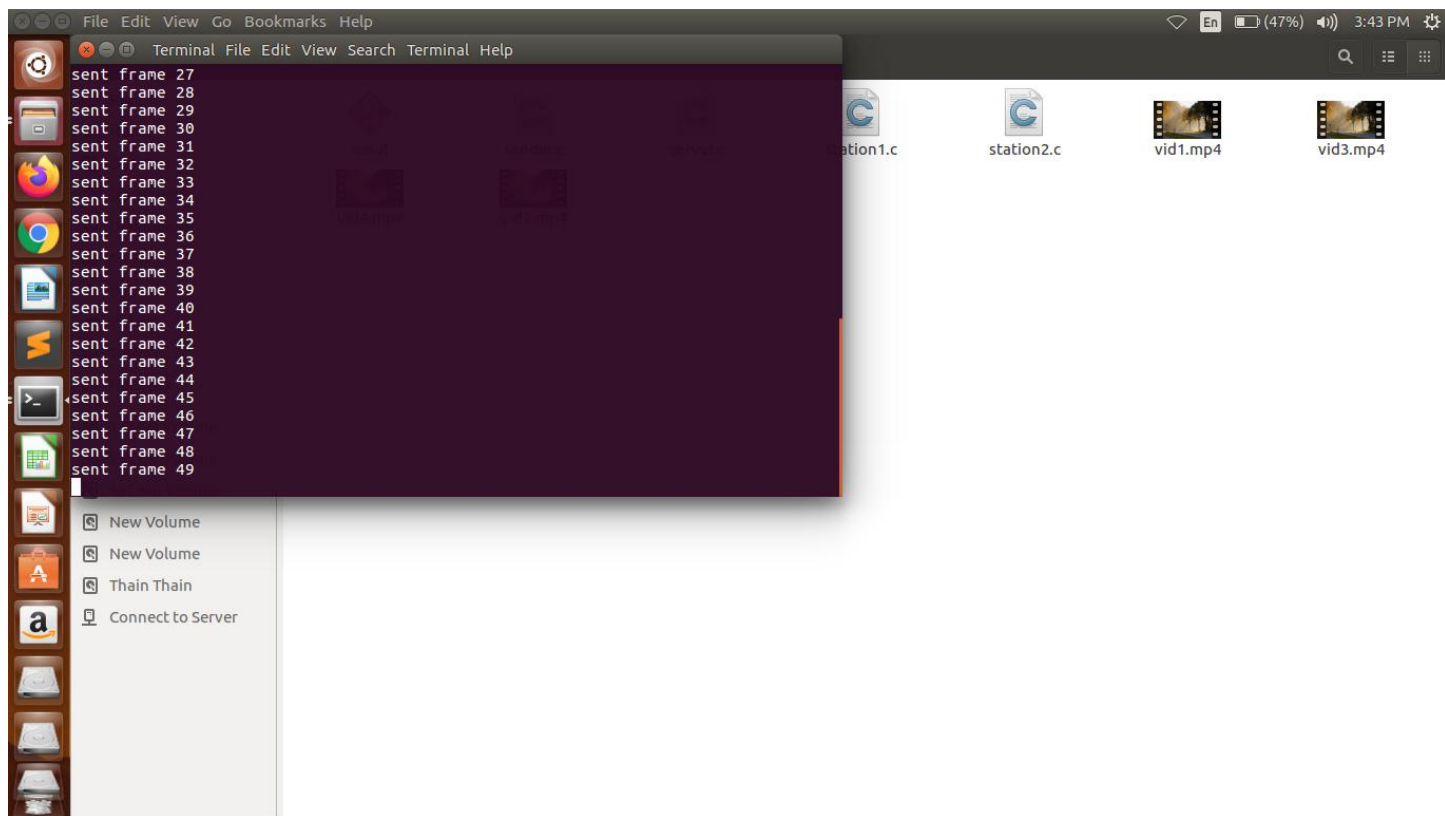
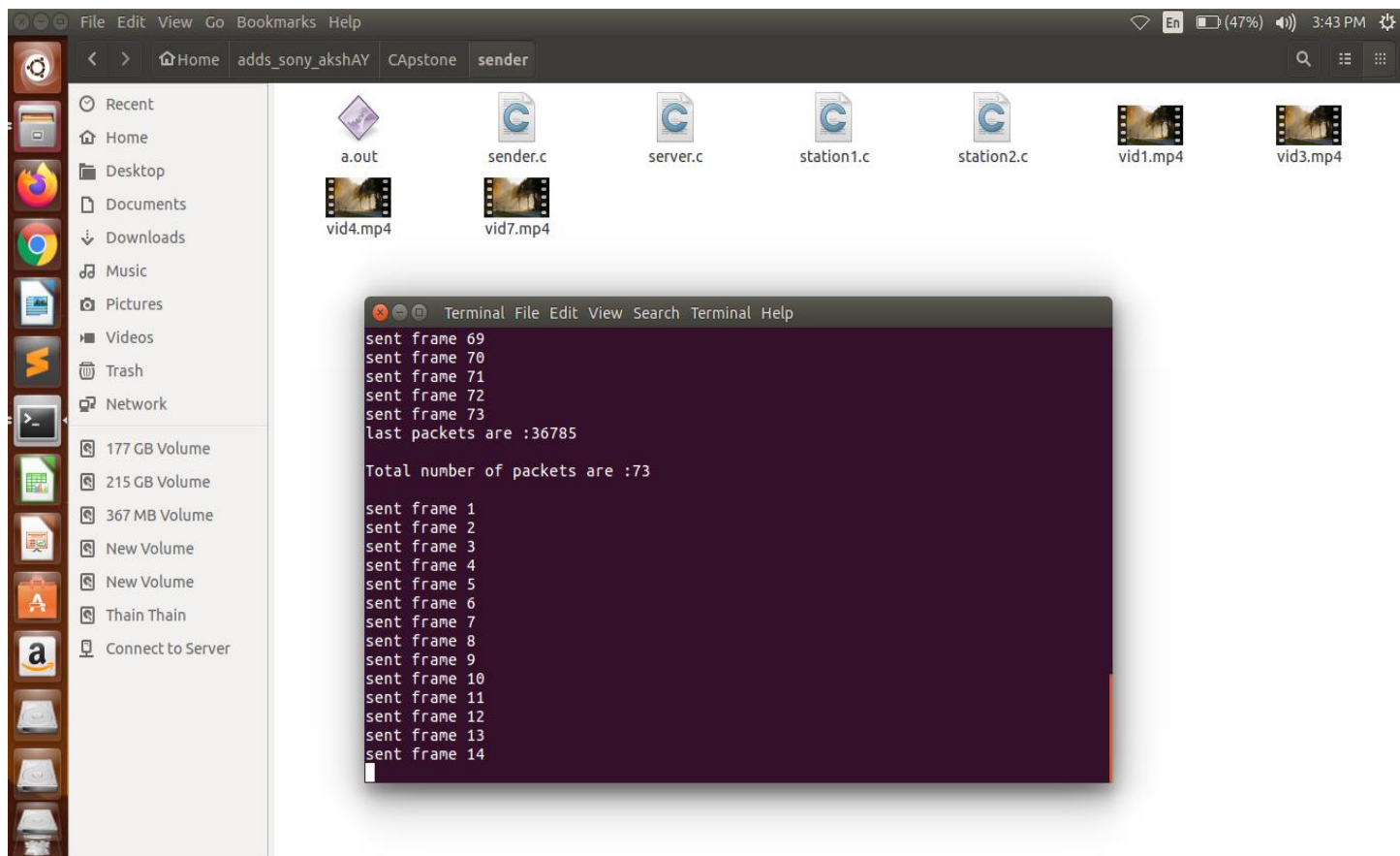
Total number of packets are :73

sent frame 1
sent frame 2
sent frame 3
sent frame 4
sent frame 5
sent frame 6
sent frame 7
sent frame 8
sent frame 9
sent frame 10
sent frame 11
sent frame 12
sent frame 13
sent frame 14
sent frame 15
sent frame 16
```

In the background, a file manager window is open, showing a directory with the following files:

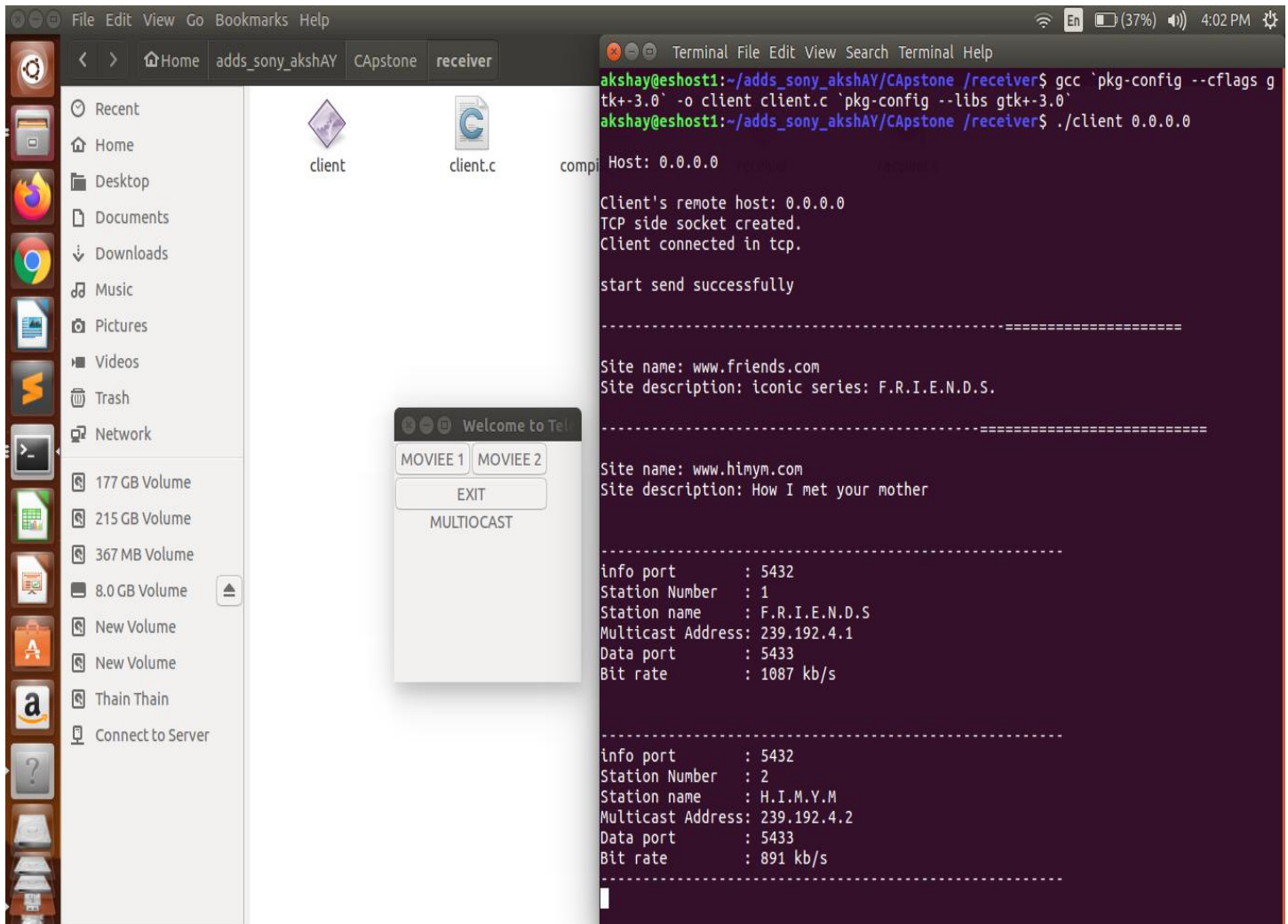
- station1.c
- station2.c
- vid1.mp4
- vid3.mp4

The desktop environment includes a sidebar with application icons (Terminal, Firefox, Chrome, LibreOffice, etc.) and a top panel with system status indicators (Wi-Fi, battery at 47%, time 3:42 PM).



Client.c

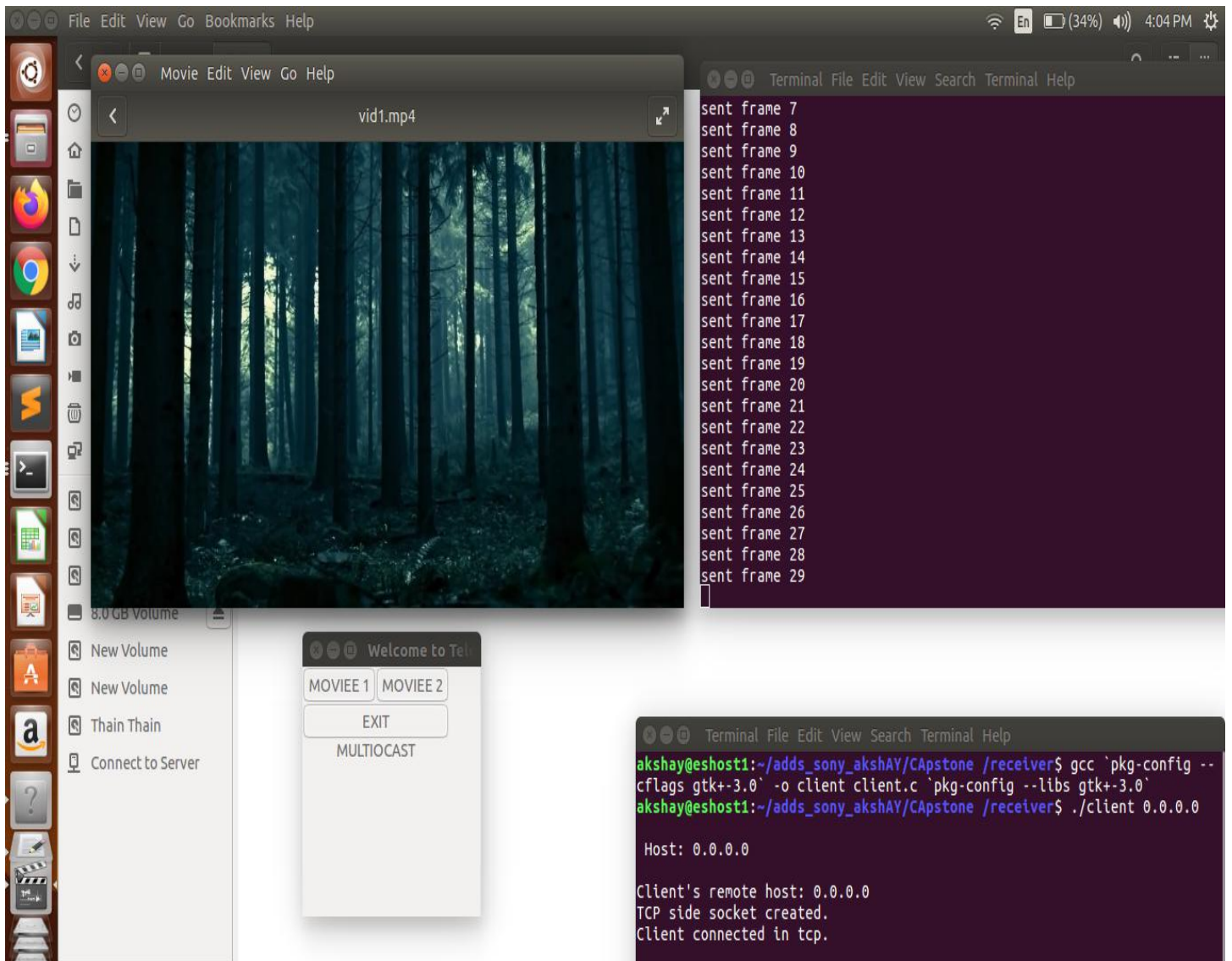
Sender to Receiver: UDP a. UDP is used to send multicast live-streaming videos from sender to all receivers who joined multicast group. For the creation of GUI we have used a inbuilt library called GTK with header file `#include<gtk.h>`



reciever.c file is executed by the client.c file

the reciever.c file contains command to convert the video file which is in mp4 to mpeg format

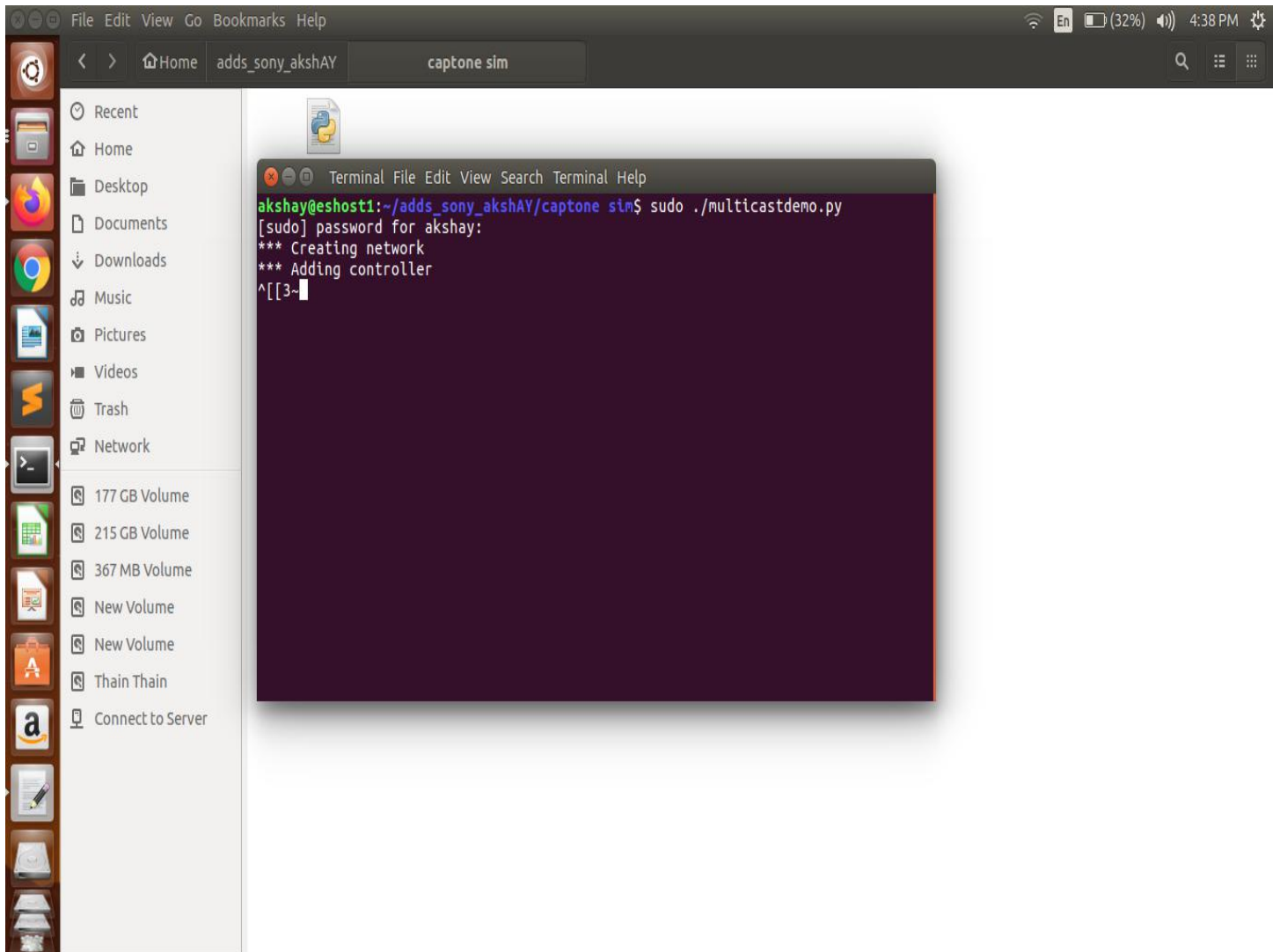
command : `ffmpeg -i inputfile.mp4 -f mpegts streamable_output.mp4`

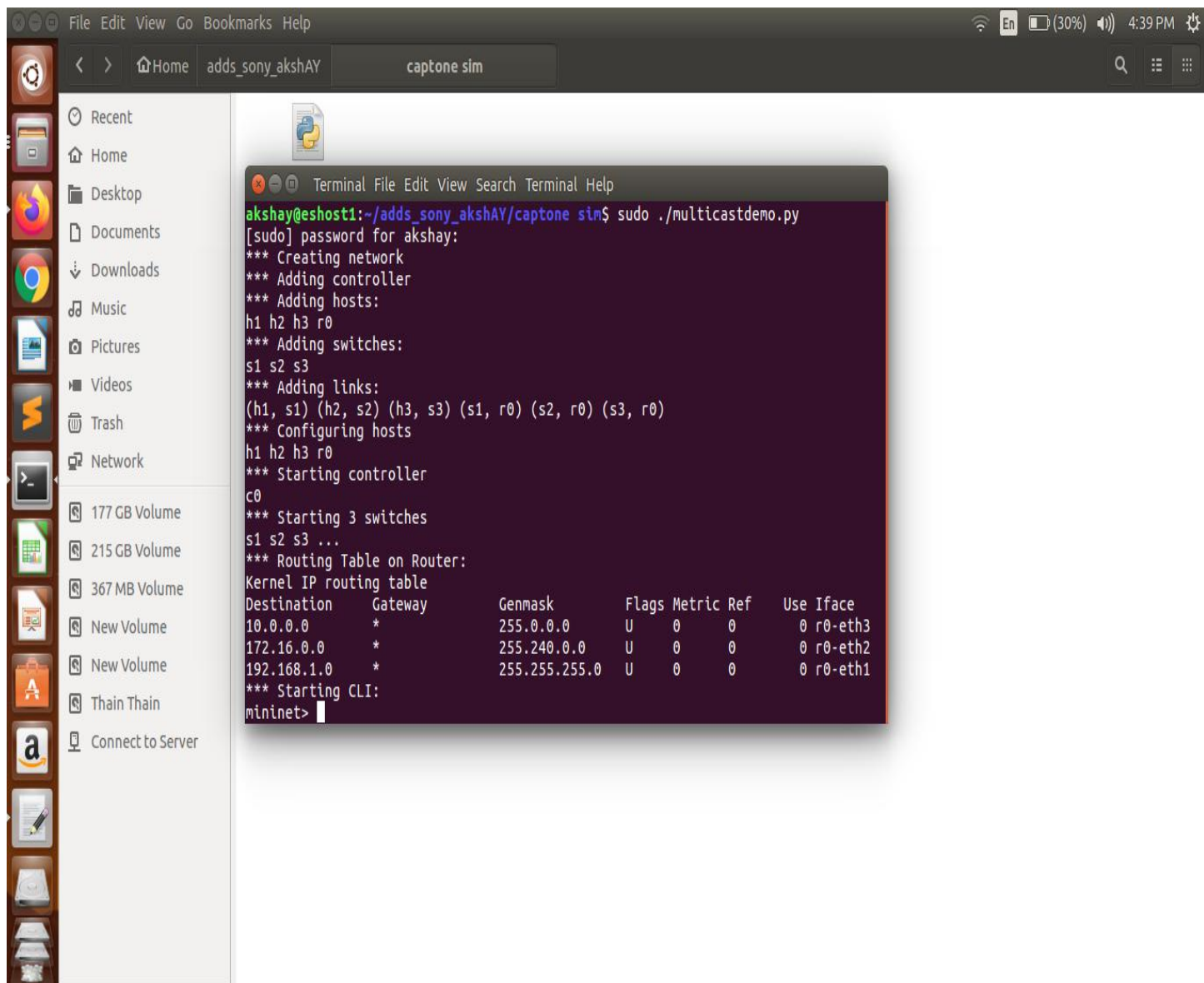


Simulation in Mininet

We used mininet to simulate the multast application where in we had r0 h1 h2 h3 as the nodes.

We had a custom topology of 3 nodes h1 h2 h3





Using xterm r0 h1 h2 h3 we create three terminal nodes ,h1 h2 h3 acting as video requesting nodes.

The routing table is also shown below

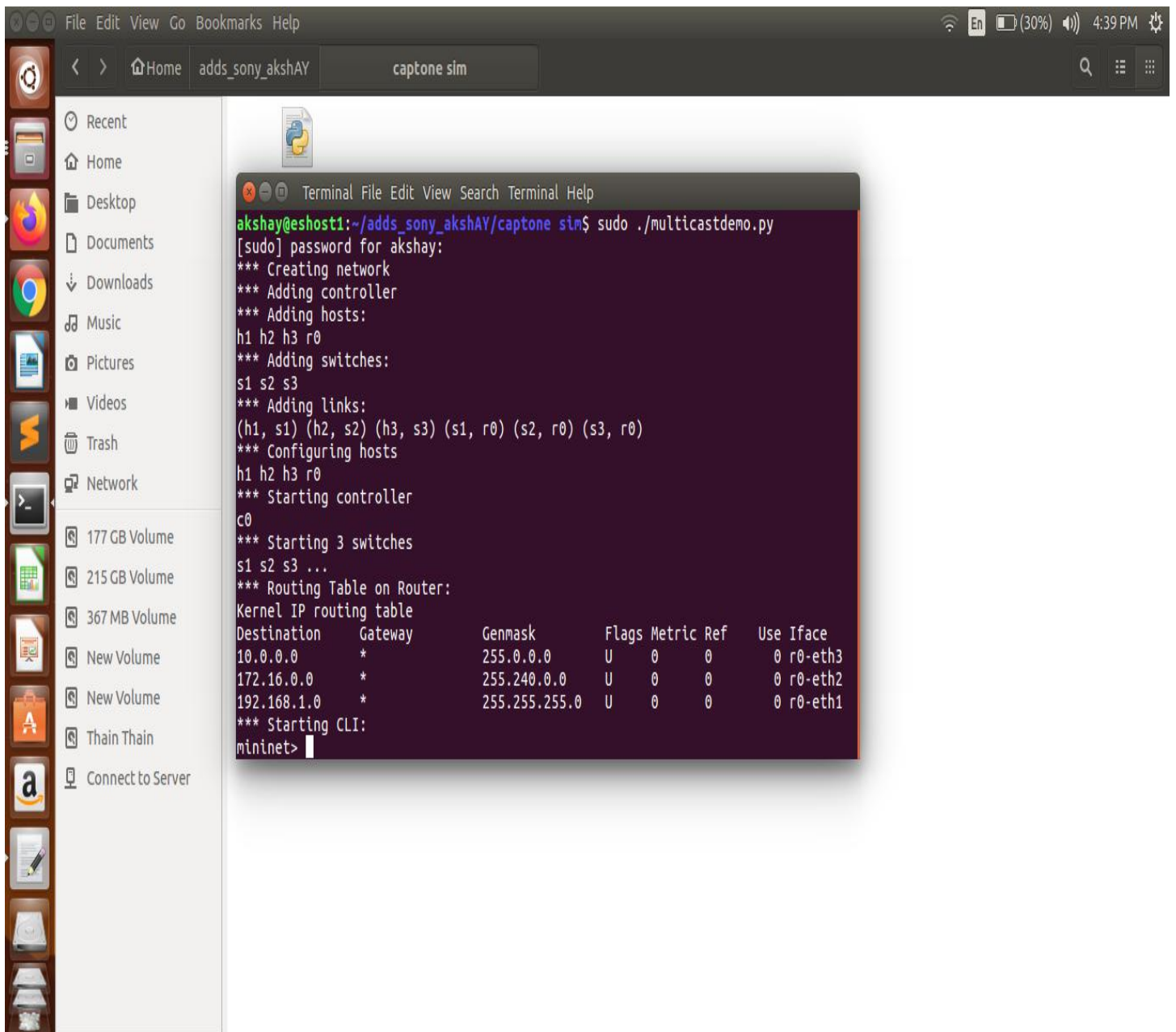
The screenshot shows a Linux desktop environment. The main terminal window displays the following output:

```
[sudo] password for akshay:
*** Creating network
*** Adding controller
*** Adding hosts:
h1 h2 h3 r0
*** Adding switches:
s1 s2 s3
*** Adding links:
(h1, s1) (h2, s2) (h3, s3) (s1, r0) (s2, r0) (s3, r0)
*** Configuring hosts
h1 h2 h3 r0
*** Starting controller
c0
*** Starting 3 switches
s1 s2 s3 ...
*** Routing Table on Router:
Kernel IP routing table
Destination    Gateway         Genmask         Flags Metric Ref    Use Iface
10.0.0.0       *               255.0.0.0       U        0      0        0 r0-eth3
172.16.0.0     *               255.240.0.0     U        0      0        0 r0-eth2
192.168.1.0    *               255.255.255.0   U        0      0        0 r0-eth1
*** Starting CLI:
mininet> xterm r0 h1 h2 h3
mininet>
```

Three xterm windows are open, each representing a node:

- "Node: h2"**: `root@eshost1:~/adds_sony_akshay/captone sim#`
- "Node: r0"**: `root@eshost1:~/adds_sony_akshay/captone sim#`
- "Node: h3"**: `root@eshost1:~/adds_sony_akshay/captone sim#`

The desktop environment includes a sidebar with application icons (Terminal, File Manager, Firefox, Chrome, etc.) and a system tray at the top right showing network, battery (29%), and time (4:41 PM).



The next thing to implement is the FEC and FEC_retrans algorithm in Mininet .

The sudo code for the algorithm is as follows

1. FEC Algorithm

```
while (not end_of_video()) {  
  do { Packetize QoS-essential frames to collect  $k$  packets to  
        form a Transmission Group  $TG$ ;  
        FEC_encoding( $TG, n, k$ );  
        Transmit  $TG$ ;  
        Retransmit  $(e - h)$  packets starting from the  $(h + 1)$ th  
        packet in  $TG$ ;  
        Transmit the  $n - k$  parity packets of  $TG$ ;  
         $i = 1$ ;  
        while  $((j = i * e + h + 1) \leq k)$  {  
          Retransmit  $\min(e - h, k - j + 1)$  packets starting  
          from the  $j$ th packet in  $TG$ ;  
           $i = i + 1$ ;  
        }  
      } until (at least two consecutive QoS-essential frames have  
              been transmitted);  
  Packetize and transmit QoS-optional frames between and  
  after the QoS-essential frames transmitted in this iteration;  
}
```

2. FEC_retrans

```
while (not end.of.video()) {  
    do { Packetize QoS-essential frames to collect  $k$  packets  
          to form a Transmission Group  $TG$ ;  
          FEC_encoding( $TG, n, k$ );  
          Transmit  $TG$ ;  
          Transmit the  $n - k$  parity packets of  $TG$ ;  
    } until (at least two consecutive QoS-essential frames  
            have been transmitted);  
    Packetize and transmit QoS-optional frames between and  
    after the QoS-essential frames transmitted in this iteration;  
}
```

The remaining task is try to add these in the code and simulate this algorithm which works on the principle of video differentiation which segregates the video into QoS Essential Frames and QoS Optional Frames and plot graphs for the analysis of error control.