Practical 8 - Building an example application and invoking services and network commands in Openflow

 \rightarrow We check out the ip address at host interface eth1.

Figure 1: eth1 interface

→ In order to remote login in mininet through Windows OS, we have to enable X11 forwarding. This is done by installing Xming on Windows. We type the command as shown in figure 2 to securely login to mininet vm. We make use of the ip address provided in figure in 1 for eth1 network adapter.

```
mininet@mininet-vm:~
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18362.778]
(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\kshitij>ssh -X mininet@192.168.56.101
mininet@192.168.56.101's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 14.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.2.0-27-generic x86_64)Welcome to Ubuntu 14.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.2.0-27-generic x86_64)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
Last login: Wed Apr 29 12:14:56 2020
mininet@mininet-vm:~$
```

Figure 2: SSH login to mininet VM

→ We create a simple topology where we make use of 3 hosts, 1 openflow switch connected to a remote controller. The command is used as shown in figure 3.

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```

Figure 3: Creating a topology

→ ovs-ofctl is a utility that comes with Open vSwitch and enables visibility and control over a single switch's flow table. We open another SSH window and look into flow table entries which are empty initially .

Figure 4: New SSH window to view switch's flow entries

→ We now try to ping host 2 from h1. This results in "Host unreachable" response. This is because we did not configure the switch what to do with incoming packets. So, we add the entries in in the flow table by issuing the commands as mentioned in figure 5. Then we again try to ping host 2 and now we get the replies back as shown in figure 6.

```
mininet@mininet-vm:-$ sudo ovs-ofctl dump-flows s1

NXST_FLOW reply (xid=0x4):
mininet@mininet-vm:-$ sudo ovs-ofctl add-flow s1 in_port=1,actions=output:2
mininet@mininet-vm:-$ sudo ovs-ofctl add-flow s1 in_port=2,actions=output:1
mininet@mininet-vm:-$ ovs-ofctl dump-flows s1
ovs-ofctl: /var/run/openvswitch/s1.mgmt: failed to open socket (Permission denied)
mininet@mininet-vm:-$ sudo ovs-ofctl dump-flows s1

NXST_FLOW reply (xid=0x4):
cookie=0x0, duration=182.528s, table=0, n_packets=5, n_bytes=378, idle_age=164, in_port=1 actions=output:2
cookie=0x0, duration=174.032s, table=0, n_packets=5, n_bytes=378, idle_age=164, in_port=2 actions=output:1
mininet@mininet-vm:-$
```

Figure 5: Adding flow entries in open vswitch

```
mininet> h1 ping -c3 h2
PING 10.0.0.2 (10.0.0.2) 56(84) bytes of data.
From 10.0.0.1 icmp_seq=1 Destination Host Unreachable
From 10.0.0.1 icmp_seq=2 Destination Host Unreachable
From 10.0.0.1 icmp_seq=3 Destination Host Unreachable
 -- 10.0.0.2 ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 0 received, +3 errors, 100% packet loss, time 2000ms
pipe 3
mininet> sudo ovs-ofctl add-flow s1 in_port=1,actions=output:2
*** Unknown command: sudo ovs-ofctl add-flow s1 in_port=1,actions=output:2
mininet> h1 ping -c3 h2
PING 10.0.0.2 (10.0.0.2) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.360 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.022 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.024 ms
 -- 10.0.0.2 ping statistics --
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 1998ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.022/0.135/0.360/0.159 ms
```

Figure 6: Ping before adding the flow table entries and after adding