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Lab. 2: Route Configuration

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Objectives

In this lab, we are going to write three Python programs with ***Ryu*** *SDN framework* to build a simple software-defined network and compare the differences between three forwarding rules

1. Learn how to build a simple software-defined networking with **Ryu** SDN framework
2. Learn how to add forwarding rules into each OpenFlow switch
3. Learn how to add a new flow rule to find a (optimal) path

TODO

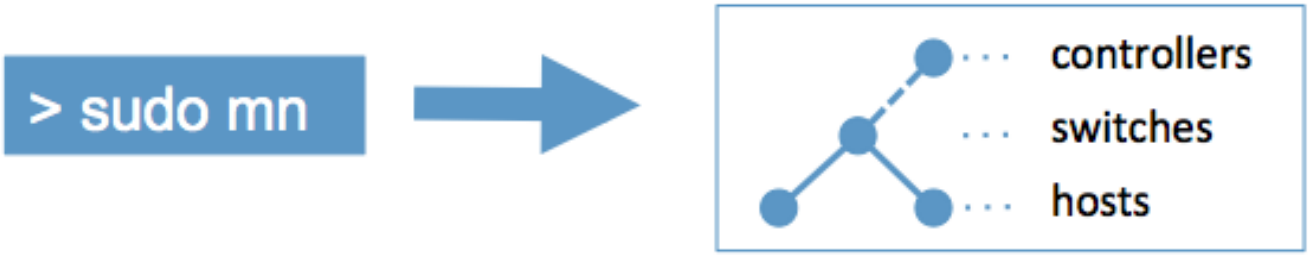
1. Modify topo.py according to the topology we provide
2. Modify the example code SimpleController.py.

Search "**[TODO]**" in this slide and codes to figure out where you should modify

Overview

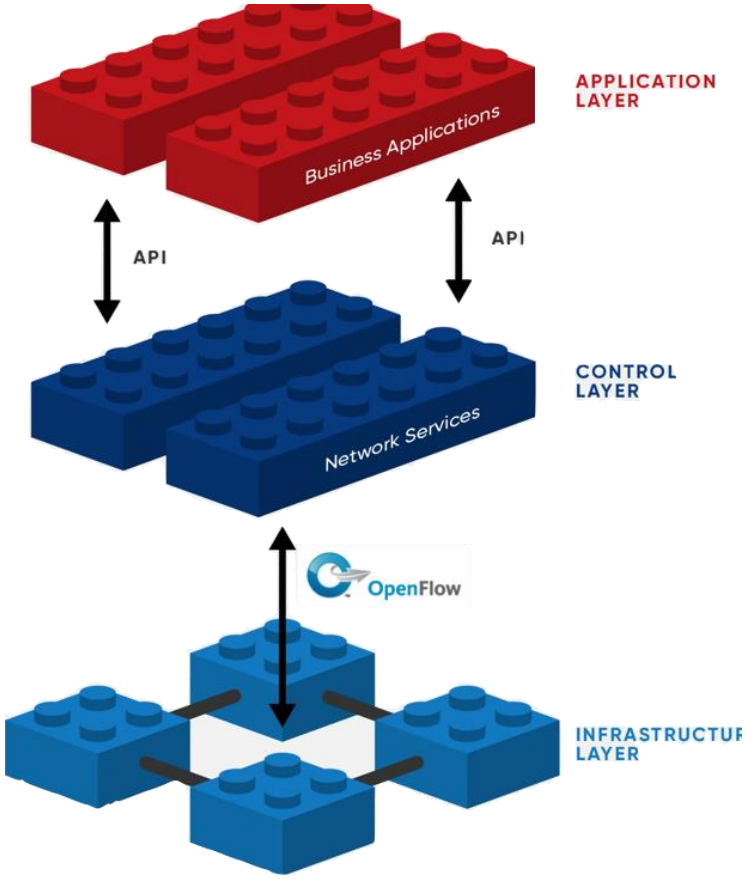
Mininet

- Mininet is a network emulator
  - Overview of Mininet - http://mininet.org/overview/
  - We have provided you a VM that has installed Mininet
- Create a realistic virtual network, running real kernel, switch and application code, on a single machine (VM, cloud or native)
- Run a collection of end-hosts, switches, routers, and links on a single Linux kernel



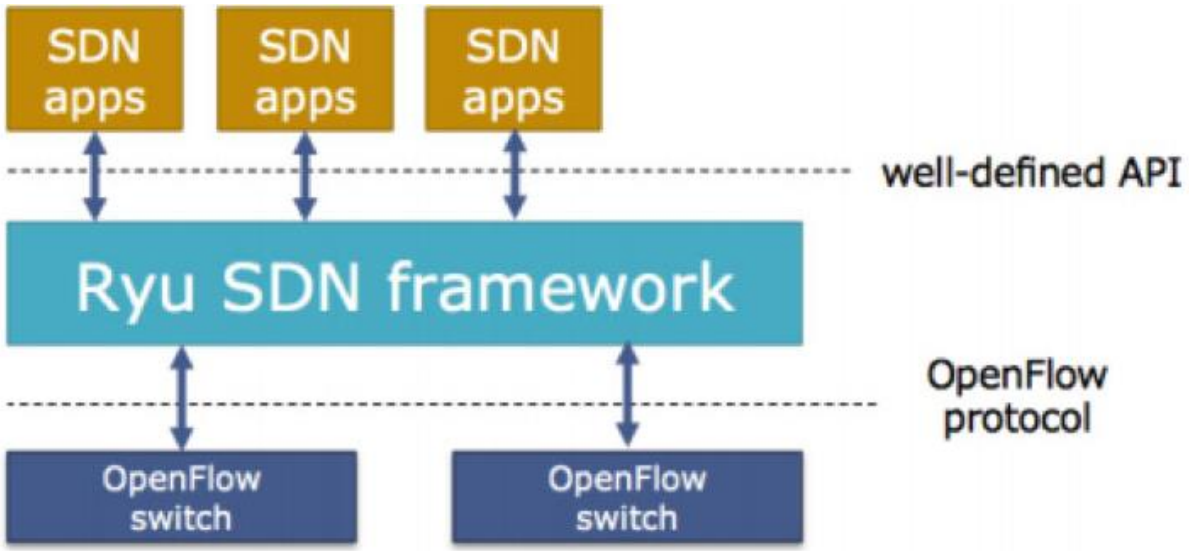
Software-Defined Networking (SDN)

- Software-defined = Programmable
  - Dynamic
  - Manageable
  - Cost-effective
  - Adaptable
- The OpenFlow protocol is a foundational element for building SDN



Ryu SDN

- Ryu is a component-based software defined networking framework
  - Support various protocols for managing network devices, such as OpenFlow, etc.
  - We have provided you a container that has installed Ryu



File Structure

```
lab2-<GITHUB_ID>/                    # This is ./ in this repository
|--- src/                            # Folder of source code
     |--- topo/                      # Folder of topology figure
          |--- topo.png
     |--- out/                       # Output files
     |--- SimpleController.py        # Example code of controller
     |--- controller1.py             # Your program should be here!
     |--- controller2.py             # Your program should be here!
     |--- topo.py                    # Your program should be here!
     |--- AdaptiveController.py      # Your program should be here!
|--- Report.pdf                      # Your report
```

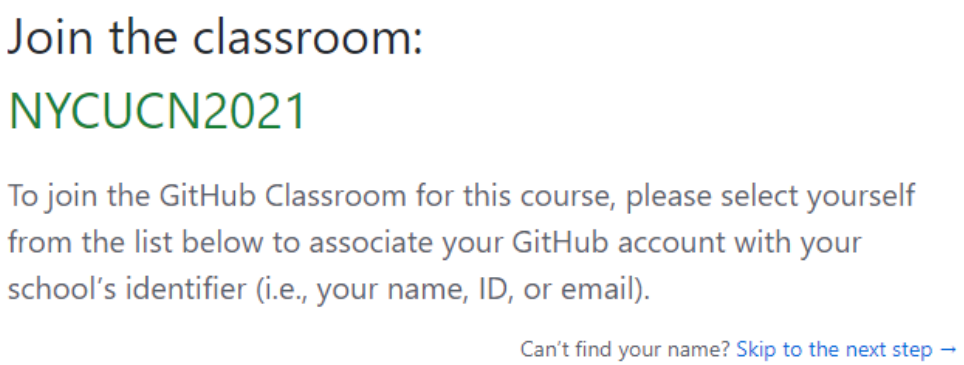
Tasks

Tasks

1. Environment Setup
2. Example of Ryu SDN
3. Mininet Topology
   - modify topo.py
4. Ryu Controller
   - modify controller1.py and controller2.py
5. Measurement
6. Flow-Removed Events
   - modify AdaptiveController.py
7. Report

Task 1. Environment Setup

- **Step 1. Join the GitHub Classroom Lab2**
  - Click the following link to join this lab
    - GitHub Classroom Lab2
  - Skip to the next step when you see this



  - Go to our GitHub group to see your repository
    - https://github.com/NYCUCN/lab2-<GITHUB_ID>
  - You will have an initial repository we prepared

Task 1. Environment Setup (cont.)

- **Step2. Install Oracle VM VirtualBox**
  - Oracle VM VirtualBox – Downloads

- **Step3. Download TA's .ova file and import it into your Oracle VM VirtualBox**
  - lab2
  - Password: cn2021
  - How To Use OVA Files with VirtualBox (alphr.com)

Task 1. Environment Setup (cont.)

- **Step4. Download required files from Github**

  $ git clone https://github.com/NYCUCN2021/lab2-<GITHUB_ID>.git

- **Step5. Get and set repository for global options**

  $ cd lab2-<GITHUB_ID>/

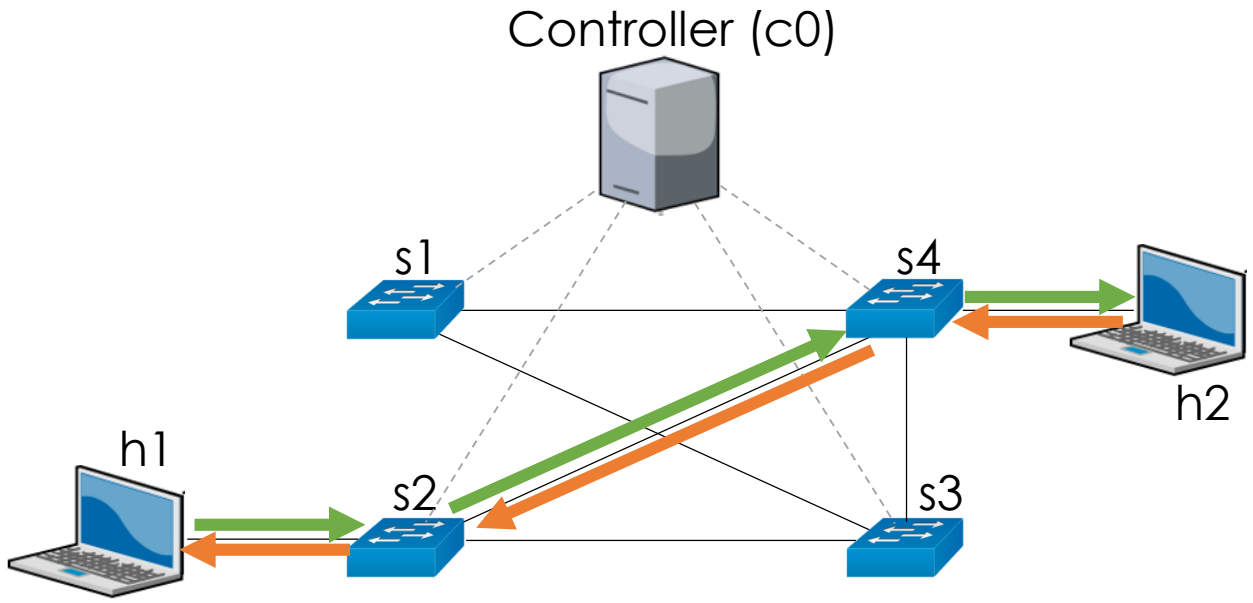
  $ git config --global user.name "<NAME>"

  $ git config --global user.email "<EMAIL>"

Task 2. Example of Ryu SDN

- **Step 1. Run Mininet topology**
  - Run topo.py in one terminal first

```
# Change the directory into /root/lab2-<GITHUB_ID>/src/
$ cd /root/lab2-<GITHUB_ID>/src/
# Run the topo.py with Mininet
$ [sudo] mn --custom topo.py --topo topo --link tc
--controller remote
```



Task 2. Example of Ryu SDN (cont.)

- The result after running topo.py

```
*** Creating network
*** Adding controller
Unable to contact the remote controller at 127.0.0.1:6653
Unable to contact the remote controller at 127.0.0.1:6633
Setting remote controller to 127.0.0.1:6653
*** Adding hosts:
h1 h2
*** Adding switches:
s1 s2 s3 s4
*** Adding links:
(s1, s3) (s1, s4) (s2, h1) (s2, s3) (s2, s4) (s3, s4) (s4, h2)
*** Configuring hosts
h1 h2
*** Starting controller
c0
*** Starting 4 switches
s1 s2 s3 s4 ...
*** Starting CLI:
mininet>
```

Task 2. Example of Ryu SDN (cont.)

- **Troubleshooting 1**
  - The following error may occur when you run topo.py or Mininet's program

```
# Run topo.py with Mininet
$ [sudo] mn --custom topo.py --topo topo --link tc
--controller remote
*** Creating network
......
Exception: Error creating interface pair (s1-eth1,s2-
eth1): RTNETLINK answers: File exists
```

  - **Solution:**

```
# If Mininet crashes for some reason, clean it up!
$ [sudo] mn -c
```

Task 2. Example of Ryu SDN (cont.)

- **Step 2. Run Ryu manager with controller**
  - Run SimpleController.py in another terminal

```
# Change the directory into /root/lab2-<GITHUB_ID>/src/
$ cd /root/lab2-<GITHUB_ID>/src/
# Run the SimpleController.py with Ryu manager
$ [sudo] ryu-manager SimpleController.py --observe-links
loading app SimpleController.py
loading app ryu.topology.switches
loading app ryu.controller.ofp_handler
instantiating app SimpleController.py of SimpleController
instantiating app ryu.topology.switches of Switches
instantiating app ryu.controller.ofp_handler of OFPHandler
```

Task 2. Example of Ryu SDN (cont.)

- **Step 3. How to leave the Ryu controller?**
  - Leave topo.py in one terminal first

```
# Leave Mininet CLI
mininet> exit
```

  - Then, leave SimpleController.py in another terminal

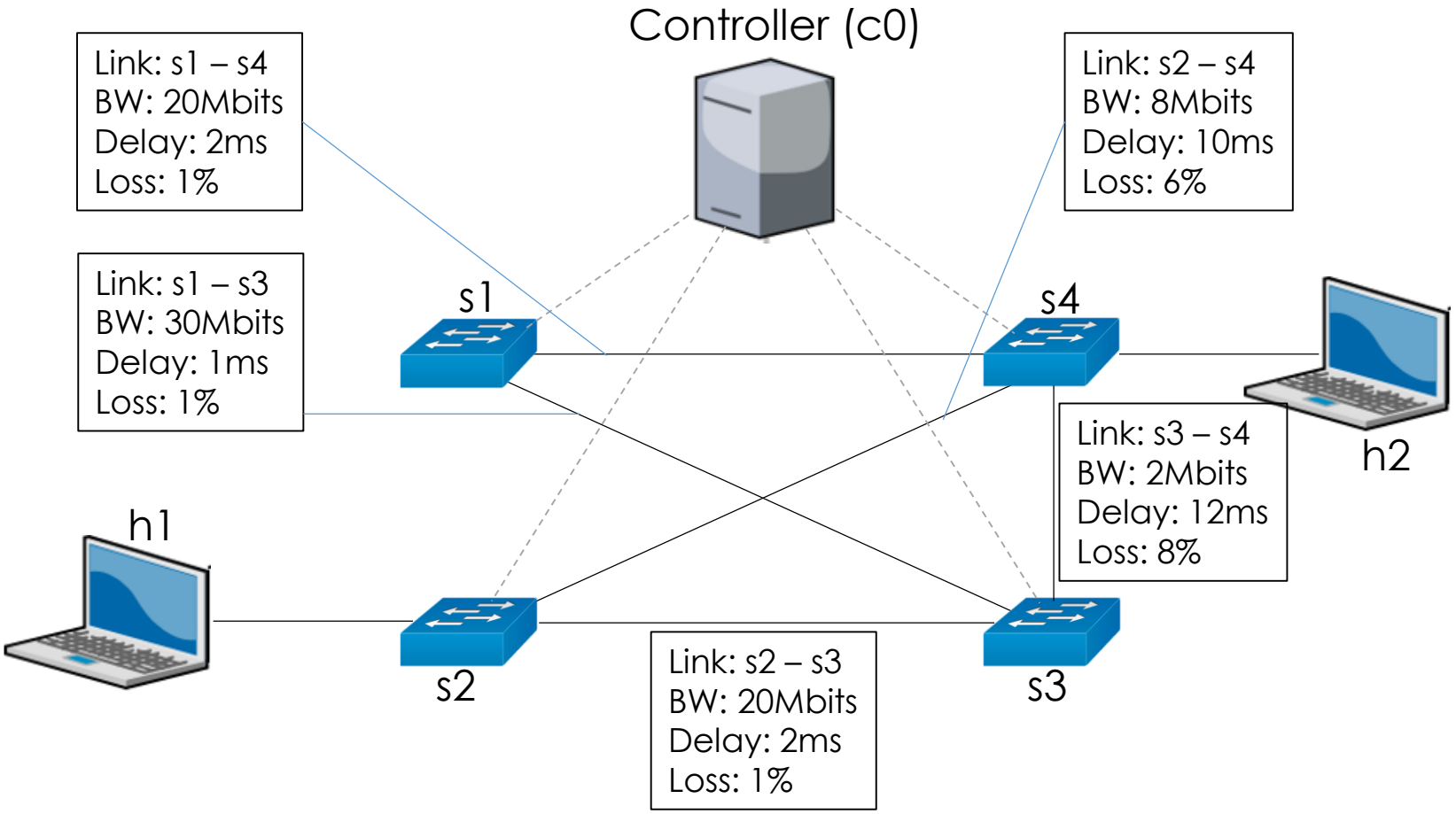
```
# Leave and stop the controller process
Ctrl-z
# Make sure "RTNETLINK" is clean indeed
$ mn -c
```

Task 3. Mininet Topology

- **Step 1. Build the topology via Mininet**
  - **[TODO]** Modify topo.py to add constraints (e.g., bandwidth, delay and loss rate) according to /lab2-<GITHUB_ID>/src/topo/topo.png
  - You don't need to set the bandwidth, delay or loss rate if the figure doesn't specify

Task 3. Mininet Topology (cont.)

- Topology of /lab2-<GITHUB_ID>/src/topo/topo.png



Task 3. Mininet Topology (cont.)

- **Step 2. Run Mininet topology and controller**
  - Run topo.py in one terminal first

```
# Run topo.py with Mininet
$ [sudo] mn --custom topo.py --topo topo --link tc
--controller remote
......
mininet>
```

  - Then, run SimpleController.py in another terminal

```
# Run SimpleController.py with Ryu manager
$ [sudo] ryu-manager SimpleController.py --observe-links
loading app SimpleController.py
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```

Task 3. Mininet Topology (cont.)

- **Troubleshooting 2**
  - The following message means your controller's program has some error

```
$ ryu-manager SimpleController.py --observe-links
loading app SimpleController.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/usr/local/bin/ryu-manager", line 9, in
......
ImportError: No module named SimpleController.py
```

  - The following message means your topology's program has some errors

```
$ [sudo] mn --custom topo.py --topo topo --link tc
--controller remote
-------------------------------------------------------
Caught exception. Cleaning up...
SyntaxError: invalid syntax (topo.py, line 19)
```

Task 4. Ryu Controller

- **Step 1. Trace the code of Ryu controller**
  - Trace the example code SimpleController.py

```
class SimpleController(app_manager.RyuApp):
    # Let the Ryu controller running in protocol OpenFlow 1.3
    OFP_VERSIONS = [ofproto_v1_3.OFP_VERSION]
    ......
    # Class constructor (DO NOT MODIFY)
    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
    ......
    # Add a flow into flow table of each switch (DO NOT MODIFY)
    def add_flow(self, datapath, priority, match, actions):
    ......
    # Handle the initial feature of each switch
    def switch_features_handler(self, ev):
    ......
    # Handle the packet-in events (DO NOT MODIFY)
    def packet_in_handler(self, ev):
    ......
    # Show the information of the topology (DO NOT MODIFY)
    def get_topology_data(self, ev):
    ......
```

You should modify here!

Task 4. Ryu Controller

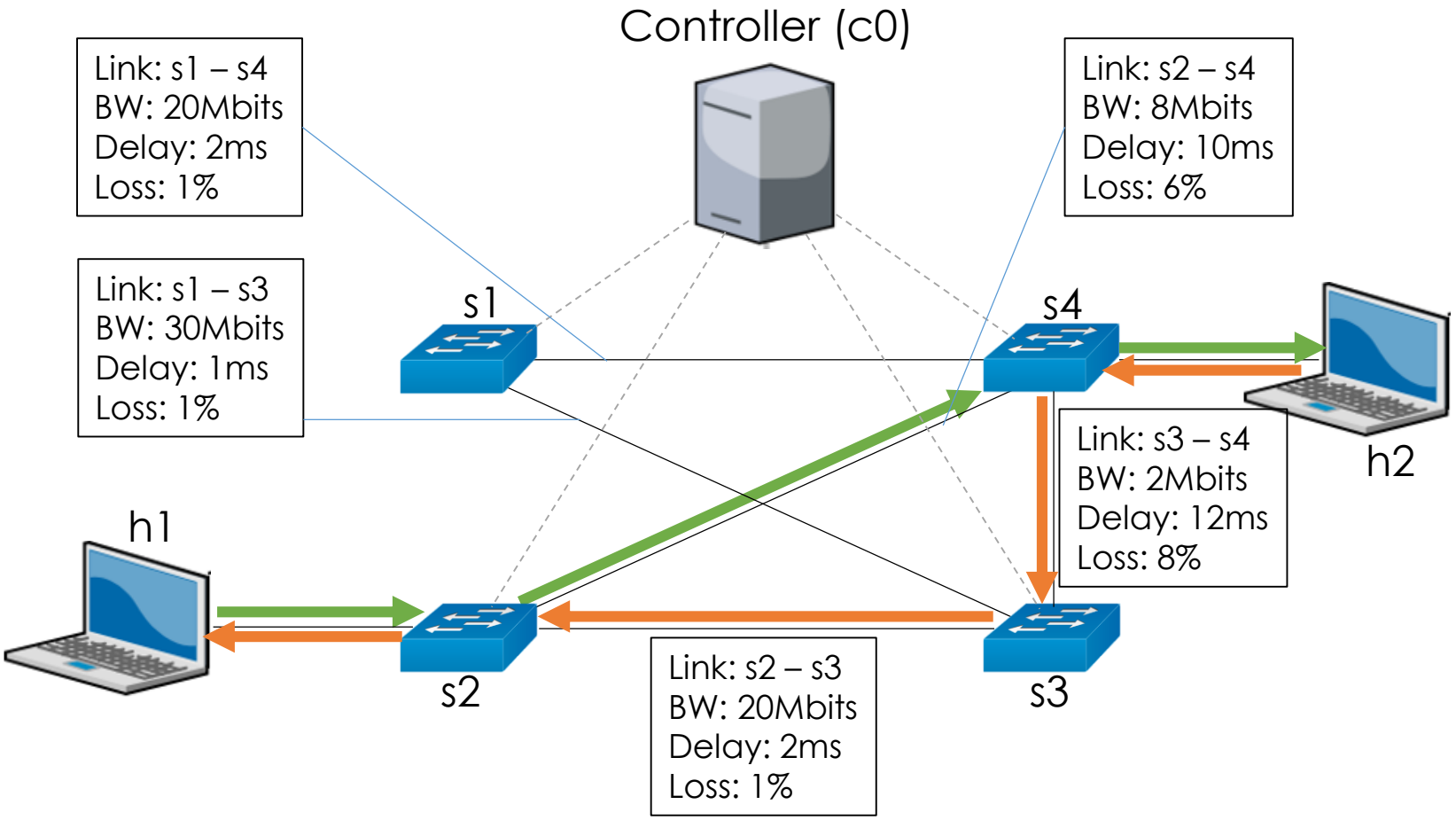
- **Step 2. Write another Ryu controller**
  - Duplicate the example code SimpleController.py and name it controller1.py

```
# Make sure the current directory is
# /root/lab2-<GITHUB_ID>/src/
$ cp SimpleController.py controller1.py
```

  - Follow the the forwarding rules in the next slide and modify controller1.py
  - **[TODO]** Modify the function `switch_features_handler(self, ev)` to define new flow rules

Task 4. Ryu Controller (cont.)

- **Step 3. Define forwarding rules** (controller1.py)



Task 4. Ryu Controller

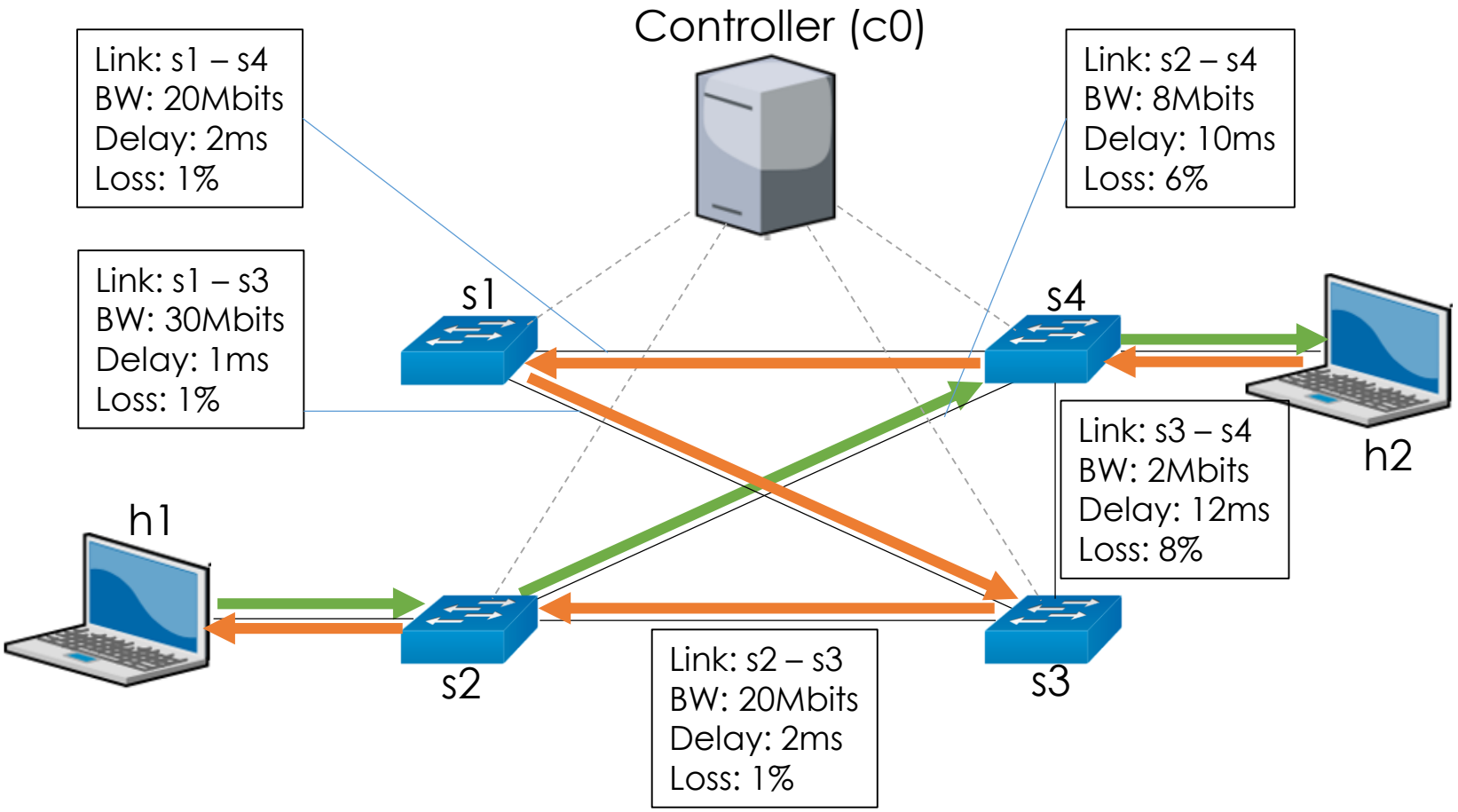
- **Step 4. Write another Ryu controller**
  - Duplicate the example code SimpleController.py and name it controller2.py

```
# Make sure the current directory is
# /root/lab2-<GITHUB_ID>/src/
$ cp SimpleController.py controller2.py
```

  - Follow the the forwarding rules in the next slide and modify controller2.py
  - **[TODO]** You ONLY need to modify the function `switch_features_handler(self, ev)`

Task 4. Ryu Controller (cont.)

- **Step 5. Define forwarding rules** (controller2.py)



Task 5. Measurement

- **Step 1. Run topology with SimpleController.py**
  - Run topo.py in one terminal first

```
# Run topo.py with Mininet
$ [sudo] mn --custom topo.py --topo topo --link tc
--controller remote
```

  - Then, run SimpleController.py in another terminal

```
# Run SimpleController.py with Ryu manager
$ [sudo] ryu-manager SimpleController.py --observe-links
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```

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 2-1. Ping**
  - Use the following ping command to make sure that ICMP and APR packets can reach the destination
  - Stop ping by "ctrl-c" once the ping command received a response from h2

```
# Run the ping command in Mininet CLI
mininet> h1 ping 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
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=1828 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=10.1 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=10.0 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=8 ttl=64 time=10.0 ms
^C
```

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 2-2. Measure the bandwidth**
  - Use the following iPerf commands to measure the bandwidth in your network with **SimpleController.py**
  - Remember to create the folder "out/"
  - **[TODO]** Take a screenshot of the output of iperf

```
# Run the iPerf command in Mininet CLI
mininet> h1 iperf -s -u -i 1 > ./out/result1 &
mininet> h2 iperf -c 10.0.0.1 -u
```

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Example screenshot of the output of iperf**

```
Client connecting to 10.0.0.1, UDP port 5566
Sending 1470 byte datagrams
UDP buffer size:  208 KByte (default)
------------------------------------------------------------
[  3] local 10.0.0.2 port 37818 connected with 10.0.0.1 port 5566
[ ID] Interval       Transfer     Bandwidth
[  3]  0.0- 1.0 sec   129 KBytes  1.06 Mbits/sec
[  3]  1.0- 2.0 sec   128 KBytes  1.05 Mbits/sec
[  3]  2.0- 3.0 sec   128 KBytes  1.05 Mbits/sec
[  3]  3.0- 4.0 sec   128 KBytes  1.05 Mbits/sec
[  3]  4.0- 5.0 sec   128 KBytes  1.05 Mbits/sec
[  3]  5.0- 6.0 sec   128 KBytes  1.05 Mbits/sec
[  3]  6.0- 7.0 sec   129 KBytes  1.06 Mbits/sec
[  3]  7.0- 8.0 sec   128 KBytes  1.05 Mbits/sec
[  3]  8.0- 9.0 sec   128 KBytes  1.05 Mbits/sec
[  3]  9.0-10.0 sec   128 KBytes  1.05 Mbits/sec
[  3]  0.0-10.0 sec  1.25 MBytes  1.05 Mbits/sec
[  3] Sent 893 datagrams
[  3] Server Report:
[  3]  0.0-10.0 sec  1.17 MBytes   977 Kbits/sec   0.006 ms   61/  893 (6.8%)
```

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 2-3. Check the number of packets**
  - The controller will output the number of packets which the forwarding rules on switch 2 (s2) matched every 10 seconds
  - **[TODO]** Take a screenshot of the output until there is no more change in the number of packets (iperf command finished)

```
# In the terminal runnung the controller
switch 2: count 0 packets
switch 2: count 526 packets
switch 2: count 832 packets
switch 2: count 832 packets
```

(just an example)

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 2-4. Dump flow rules**
  - Output the forwarding rules on switch 2 (s2) using the following command

```
$ sh ovs-ofctl dump-flows s2
```

  - **[TODO]** Take a screenshot of the output
    - Mark the forwarding rules of priority=3
    - Mark the number of packets which the forwarding rules of priority=3 on switch 2 (s2) matched

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- Example screenshot of the output of "dump-flows"

```
 cookie=0x0, duration=654.846s, table=0, n_packets=1056, n_bytes=63360, idle_age=112, priori
ty=65535,dl_dst=01:80:c2:00:00:0e,dl_type=0x88cc actions=CONTROLLER:65535
 cookie=0x0, duration=654.849s, table=0, n_packets=11, n_bytes=6734, idle_age=2, priority=3,
ip,in_port=1,nw_src=10.0.0.1,nw_dst=10.0.0.2 actions=output:2
 cookie=0x0, duration=654.849s, table=0, n_packets=2209, n_bytes=3332016, idle_age=2, priori
ty=3,ip,in_port=2,nw_src=10.0.0.2,nw_dst=10.0.0.1 actions=output:1
 cookie=0x0, duration=654.849s, table=0, n_packets=232678, n_bytes=22966951, idle_age=112, p
riority=0 actions=CONTROLLER:65535
```

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 3. Run topology with controller1.py**
  - Run topo.py in one terminal first

```
# Run topo.py with Mininet
$ [sudo] mn --custom topo.py --topo topo --link tc
--controller remote
```

  - Then, run controller1.py in another terminal

```
# Run controller1.py with Ryu manager
$ [sudo] ryu-manager controller1.py --observe-links
loading app controller1.py
loading app ryu.controller.ofp_handler
loading app ryu.topology.switches
loading app ryu.controller.ofp_handler
instantiating app ryu.controller.ofp_handler of OFPHandler
instantiating app ryu.topology.switches of Switches
instantiating app controller1.py of SimpleController
```

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 4-1. Ping**
  - Use the following ping command to make sure that ICMP and APR packets can reach the destination
  - Stop ping by "ctrl-c" once the ping command received a response from h2

```
# Run the ping command in Mininet CLI
mininet> h1 ping 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
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=1828 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=10.1 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=10.0 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=8 ttl=64 time=10.0 ms
^C
```

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 4-2. Measure the bandwidth**
  - Use the following iPerf commands to measure the bandwidth in your network with **controller1.py**
  - **[TODO]** Take a screenshot of the output of iperf

```
# Run the iPerf command in Mininet CLI
mininet> h1 iperf -s -u -i 1 > ./out/result2 &
mininet> h2 iperf -c 10.0.0.1 -u
```

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 4-3. Check the number of packets**
  - The controller will output the number of packets which the forwarding rules on switch 2 (s2) matched every 10 seconds
  - **[TODO]** Take a screenshot of the output until there is no more change in the number of packets (iperf command finished)

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 4-4. Dump flow rules**
  - Output the forwarding rules on switch 2 (s2) using the following command in in Mininet

```
$ sh ovs-ofctl dump-flows s2
```

  - **[TODO]** Take a screenshot of the output
    - Mark the forwarding rules of priority=3
    - Mark the number of packets which the forwarding rules of priority=3 on switch 2 (s2) matched

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 5. Run topology with controller2.py**
  - Run topo.py in one terminal first

```
# Run topo.py with Mininet
$ [sudo] mn --custom topo.py --topo topo --link tc
--controller remote
```

  - Then, run controller2.py in another terminal

```
# Run controller2.py with Ryu manager
$ [sudo] ryu-manager controller2.py --observe-links
loading app controller2.py
loading app ryu.topology.switches
loading app ryu.controller.ofp_handler
instantiating app controller2.py of SimpleController
instantiating app ryu.topology.switches of Switches
instantiating app ryu.controller.ofp_handler of OFPHandler
```

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 6-1. Ping**
  - Use the following ping command to make sure that ICMP and APR packets can reach the destination
  - Stop ping by "ctrl-c" once the ping command received a response from h2

```
# Run the ping command in Mininet CLI
mininet> h1 ping 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
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64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=10.0 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=8 ttl=64 time=10.0 ms
^C
```

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 6-2. Measure the bandwidth**
  - Use the following iPerf commands to measure the bandwidth in your network with **controller2.py**
  - **[TODO]** Take a screenshot of the output of iperf

```
# Run the iPerf command in Mininet CLI
mininet> h1 iperf -s -u -i 1 –p 5566 > ./out/result3 &
mininet> h2 iperf -c 10.0.0.1 -u
```

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 6-3. Check the number of packets**
  - The controller will output the number of packets which the forwarding rules on switch 2 (s2) matched every 10 seconds
  - **[TODO]** Take a screenshot of the output until there is no more change in the number of packets (iperf command finished)

Task 5. Measurement (cont.)

- **Step 6-4. Dump flow rules**
  - Output the forwarding rules on switch 2 (s2) using the following command in Mininet

```
$ sh ovs-ofctl dump-flows s2
```

  - **[TODO]** Take a screenshot of the output
    - Mark the forwarding rules of priority=3
    - Mark the number of packets which the forwarding rules of priority=3 on switch 2 (s2) matched

Task 6. Flow-Removed Event

- Duplicate the example code SimpleController.py and name it AdaptiveController.py
- **[TODO]**
  - AdaptiveController.py works as follows
    - Measure the bandwidth of the three "orange" paths as mentioned (hint: each measuring for 5 seconds)
    - Detected Flow-Removed event and add new flow entry
    - Finally config the best path and output the path number (controller1.py: path 1, controller2.py: path 2, SimpleController.py: path3)
- [Hint 1] Initially run iperf in a long period of time before the controller is launched
- [Hint 2] n_packets in the flow rule is related to bandwidth

Task 7. Report

- **Your Report.pdf must include**
  - **Execution**

    Part1 : Run Mininet and Ryu controller

    - Steps for running mininet and Ryu controller to ping successfully from host to host.
      - Not just copy the content from this slide
    - What is the meaning of the executing command (both Mininet and Ryu controller)?
      - Mn, Ryu-manager …
    - Screenshots

    Part2 : (on next page)

Task 7. Report

- **Execution**

  Part2 : Handling flow-removed events

  - Explain your code as detailed as possible, should including
    - The flow rule you can find (original, different or optimized path)
    - How's it working

  Part3 : **Problems encountered**

  - Problems you met while doing this lab
  - Any advices

Task 7. Report (cont.)

- **Discussion**
  1. Describe the differences between packet-in and packet-out in detail
  2. What is "table-miss" in SDN?
  3. Why is "`(app_manager.RyuApp)`" adding after the declaration of class in SimpleController.py?
  4. What is the meaning of "`datapath`" in SimpleController.py?
  5. Why need to set "`eth_type=0x0800`" in the flow entry?
  6. Compare the differences between the iPerf results of SimpleController.py, controller1.py and controller2.py. Which forwarding rule is better? Why?

- **You can write your report in English or Chinese**

Submission

- Submit your works to your GitHub repository

```
# In container folder: lab2-<GITHUB_ID>/
# Add files into staging area
$ git add <file>
# Commit your files
$ git commit -m "YOUR OWN COMMIT MESSAGE"
# Push your files to remote
$ git push origin master
```

Submission

- **Push your works to GitHub repository (nctucn)**
  - **Trace files** (./src/out)
    - result1
    - result2
    - result3
  - **Python code** (./src)
    - topo.py
    - controller1.py
    - controller2.py
    - AdaptiveController.py (if any)
  - **Report** (./)
    - Report.pdf

- **No need to submit to new E3**

Grading Policy

- **Deadline – Jan. 9, 2022. 23:59**
- **Grade**
  - **Python program and result correctness – 60%**
    - **topo.py, controller1.py, controller2.py, and AdaptiveController.py**
  - **Report – 40%**
- Late Policy
  - (Your score) * 0.8^D, where D is the number of days over due
- Cheating Policy
  - Academic integrity: Homework must be your own – cheaters share the score
  - Both the cheaters and the students who aided the cheater equally share the score

References

- **Ryu SDN**
  - English
    - Ryubook Documentation
    - Ryubook [PDF]
    - Ryu 4.30 Documentation
    - Ryu Controller Tutorial
    - OpenFlow 1.3 Switch Specification
  - Chinese
    - Ryubook 說明文件
    - GitHub - Ryu Controller 教學專案
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