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Assignment No.: 01

Objective: To install NS2 and explore commands on it.

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Theory :

Network simulation (NS) is one of the types of simulation, which is used to simulate the networks such as in MANETs, VANETs, etc. It provides simulation for routing and multicast protocols for both wired and wireless networks. NS is licensed for use under version 2 of the GNU (General Public License) and is popularly known

as NS2. It is an object-oriented, discrete event-driven simulator written in C++ and Otcl/Tcl.

NS-2 can be used to implement network protocols such as TCP and UDP, traffic source behavior such as FTP, Telnet, Web, CBR, and VBR, router queues management mechanism such as Drop Tail, RED, and CBQ, routing algorithms, and many more. In ns2, C++ is used for detailed protocol implementation and Otcl is used for the setup. The compiled C++ objects are made available to the Otcl interpreter and in this way, the ready-made C++ objects can be controlled from the OTcl level.

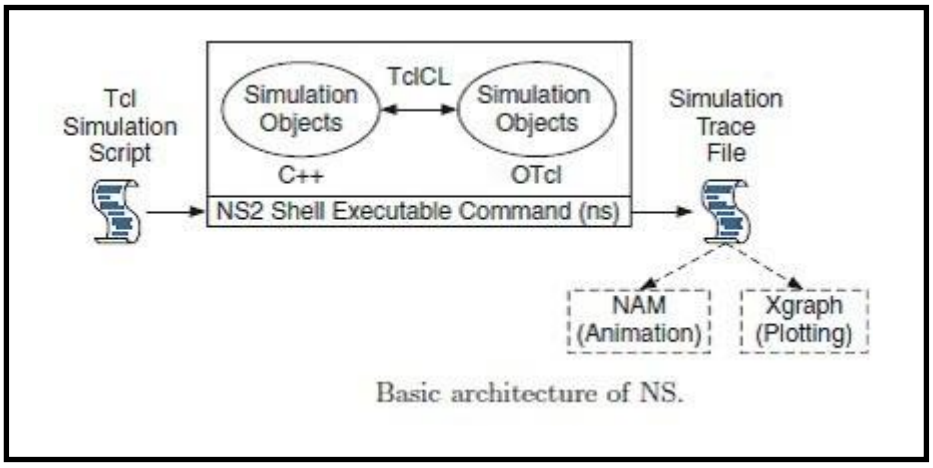
NS2 stands for Network Simulator Version 2. It is an open-source event-driven simulator designed specifically for research in computer communication networks.

Features of NS2

1. It is a discrete event simulator for networking research.
2. It provides substantial support to simulate bunch of protocols like TCP, FTP, UDP, https and DSR.
3. It simulates wired and wireless network.
4. It is primarily Unix based.
5. Uses TCL as its scripting language.
6. Otcl: Object oriented support
7. Tclcl: C++ and otcl linkage
8. Discrete event scheduler

Architecture of NS2

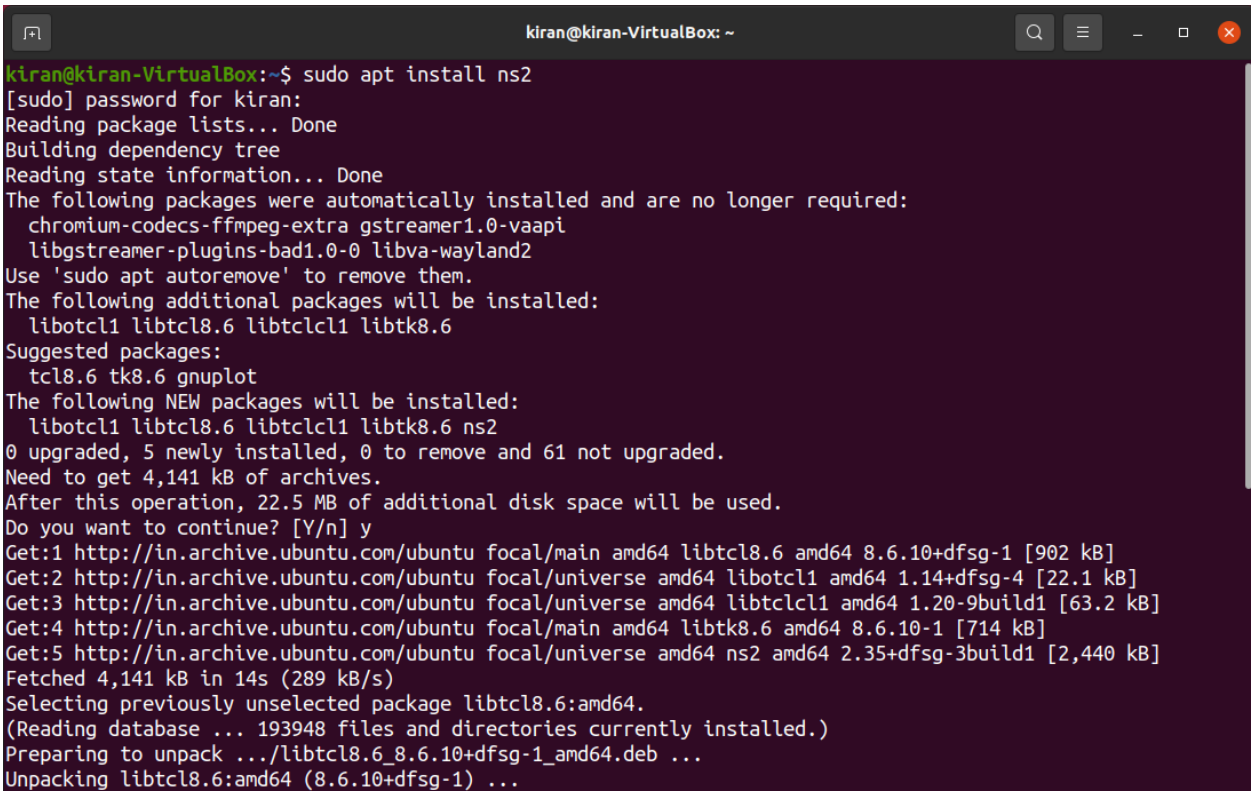
NS2 consists of two key languages: C++ and Object-oriented Tool Command Language (OTcl). While the C++ defines the internal mechanism (i.e., a backend) of the simulation objects, the OTcl sets up simulation by assembling and configuring the objects as well as scheduling discrete events. The C++ and the OTcl are linked together using TclCL



Basic architecture of NS.

Installation

- Install NS-2 using this command : sudo apt-get install ns2
- Nam is also needed to install. Nam (Network Animator) is an animation tool to graphically represent the network and packet traces.
- Use this command : sudo apt-get install nam



Conclusion: From this experiment we have learned to installed the ns2 network simulator and understood its features.