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Lab 4:SDN Controllers and Mininet

1.Objectives:

The objective of the lab 4 is to:

- ♣ Install and use traffic generators as powerful tools for testing network performance.
- ♣ Install and configure SDN Controller
- ♣ Install and understand how the mininet simulator works
- ♣ Implement and run basic examples for understanding the role of the controller and how it interact with mininet

2. Theory:

Traffic Generator:

What is iperf?: iPerf is a tool for active measurements of the maximum achievable bandwidth on IP networks. It supports tuning of various parameters related to timing, buffers and protocols (TCP, UDP, SCTP with IPv4 and IPv6). For each test it reports the bandwidth, loss, and other parameters.

Software Defined Networking: Software-defined networking was pioneered between 2008 and 2011 by work done at Stanford University and the Nicira Company (now part of VMware). The basic premise behind SDN is that by separating control of network functions from hardware devices, administrators acquire more power to route and direct traffic in response to changing requirements.

Controller: OVS-testcontroller is a simple OpenFlow controller that manages any number of switches over the OpenFlow protocol, causing them to function as L2 MAC-learning switches or hubs. It is suitable for initial testing of OpenFlow networks.

Mininet: Mininet creates a realistic virtual network, running real kernel, switch and application code, on a single machine (VM, cloud or native) Because you can easily interact with your network using the Mininet CLI (and API), customize it, share it with others, or deploy it on real hardware, Mininet is useful for

development, teaching, and research. Mininet is also a great way to develop, share, and experiment with OpenFlow and Software-Defined Networking systems.

3. Methodology:

Install iperf:

```
piya@piya-VirtualBox:~$ sudo apt-get install iperf
[sudo] password for piya:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
    iperf
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 126 not upgraded.
Need to get 76.5 kB of archives.
After this operation, 213 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://bd.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal/universe amd64 iperf amd64 2.0.
13+dfsg1-1build1 [76.5 kB]
Fetched 76.5 kB in 2s (41.7 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package iperf.
(Reading database ... 182825 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../iperf _2.0.13+dfsg1-1build1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking iperf (2.0.13+dfsg1-1build1) ...
Setting up iperf (2.0.13+dfsg1-1build1) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.9.1-1) ...
piya@piya-VirtualBox:~$
```

Install mininet:

```
piya@piya-VirtualBox:~$ sudo apt-get install mininet
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
    cgroup-tools libcgroup1 libpython2-stdlib libpython2.7-minimal
    libpython2.7-stdlib libunbound8 net-tools openvswitch-common
    openvswitch-switch python-pkg-resources python2 python2-minimal pytho
    python2.7-minimal python3-openvswitch python3-sortedcontainers socat
Suggested packages:
    openvswitch-doc python-setuptools python2-doc python-tk python2.7-doc
    binutils binfmt-support python-sortedcontainers-doc
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    openvswitch-switch python-pkg-resources python2 python2-minimal python2.7
    python2.7-minimal python3-openvswitch python3-sortedcontainers socat

0 upgraded, 18 newly installed, 0 to remove and 126 not upgraded.

Need to get 7,852 kB of archives.

After this operation, 34.9 MB of additional disk space will be used.

Do you want to continue? [Y/n] y

Get:1 http://bd.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/universe amd64 libpytho
12.7-minimal amd64 2.7.18-1-20.04.1 [335 kB]

Get:2 http://bd.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/universe amd64 python2.

7-minimal amd64 2.7.18-1-20.04.1 [1,285 kB]

Get:3 http://bd.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal/universe amd64 python2-minimal
amd64 2.7.17-2ubuntu4 [27.5 kB]
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7-minimal amd64 2.7.18-1-20.04.1 [1,285 kB]

Get:3 http://bd.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal/universe amd64 python2-minimal
amd64 2.7.17-2ubuntu4 [27.5 kB]

Get:4 http://bd.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/universe amd64 libpytho
n2.7-stdlib amd64 2.7.18-1-20.04.1 [1,887 kB]

Get:5 http://bd.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/universe amd64 python2.
7 amd64 2.7.18-1-20.04.1 [248 kB]

Get:6 http://bd.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal/universe amd64 libpython2-stdlib
b amd64 2.7.17-2ubuntu4 [7,072 B]

Get:7 http://bd.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal/universe amd64 python2 amd64 2.7.17-2ubuntu4 [26.5 kB]

Get:8 http://bd.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal/universe amd64 libcgroup1 amd64
0.41-10 [42.9 kB]

Get:9 http://bd.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal/universe amd64 cgroup-tools amd
64 0.41-10 [66.2 kB]

Get:10 http://bd.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/main amd64 libunbound8
amd64 1.9.4-2ubuntu1.1 [349 kB]

Preparing to Unpack .../2-pytnon2-minimal_2./.1/-2ubuntu4_amdo4.deb ...

Unpacking python2-minimal (2.7.17-2ubuntu4) ...

Selecting previously unselected package libpython2.7-stdlib:amd64.

Preparing to unpack .../3-libpython2.7-stdlib_2.7.18-1~20.04.1_amd64.deb ...

Unpacking libpython2.7-stdlib:amd64 (2.7.18-1~20.04.1) ...

Selecting previously unselected package python2.7.

Preparing to unpack .../4-python2.7_2.7.18-1~20.04.1_amd64.deb ...

Unpacking python2.7 (2.7.18-1~20.04.1) ...

Selecting previously unselected package libpython2-stdlib:amd64.

Preparing to unpack .../5-libpython2-stdlib_2.7.17-2ubuntu4_amd64.deb ...

Unpacking libpython2-stdlib:amd64 (2.7.17-2ubuntu4) ...

Setting up libpython2.7-minimal:amd64 (2.7.18-1~20.04.1) ...

Setting up python2.7-minimal (2.7.18-1~20.04.1) ...

Linking and byte-compiling packages for runtime python2.7...

Setting up python2-minimal (2.7.17-2ubuntu4) ...

Selecting previously unselected package python2.

(Reading database ... 183584 files and directories currently installed.)

Preparing to unpack .../00-python2_2.7.17-2ubuntu4_amd64.deb ...

Unpacking python2 (2.7.17-2ubuntu4) ...

Selecting previously unselected package libcgroup1:amd64.

Preparing to unpack .../01-libcgroup1_0.41-10_amd64.deb ...

Unpacking libcgroup1:amd64 (0.41-10) ...

Selecting previously unselected package cgroup-tools.

Preparing to unpack .../02-cgroup-tools 0.41-10 amd64.deb ...

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Preparing to unpack .../11-openvswitch-switch_2.13.1-OubuntuO.20.04.4_amd64.deb...

Unpacking openvswitch-switch (2.13.1-OubuntuO.20.04.4) ...

Setting up net-tools (1.60+git2O18O626.aebd88e-1ubuntu1) ...

Setting up python3-sortedcontainers (2.1.0-2) ...

Setting up python3-sortedcontainers (2.1.0-2) ...

Setting up python3-sortedcontainers (2.1.0-2) ...

Setting up libpython2.7-stdlib:amd64 (2.7.18-1~20.04.4) ...

Setting up libpython2.7-stdlib:amd64 (2.7.18-1~20.04.1) ...

Setting up popenvswitch-common (2.13.1-OubuntuO.20.04.4) ...

Setting up openvswitch-switch (2.13.1-OubuntuO.20.04.4) ...

Setting up openvswitch-switch (2.13.1-OubuntuO.20.04.4) ...

update-alternatives: using /usr/lib/openvswitch-switch/ovs-vswitchd to provide /usr/sbin/ovs-vswitchd (ovs-vswitchd) in auto mode

Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/openvswitch-switch.

service →/lib/systemd/system/openvswitch-switch.service.

Setting up python2.7 (2.7.18-1~20.04.1) ...

Setting up libpython2-stdlib:amd64 (2.7.17-2ubuntu4) ...

Setting up python2 (2.7.17-2ubuntu4) ...

Processing triggers for mime-support (3.64ubuntu1) ...

Processing triggers for systemd (245.4-4ubuntu3.4) ...

Processing triggers for systemd (245.4-4ubuntu3.4) ...

Processing triggers for desktop-file-utils (0.24-1ubuntu3) ...

plya@plya-VirtualBox:-$
```

4.Exercises:

Exercise 4.1.1: Open a Linux terminal, and execute the command line iperf-help. Provide four configuration options of iperf.

```
server port to listen on/connect to
   -p, --port
                                     use UDP rather than TCP
        --udp
   -u,
        --udp-counters-64bit use 64 bit sequence numbers with UDP
                                     TCP window size (socket buffer size)
   -w, --window
                        #[KM]
                                      request realtime scheduler
   -z, --realtime
-B, --bind <host>[:<port>][%<dev>] bind to <host>, ip addr (including multica
st address) and optional port and device
   -В,
                                   for use with older versions does not sent extra msgs
  -C, --compatibility
                                     set TCP maximum segment size (MTU - 40 bytes) set TCP no delay, disabling Nagle's Algorithm set the socket's IP_TOS (byte) field
   -M, --mss
                        #
   -N, --nodelay
   -S, --tos
Server specific:
   -s, --server
                                      run in server mode
  -t,
        --time
                                      time in seconds to listen for new connections as wel
--udp-histogram #,# enable UDP latency histogram(s) with bin width and c
ount, e.g. 1,1000=1(ms),1000(bins)
-B, --bind <ip>[%<dev>] bind to multicast address and optional device
-H, --ssm-host <ip> set the SSM source, use with -B for (S-G)
                                  set the SSM source, use with -B for (S,G) run in single threaded UDP mode
  -U, --single_udp
                                     run the server as a daemon
Enable IPv6 reception by setting the domain and sock
   -D, --daemon
       --ipv6_domain
et to AF_INET6 (Can receive on both IPv4 and IPv6)
```

Exercise 4.1.2: Open two Linux terminals, and configure terminal-1 as client (iperf –c IPv4_server_address) and terminal-2 as server (iperf -s).

For terminal-1:

```
piya@piya-VirtualBox:~$ iperf -s

Server listening on TCP port 5001

TCP window size: 128 KByte (default)
```

For terminal-2:

```
Client connecting to 127.0.0.1, UDP port 5001
Sending 1470 byte datagrams, IPG target: 11215.21 us (kalman adjust)
UDP buffer size: 208 KByte (default)

[ 3] local 127.0.0.1 port 45019 connected with 127.0.0.1 port 5001
read failed: Connection refused
[ 3] WARNING: did not receive ack of last datagram after 1 tries.
[ ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth
[ 3] 0.0-10.0 sec 1.25 MBytes 1.05 Mbits/sec
[ 3] Sent 891 datagrams
piya@piya-VirtualBox:~$
```

Exercise 4.1.3: Open two Linux terminals, and configure terminal-1 as client and terminal-2 as server for exchanging UDP traffic, which are the command lines? Which are the statistics are provided at the end of transmission? What is different from the statistics provided in exercise 4.1.1

```
Piya@piya-VirtualBox:~$ iperf -s -u
Server listening on UDP port 5001
Receiving 1470 byte datagrams
UDP buffer size: 208 KByte (default)
```

Exercise 4.1.4: Open two Linux terminals, and configure terminal-1 as client and terminal-2 as server for exchanging UDP traffic, with:

- o Time = 20 seconds
- o Bandwidth = 1Mbps
- o Port = 9900

Which are the command lines?

For terminal 1:

For terminal 2:

```
piya@piya-VirtualBox:~$ iperf -s -u -p 9900

Server listening on UDP port 9900

Receiving 1470 byte datagrams

UDP buffer size: 208 KByte (default)
```

4.2:Using mininet

Exercise 4.2.1: Open two Linux terminals, and execute the command line if config in terminal-1. How many interfaces are present?

In terminal-2, execute the command line sudo mn, which is the output?

In terminal-1 execute the command line if config. How many real and virtual interfaces are present now?

```
plya@plya-VirtualBox:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.0.2.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
    inet6 fe80::b977:b09c:b4c1:bdcd prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:95:5c:6c txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 7361 bytes 10280095 (10.2 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 3183 bytes 242277 (242.2 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 4022 bytes 3771003 (3.7 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 4022 bytes 3771003 (3.7 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

plya@plya-VirtualBox:~$
```

```
piya@piya-VirtualBox:~$ sudo mn
[sudo] password for piya:
*** No default OpenFlow controller found for default switch!
*** Falling back to OVS Bridge
*** Creating network
*** Adding controller
*** Adding hosts:
h1 h2
*** Adding switches:
s1
*** Adding links:
(h1, s1) (h2, s1)
*** Configuring hosts
h1 h2
*** Starting controller
*** Starting 1 switches
s1 ...
*** Starting CLI:
mininet>
```

```
plya@plya-VirtualBox:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.0.2.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
    inet6 fe80::b977:b09c:b4c1:bdcd prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:95:5c:6c txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 7379 bytes 10282192 (10.2 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 3201 bytes 243698 (243.6 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 4050 bytes 3773327 (3.7 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 4050 bytes 3773327 (3.7 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

plya@plya-VirtualBox:~$
```

Exercise 4.2.2: Interacting with mininet; in terminal-2, display the following command lines and explain what it does:

mininet> help

```
mininet> help
Documented commands (type help <topic>):
EOF gterm iperfudp nodes pir dpctl help link noecho pir dump intfs links pingall por exit iperf net pingallfull px
                                       pingpair
                                                               switch
                                                       РУ
                                      pingpairfull
ports
                                                      quit
                                                               time
                                                      sh
                                                               ×
                                                       source xterm
You may also send a command to a node using:
  <node> command {args}
For example:
 mininet> h1 ifconfig
The interpreter automatically substitutes IP addresses
for node names when a node is the first arg, so commands
like
 mininet> h2 ping h3
should work.
Some character-oriented interactive commands require
noecho:
  mininet> noecho h2 vi foo.py
However, starting up an xterm/gterm is generally better:
 mininet> xterm h2
```

mininet> nodes

```
mininet> nodes
available nodes are:
h1 h2 s1
```

mininet> net

```
mininet> net
h1 h1-eth0:s1-eth1
h2 h2-eth0:s1-eth2
s1 lo: s1-eth1:h1-eth0 s1-eth2:h2-eth0
```

mininet> dump

```
mininet> dump
<Host h1: h1-eth0:10.0.0.1 pid=5840>
<Host h2: h2-eth0:10.0.0.2 pid=5842>
<OVSBridge s1: lo:127.0.0.1,s1-eth1:None,s1-eth2:None pid=5847>
```

mininet> h1 ifconfig -a

```
mininet> h1 ifconfig -a
h1-eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0 broadcast 10.255.255.255
    inet6 fe80::50e3:98ff:fe84:a384 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 52:e3:98:84:a3:84 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 40 bytes 4397 (4.3 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 12 bytes 936 (936.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<ho>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisio
mininet>
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mininet> s1 ifconfig -a

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    inet 10.0.2.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
    inet6 fe80::b977:b09c:b4c1:bdcd prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:95:5c:6c txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 7411 bytes 10285787 (10.2 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 3235 bytes 246459 (246.4 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 4078 bytes 3775763 (3.7 MB)

Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows
```

```
RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

$1: flags=4098<br/>
Expanded to the terms of the terms of
```

```
mininet> h1 ping -c 5 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=0.481 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.128 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.125 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.128 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.125 ms
--- 10.0.0.2 ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4103ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.125/0.197/0.481/0.141 ms
mininet>
```

Exercise 4.2.3:

In terminal-2, display the following command line: sudo mn --link tc,bw=10,delay=500ms

mininet> h1 ping -c 5 h2, What happen with the link?

mininet> h1 iperf -s -u &

mininet> h2 iperf -c IPv4_h1 -u, Is there any packet loss? Modify iperf for creating packet loss in the mininet network, which is the command line?

```
piya@piya-VirtualBox:~$ sudo mn --link tc,bw=10,delay=500ms
[sudo] password for piya:

*** No default OpenFlow controller found for default switch!

*** Falling back to OVS Bridge

*** Creating network

*** Adding controller

*** Adding switches:

*** Adding switches:

*** Adding switches:

*** Adding links:

(10.00Mbit 500ms delay) (10.00Mbit 500ms delay) (h1, s1) (10.00Mbit 500ms delay)

) (10.00Mbit 500ms delay) (h2, s1)

*** Configuring hosts

h1 h2

*** Starting controller

*** Starting 1 switches

*** Starting 1 switches

1 ...(10.00Mbit 500ms delay) (10.00Mbit 500ms delay)

*** Starting CLI:
mininet> ■
```

```
mininet> h1 ping -c 5 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=4003 ms

64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=3002 ms

64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=2001 ms

64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=2001 ms

64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=2000 ms

--- 10.0.0.2 ping statistics ---

5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4049ms

rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 2000.485/2601.553/4002.835/800.772 ms,

mininet>
```

```
mininet> h1 iperf -s -u

Server listening on UDP port 5001

Receiving 1470 byte datagrams

UDP buffer size: 208 KByte (default)

Server listening on UDP port 5001

Receiving 1470 byte datagrams

UDP buffer size: 208 KByte (default)
```

5.Conclusion:

Mininet is a network emulator which creates a network of virtual hosts, switches, controllers, and links. Mininet hosts run standard Linux network software, and its switches support OpenFlow for highly flexible custom routing and Software-Defined Networking.

Mininet's code is almost entirely Python, except for a short C utility. Mininet-based networks cannot (currently) exceed the CPU or bandwidth available on a single server. Mininet cannot (currently) run non-Linux-compatible OpenFlow switches or applications; this has not been a major issue in practice.