Lab 2

OpenFlow Protocol Observation and Flow Rule Installation

Deadline 2024/09/25 (WED) 23:59

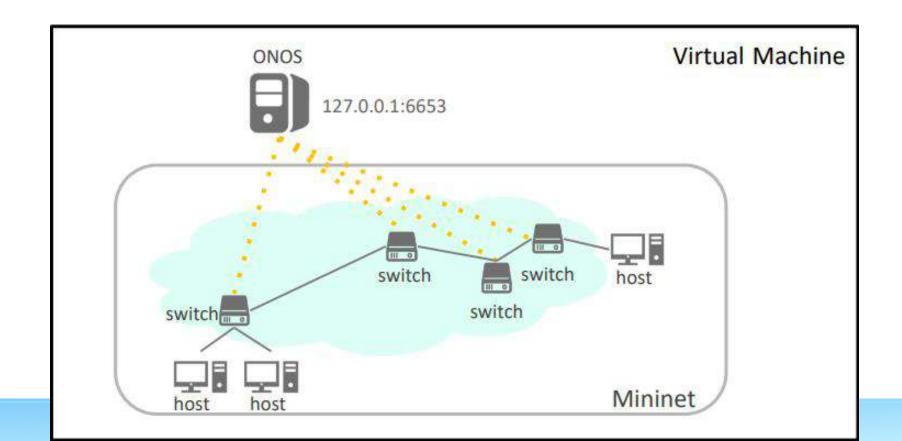
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- OpenFlow Messages
 - Monitor Traffic between ONOS & Switches
 - OpenFlow Message Observation
- Install/Delete Flow Rules
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 - ONOS and Topology Setup
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 - Part 4: Trace ReactiveForwarding



OpenFlow Protocol

- OpenFlow is a Software Defined Network (SDN) control protocol
- ONOS SDN controller uses OpenFlow messages to communicate with OVS switches.
 - Hello, Packet-in/out, Flow Install/Remove, etc.





Wireshark Installation

- Wireshark is an open-source and widely-used network packet analyzer
 - Can capture packets on any specified interface
- Installation steps:
 - 1. Update package information

```
$ sudo apt update  # update all packages information
```

2. Install Wireshark

\$ sudo apt install wireshark -y

Start Wireshark

\$ sudo wireshark

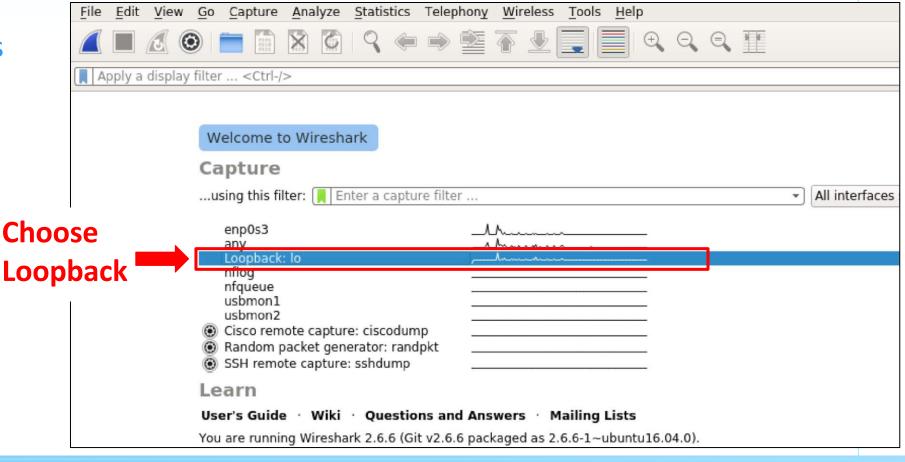




Capture Packets in Wireshark

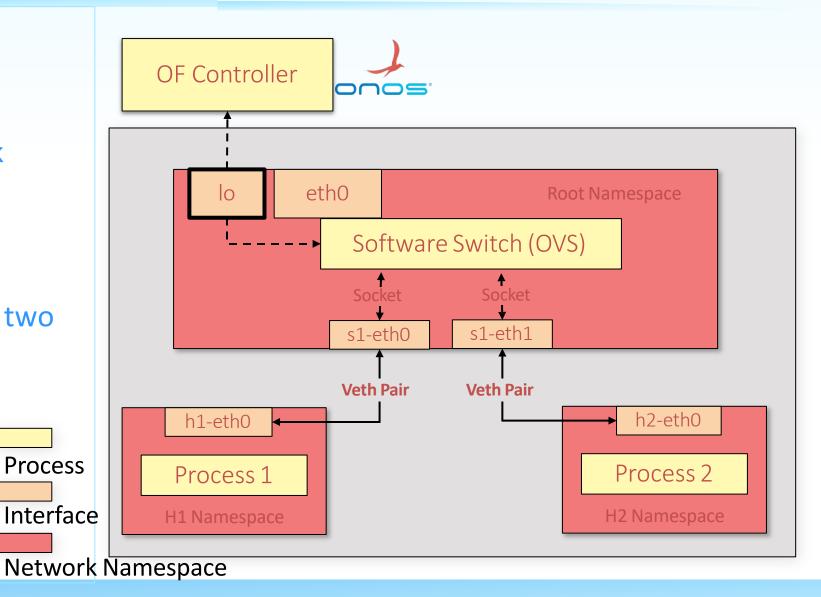
- Both ONOS and Mininet run locally in VM
 - We can capture packets on the Loopback (lo) interface
- Loopback:

Route data streams back to the source without intentional processing or modification.



Mininet and Network Namespace

- Mininet uses network namespace to emulate networks
- OVS runs in root network namespace
- Each host runs in its own network namespace
- Use Veth pair to connect two networks of different namespaces





Sending OpenFlow Messages

- Start ONOS
- 2. Activate ReactiveForwarding

```
onos> apps -a -s # (optional) check activated application onos> app activate fwd # activate ReactiveForwarding
```

3. Start Mininet with default topology

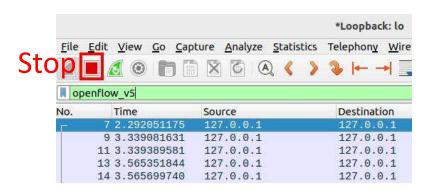
```
$ sudo mn --controller=remote,127.0.0.1:6653 --switch=ovs,protocols=OpenFlow14
```

4. H1 ping H2 in Mininet

```
mininet> h1 ping h2 -c 5
```

send five ICMP echo_request packets

- 5. Exit Mininet when ping terminates
- 6. Stop capturing packets in Wireshark
- 7. Observe captured OpenFlow packets



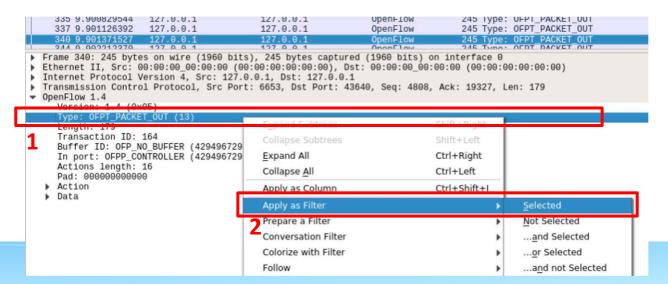


Packet Filtering in Wireshark

- Use keyword "openflow_v5" to filter OpenFlow v1.4.0 packets
 - ONOS v2.2.0 uses Openflow v1.4.0



- Alternatively, apply filter in the following steps:
 - 1. Right click on the packet header field which you want to apply as filter
 - 2. Choose "Apply as Filter" and click "Selected"
 - 3. Wireshark will immediately filter out all the relevant packets





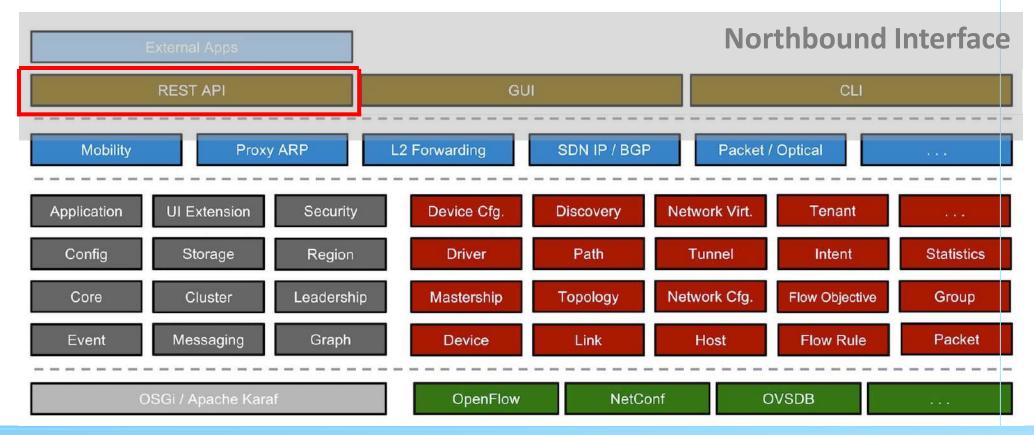
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ONOS Northbound Interface

- Northbound Interface of ONOS is the interface that interacts with programmers
- REST is a **software architectural style** for Web services
- We will use the REST API to install/delete flow rules



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Create a JSON file of flow rules

flows1.json

- What is a JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)?
 - JSON
 - An open standard file format and data interchange format
 - Uses human-readable text to store and transmit data objects consisting of
 - attribute-value pairs
 - arrays
 - other serializable values
- E.g., flows1.json: JSON file for a flow rule
- Hint:
 - Priority of preinstalled flow rules: 40000
 - The priorities of flow rules MUST be 40001 to 65535
- Ref: Flow Rule Criteria & Instructions

```
"priority": 50000,
"timeout": 0,
"isPermanent": true,
"selector": {
   "criteria": [
           "type": "IN_PORT",
           "port": 1
"treatment": {
   "instructions": [
           "type": "OUTPUT",
           "port": 2
```

JSON File: Match Fields (criteria)

flows1.json

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JSON File: Actions (instructions)

flows1.json

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Curl – Command Tool for Transferring Data with URL

Command format

```
curl [options] [URL...]
```

Transferring data with URL

```
$ curl -u <user:password> -X <method-type> -H <header> -d <data> [URL...]

# option "-X" specifies a HTTP request method
# option "-H" includes extra header in the HTTP request
# option "-d" sends specified data in a POST request
# URL (Uniform Resource Locator)
```

"<data>" can be a file name with prefix "@"

\$ curl -u <user:password> -X <method-type> -H <header> -d @<filename> [URL...]

- References:
 - "request methods" in HTTP
 - Manpage for command "curl"

Review:

- user: onos
- password: rocks



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ONOS & Topology Setup

Restart ONOS

- 1. <ctrl+c> in the ONOS log panel to shutdown the ONOS instance
- 2. Start ONOS

```
demo@SDN-NFV:~/onos$ ok clean
    # ok is an alias of command "bazel run onos-local -- "
```

2. Deactivate ReactiveForwarding APP

```
onos> app deactivate fwd # deactivate ReactiveForwarding
```

3. Start Mininet with default (minimal) topology

```
$ sudo mn --controller=remote,127.0.0.1:6653 --switch=ovs,protocols=OpenFlow14
```

4. Make sure that two hosts CAN NOT ping each other

mininet> h1 ping h2

```
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=4 Destination Host Unreachable
```



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Upload JSON File to ONOS

Install flow rules on ONOS with JSON file (flows1.json)

```
$ curl -u onos:rocks -X POST \
> -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
> -d @flow1.json \
```

#Recall command from p.15
\$ curl -u <user:password>
-X <method-type>
-H <header>
-d @<filename>
[URL...]

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of:000000000000001

URI:

of:00000000000000001

Vendor:

H/W Version: Open vSwitch

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Device ID

- DeviceID MUST be the URI shown in the ONOS web GUI
- DeviceID can be set by either ONOS or user specified topology file (i.e. *.py)



Check whether the flow rule is installed (1/2)

- Go to ONOS web GUI (http://localhost:8181/onos/ui)
- Left click on



. Then, the panel of switch info will pop out

Left click on



2.Left click





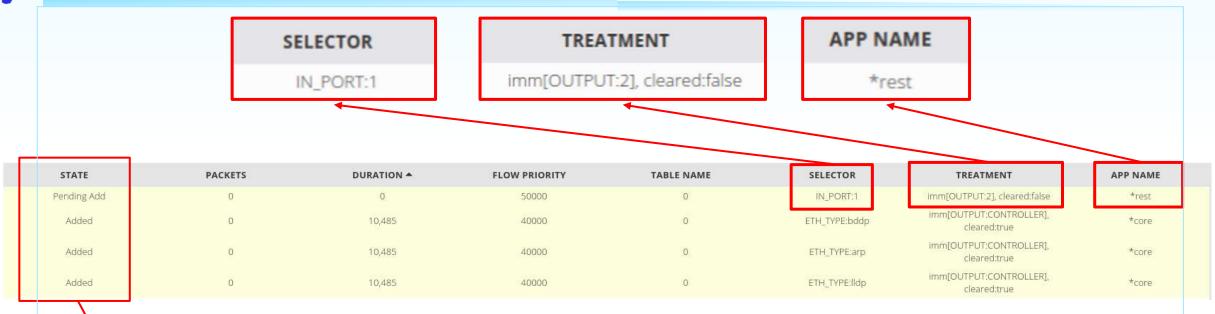
3.Left click



STATE	PACKETS	DURATION	FLOW PRIORITY	TABLE NAME	SELECTOR	TREATMENT	APP NAME
Added	0	36	50000	0	IN_PORT:1	imm[OUTPUT:2], cleared:false	*rest
Added	0	960	40000	0	ETH_TYPE:bddp	imm[OUTPUT:CONTROLLER], cleared:true	*core
Added	0	960	40000	0	ETH_TYPE:lldp	imm[OUTPUT:CONTROLLER], cleared:true	*core
Added	12	960	40000	0	ETH_TYPE:arp	imm[OUTPUT:CONTROLLER], cleared:true	*core



Check whether the flow rule is installed (2/2)



• Flow Rule States:

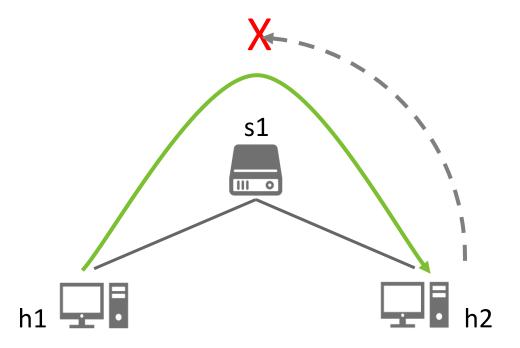
- PENDING_ADD ONOS has received a request from the application to install the flow rule, but that flow has NOT yet been observed on the device.
- ADDED Once the flow rule subsystem observes the flow on the device, it will change to this state.

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Why Hosts Still Cannot Ping Each Other?

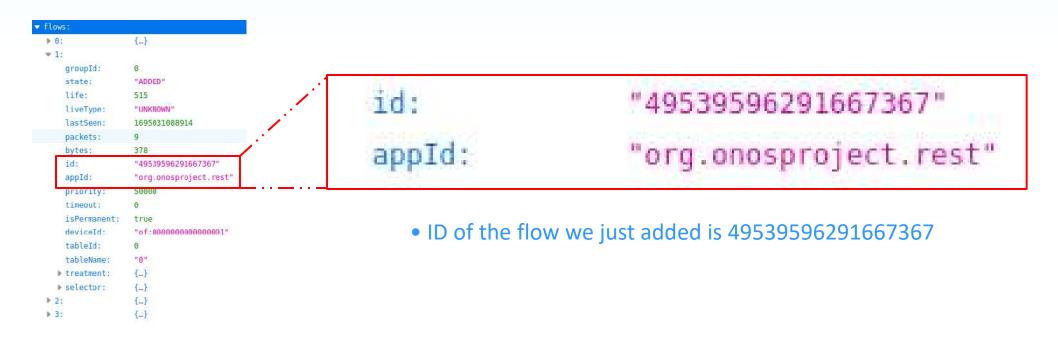
- Because we have only installed a flow rule for one direction
 - s1 can forward packets from h1 to h2
 - But, s1 CANNOT forward packets from h2 to h1
 - By default, s1 drops a packet if the packet does not match any flow rule
 - i.e. table-miss





Delete Flow Rules (1/2)

- Use URL to find flow rule IDs in a switch
 - Ex. http://localhost:8181/onos/v1/flows/of:000000000000001



Alternatively, we could use "curl" to get flow information

```
$ curl -u onos:rocks -X GET -H 'Accept: application/json' \
  'http://localhost:8181/onos/v1/flows/of:0000000000000001'
```



Delete Flow Rules (2/2)

• Then, delete the flow rule with flowID: 49539596291667367

```
$ curl -u onos:rocks \
-X DELETE \
-H 'Accept: application/json' \
'http://localhost:8181/onos/v1/flows/of:0000000000000001

/49539596291667367'

Device ID

Flow ID
```

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REST API on ONOS Web GUI

Browse http://localhost:8181/onos/v1/docs

ONOS Core REST API	
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docs : REST API documentation	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
applications : Manage inventory of applications	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
cluster : Manage cluster of ONOS instances	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
configuration : Manage component configurations	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
keys : Query and Manage Device Keys	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
devices : Manage inventory of infrastructure devices	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
diagnostics : Provides stream of diagnostic information	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
nextobjectives : Get Flow objective next list	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
flowobjectives : Manage flow objectives	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
flows : Query and program flow rules	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
groups : Query and program group rules	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations
hosts : Manage inventory of end-station hosts	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations

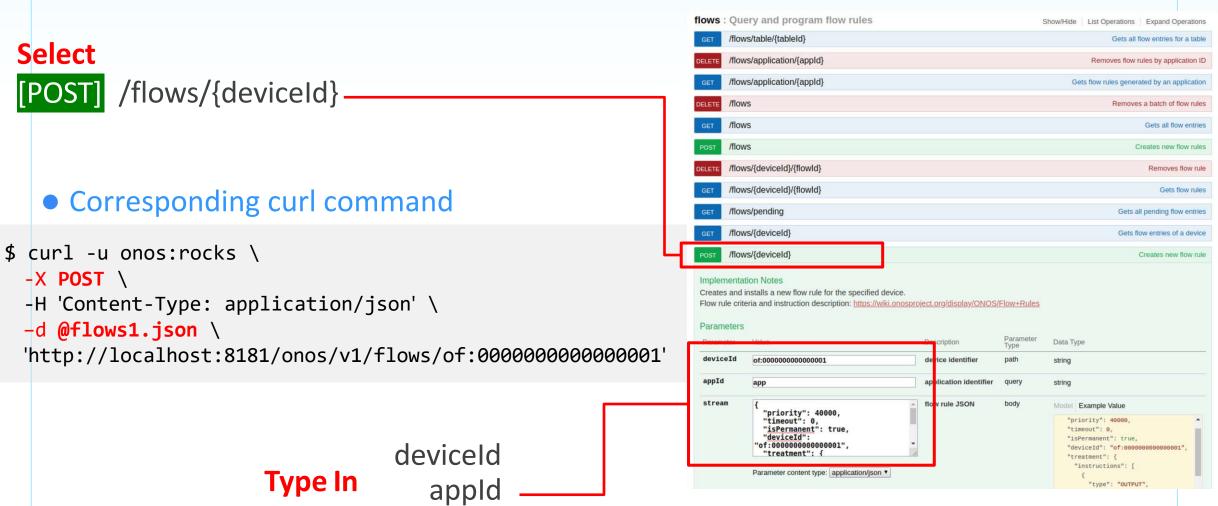
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Using Web GUI to Install Flow Rule (1/2)

Fill out required fields ("appId" could be arbitrary string)

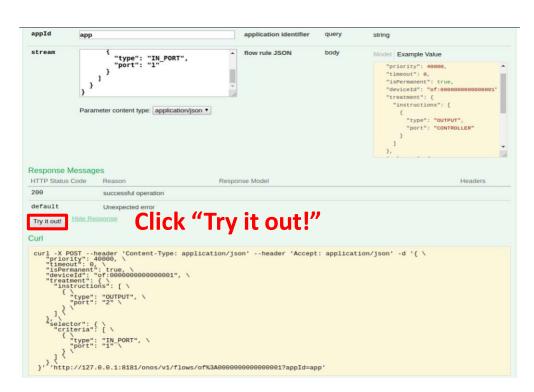
JSON file





Using Web GUI to Install Flow Rule (2/2)

- Click "Try it out!"
 - Web will pass the JSON stream to ONOS
 - Status code 201 represents HTTP Request is granted



HTTP response replied by ONOS



In case of "curl", use "-i" option to include HTTP Response header in the output



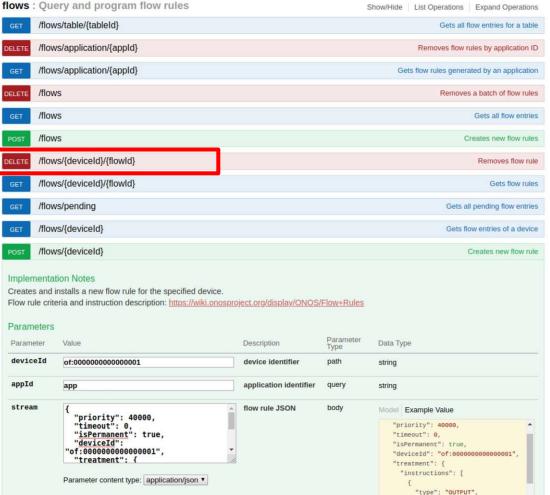
Delete Flow Rule via ONOS Web GUI (1/2)



Delete Flow Rule via ONOS Web GUI (2/2)

Same procedure as installing flow rules







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 - Part 2: Install Flow Rules (15%)
 - Part 3: Create Broadcast Storm (20%)
 - Part 4: Trace ReactiveForwarding (10%)
 - Project 2 Demo(40%)



Part 1: Answer Questions (1/2)

- Preparation: please refer to the commands on p.8
 - 1. Start capturing packets on the loopback interface (lo) with Wireshark.
 - 2. Create a default topology.
 - 3. Activate "org.onosproject.fwd".
 - 4. Execute command "h1 ping h2 -c 5" in Mininet CLI.
 - 5. Observe the flow rules shown in the GUI.
 - 6. Exit Mininet and stop capturing packets when the forwarding rules disappear.

• Questions:

- 1. How many **OpenFlow headers** with type "OFPT_FLOW_MOD" and command "OFPFC_ADD" are there among all the packets?
- 2. What are **the match fields** and the corresponding **actions** in each "OFPT_FLOW_MOD" message?
- 3. What are the **Idle Timeout values** for all flow rules on s1 in **GUI**? Report format

Ex:There are x distinct "OFPT_FLOW_MOD" headers during the experiment.

Match fields	actions	Timeout values
IN_PORT=1	Output port=4	0

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Part 1: Answer Questions (2/2)

Hints

- A single OpenFlow packet may contain multiple OpenFlow message headers
- Only count the number of distinct OpenFlow headers
 - If match fields of two headers are the same, just count once
- Value of timeout can be zero
- There will be an `Unknown` type, please refer to ONOS's Source Code to find what it is

```
Length: 96
                                                                                          Transaction ID: 7
OpenFlow 1.4
  Version: 1.4 (0x05)
                                                                                          Cookie: 0x00010000021b41dc
  Type: OFPT FLOW MOD (14)
  Length: 96
                                                                                          Cookie mask: 0x00000000000000000
  Transaction ID: 7
  Cookie: 0x00010000021b41dc
                                                                                          Table ID: 0
  Cookie mask: 0x00000000000000000
                                                                                          Command: OFPFC ADD (0
  Table ID: 0
  Command: OFPFC ADD (0)
  Idle timeout: 0
  Hard timeout: 0
  Priority: 5
                                                                                         Match
  Buffer ID: OFP NO BUFFER (4294967295)
  Out port: OFPP ANY (4294967295)
                                                                                               Type: OFPMT_OXM (1)
  Out group: OFPG_ANY (4294967295)
                                                                                               Length: 10
▶ Flags: 0x0001
  Importance: 0
                                                                                            ▼ 0XM field

▼ Match
                                                                                                   Class: OFPXMC_OPENFLOW_BASIC (0x8000)
     Type: OFPMT OXM (1)
    Length: 10
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■ OXM field

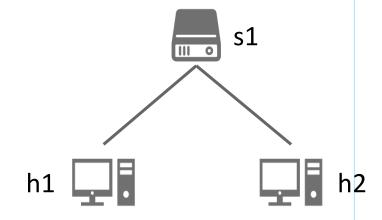
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       Class: OFPXMC_OPENFLOW_BASIC (0x8000)
       0000 101. = Field: OFPXMT_OFB_ETH_TYPE (5)
                                                                                                   Length: 2
       .... ...0 = Has mask: False
                                                                                                   Value: IPv4 (0x0800)
       Length: 2
       Value: IPv4 (0x0800)
                                                                                               Pad: 000000000000
     Pad: 0000000000000
```

Type: OFPT FLOW MOD (14)



Part 2: Install Flow Rules (1/3)

- Please deactivate all the Apps, except the following Apps initially activated:
 - "org.onosproject.hostprovider"
 - "org.onosproject.lldpprovider"
 - "org.onosproject.optical-model"
 - "org.onosproject.openflow-base"
 - "org.onosproject.openflow"
 - "org.onosproject.drivers"
 - "org.onosproject.gui2"
- Use the following topology (i.e. h1-s1-h2):



\$ sudo mn --controller=remote,127.0.0.1:6653 --switch=ovs,protocols=OpenFlow14



Part 2: Install Flow Rules (2/3)

- 1. Install **one** flow rule to forward ARP packets
 - Match Fields
 - Ethernet type (ARP)
 - Actions
 - Forwarding ARP packets to all port in one instruction
- Take screenshot to verify the flow rule you installed

```
mininet> h1 arping h2
```

send ARP request

```
mininet> h1 arping h2

ARPING 10.0.0.2

42 bytes from 5e:c0:96:3f:8e:ab (10.0.0.2): index=0 time=4.134 msec

42 bytes from 5e:c0:96:3f:8e:ab (10.0.0.2): index=1 time=6.226 usec

42 bytes from 5e:c0:96:3f:8e:ab (10.0.0.2): index=2 time=5.839 usec

42 bytes from 5e:c0:96:3f:8e:ab (10.0.0.2): index=3 time=3.860 usec

42 bytes from 5e:c0:96:3f:8e:ab (10.0.0.2): index=4 time=3.991 usec

42 bytes from 5e:c0:96:3f:8e:ab (10.0.0.2): index=5 time=7.219 usec
```



Part 2: Install Flow Rules (3/3)

- 2. Install **two** flow rules to forward IPv4 packets
 - Match Fields
 - IPv4 destination address and other required dependencies
 - Actions
 - Forwarding IPv4 packets to the right host
- Take screenshot to verify the flow rules you installed

```
mininet> h1 ping h2 # send ICMP request
```

```
mininet> h1 ping 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=0.339 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.056 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.057 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.064 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.055 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.2: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=0.054 ms
```

Hint: Match fields may have dependency; please refer to OpenFlow spec v1.4.0.



Part 3: Create Topology with Broadcast Storm

Steps:

- Create a topology that may cause a "Broadcast Storm".
- Install flow rules on switches.
- Send packets from one host to another host.
- Observe link status of the network and the CPUs utilization of VM.
- Do NOT activate any other APPs, except for those initially activated by ONOS
- Describe what you have observed and explain why the broadcast storm occurred
- Take screenshot of CPU's utilization
- Hand in Topology file (*.py) and flow rule files (*.json)

Hint: ONOS would initially install several flow rules.



Part 4: Trace Reactive Forwarding

- Activate only "org.onosproject.fwd" and other initially activated APPs.
- Use Mininet default topology and let h1 ping h2.
- Observe what happens in control and data planes
 - From the time when h1 pings h2 until h2 receives the first ICMP request
 - Write down every operation made by control and data planes
 - Please refer to the ONOS ReactiveForwarding application
 - Source Code
- Describe what you observed step by step in report
- Don't need to take screenshot

Hint: Tracing Source code with Wireshark to finish this Part



Submission (1/2)

• Files:

- A report: lab2_<studentID>.pdf
 - 1. Part 1: Answers to those three questions in **p.31** format
 - 2. Part 2: Take screenshots of arping/ping result
 - 3. Part 3: Take screenshots and answer the question
 - 4. Part 4: Write down what you have observed step by step
 - 5. What you've learned or solved
- JSON files for installing flow rules in part 2 and part 3
 - Please follow naming convention
- A Python script for creating topology in part 3



Naming Convention

- Use the following convention to name the files created in both part 2 and part 3.
 - 1. Python script for the topology: topo_<studentID>.py
 - 2. JSON files for flow rules: flows_s<i>-<j>_<studentID>.json
 - "i" is the switch number
 - "j" is the flow rule number, starting from 1, on a switch.

e.g.

File Name	Meaning			
flows_s1-1_0748787.json	#1 flow rule to install on s1			
flows_s1-2_0748787.json	#2 flow rule to install on s1			
flows_s2-1_0748787.json	#1 flow rule to install on s2			

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Submission (2/2)

- Directory structure:
 - Create root folder: lab2_<studentID>

• In root folder, create part2 and part3 folders and move files (i.e. *.json, *.py) into

the corresponding folders

e.g.

```
project2_0748787/

part2

flows_s1-1_0748787.json

flows_s1-2_0748787.json

part3

flows_s1-1_0748787.json

flows_s1-2_0748787.json

flows_s1-2_0748787.json

flows_s2-1_0748787.json

flows_s3-1_0748787.json

project2_0748787.py

project2_0748787.pdf
```

- Zip root folder: lab2_<studentID>.zip
- Wrong file name or format will result in 10 points deduction



Lab 2 Demo

- The demo dates will be in the week after lab 2 deadline.
- Demo question will show when demo start.
- The questions involve modification of the code and the content related to the lecture and the lab

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Lab Assign, Due, and Demo Time

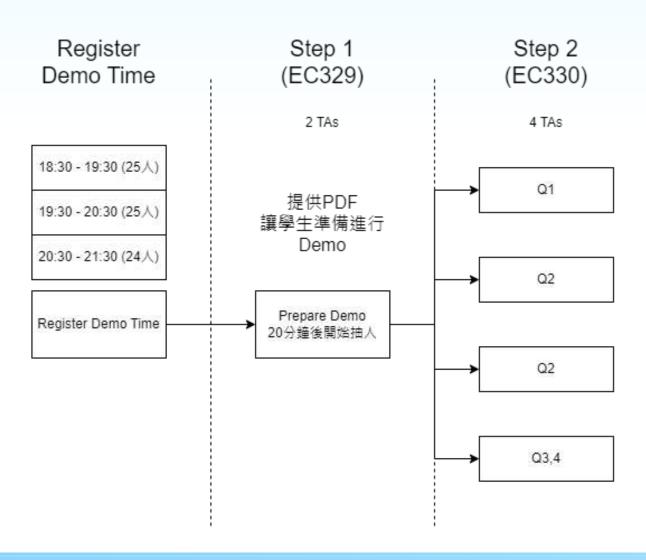
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Lab 1	ONOS and Mininet Installation	09/05	09/25 (WED) 23:59	-
Lab 2	OpenFlow Protocol Observation & Flow Rule installation	09/12	09/25 (WED) 23:59	09/30 (MON) 18:30 – 21:30
Lab 3	ONOS Application Development: SDN-enabled Learning Bridge and ARP Proxy	09/26	10/16 (WED) 23:59	10/21 (MON) 18:30 – 21:30
Lab 4	Meter Table and Bandwidth Control	10/17	11/06 (WED) 23:59	11/11 (MON) 18:30 – 21:30
Lab 5	Network Function Virtualization: Software Router and Containerization	11/07	11/27 (WED) 23:59	12/02 (MON) 18:30 – 21:30
Final Project	SDN network as vRouter (Group project)	11/28	待定	待定

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Lab 2 Demo Flow Chart

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Lab 2 Demo Time-reserved Table

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 - URL: https://anurl.app/xhDBlb
 - Date of completion: now ~ 9/25 (WED) 23:59

			Lab	2 Demo 時段登記	3				
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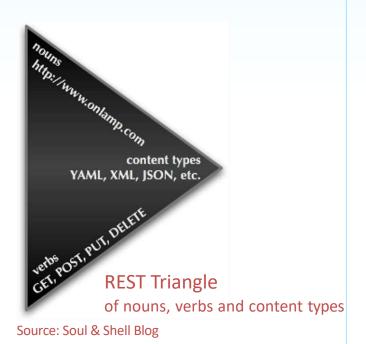
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- Wireshark wiki
 - https://wiki.wireshark.org/Home
- ONOS REST API
 - https://wiki.onosproject.org/display/ONOS/Appendix+B%3A+REST+API
- JSON Format for Installing Flow Rules
 - https://wiki.onosproject.org/display/ONOS/Flow+Rules



Appendix—REST (REpresentational State Transfer)

- REST is a **software architectural style** for creating Web services
- Architectural constraints:
 - Client-server architecture
 - Stateless
 - Cacheable
 - Uniform interface
 - Layered system
- Allow us to access and manipulate web resources
 - Commonly we use HTTP method
 - Payload could be formatted in HTML, XML, JSON





About help!

- For lab problem, ask at e3 forum
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 - TAs will help to clarify Lab contents instead of giving answers!
 - Please describe your questions with sufficient context,
 - , e.g., Environment setup, Input/Output, Screenshots, ...
- For personal problem mail to sdnta@win.cs.nycu.edu.tw
 - You have special problem and you can't meet the deadline
 - You got weird score with project
- No Fixed TA hours



Q&A