Laboratory 2

Advanced Emulab tutorial on DETER

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In the advanced tutorial various new terms were made familiar to me. I learnt what "router queues" are. Every router interface has a queue to hold packets awaiting transmission. I learnt about the two types of queues other than the usual Droptail queue which are called: RED (random early detection) and GRED (Gentle random early detection).The difference between the two queues is that RED uses a steep dropping (packets) function to maintain an average queue size while the GRED uses a smooth dropping function to maintain an average queue size. I learnt about a new terminology called CBR (Constant bit rate) generator which generates packet traffic at a constant rate. TCP and UDP agent/s are used for that. I learnt about how the packets on links and lans can be observed from the Link tracing and monitoring section.

1.Dynamic scheduling of events:

Dynamic scheduling of events allows us to schedule events on the fly. The *tevc* command allows dynamic injection of events.

NS Script:

```
source tb_compat.tcl
set ns [new Simulator]
# Create four nodes
set nodeA [$ns node]
set nodeB [$ns node]
# Create a RED duplex link
set link0 [$ns duplex-link $nodeA $nodeB 100Mb 0ms RED]
# Get the queue object for the nodeA/nodeb link and modify its RED params.
set queue0 [[$ns link $nodeA $nodeB] queue]
$queue0 set gentle_ 1
$queue0 set queue-in-bytes_ 0
$queue0 set limit_ 50
$queue0 set maxthresh_ 20
$queue0 set thresh_ 7
$queue0 set linterm_ 11
$queue0 set q_weight_ 0.004
# Create a UDP agent and attach it to nodeA
set udp0 [new Agent/UDP]
$ns attach-agent $nodeA $udp0
# Create a CBR traffic source and attach it to udp0
set cbr0 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cbr0 set packetSize_ 500
$cbr0 set interval_ 0.005
```

```
$cbr0 attach-agent $udp0
# Create a TCP agent and attach it to nodeA
set tcp0 [new Agent/TCP]
$ns attach-agent $nodeA $tcp0
# Create a CBR traffic source and attach it to tcp0
set cbr1 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cbr1 set packetSize_ 500
$cbr1 set interval_ 0.005
$cbr1 attach-agent $tcp0
# Create a Null agent (a UDP traffic sink) and attach it to node nodeB
set null0 [new Agent/Null]
$ns attach-agent $nodeB $null0
# Create a TCPSink agent (a TCP traffic sink) and attach it to node nodeB
set null1 [new Agent/TCPSink]
$ns attach-agent $nodeB $null1
# Connect the traffic sources with the traffic sinks
$ns connect $udp0 $null0
$ns connect $tcp0 $null1
# And some events.
$ns at 60.0  "$cbr0  start"
$ns at 70.0  "$link0 bandwidth 10Mb duplex"
$ns at 80.0  "$link0 delay 10ms"
$ns at 90.0  "$link0 plr 0.05"
$ns at 100.0 "$link0 down"
$ns at 110.0 "$link0 up"
$ns at 115.0 "$cbr0  stop"
$ns at 120.0 "$cbr1  start"
$ns at 130.0 "$cbr1  set packetSize_ 512"
$ns at 130.0 "$cbr1  set interval_ 0.01"
$ns at 140.0 "$link0 down"
#Run the simulation
$ns run
```

After swapping in the above ns file, I got the following details as the listing in the ”Show events” tab under the Details of the experiment:

```
Experiment: USC558L/tevc

Event List:
Time         Node         Agent      Type       Event      Parent     Arguments
------------ ------------ ---------- ---------- ---------- ---------- ------------
0.000        nodeA        cbr0       TRAFGEN    MODIFY     __ns_sequence
PACKETSIZE=500
                                                                      RATE=100000
                                                                      INTERVAL=0.005
                                                                      IPTOS=-1
0.000        nodeA        cbr1       TRAFGEN    MODIFY     __ns_sequence
PACKETSIZE=500
```

```
                                                                    RATE=100000
                                                                    INTERVAL=0.005
                                                                    IPTOS=-1
60.000      nodeA       cbr0       TRAFGEN    START
70.000                  link0      LINK       MODIFY               BANDWIDTH=10000
80.000                  link0      LINK       MODIFY               DELAY=10ms
90.000                  link0      LINK       MODIFY               PLR=0.05
100.000                 link0      LINK       DOWN
110.000                 link0      LINK       UP
115.000     nodeA       cbr0       TRAFGEN    STOP
120.000     nodeA       cbr1       TRAFGEN    START
130.000     nodeA       cbr1       TRAFGEN    MODIFY               PACKETSIZE=512
130.000     nodeA       cbr1       TRAFGEN    MODIFY               INTERVAL=0.01
140.000                 link0      LINK       DOWN

Event Summary:
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Event count:    13
First event:    0.000 seconds
Last event:     140.000 seconds
```
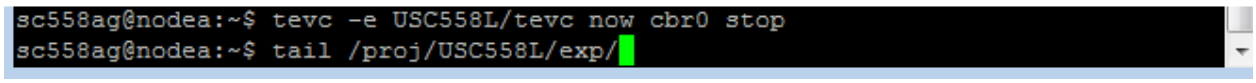
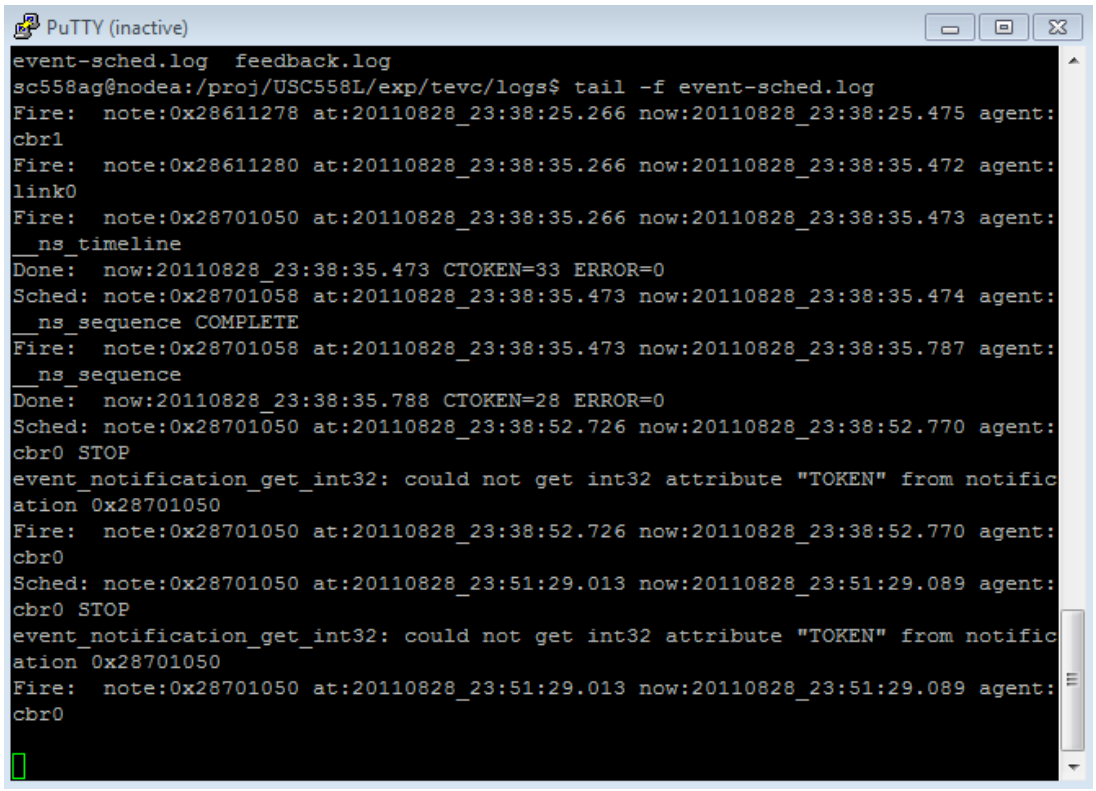

The above details only display the events in the ns script but the dynamic events can be seen using the "*tail –f*" command to watch the change in the event scheduler log file on the fly.

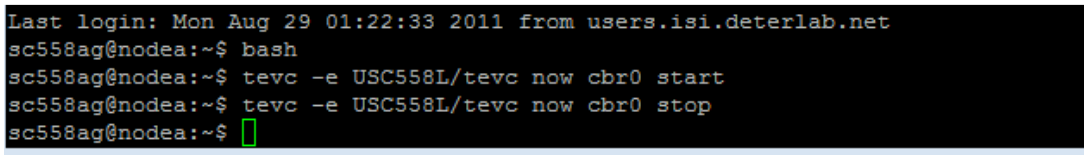
I opened two terminals and from one I used the tevc command to stop cbr0 at real time by using the command *tevc -e USC558L/tevc now cbr0 stop.*
And from the second terminal ,I invoked the command:
At Node A:
sc558ag@nodea:/proj/USC558L/exp/tevc/logs$ tail -f event-sched.log

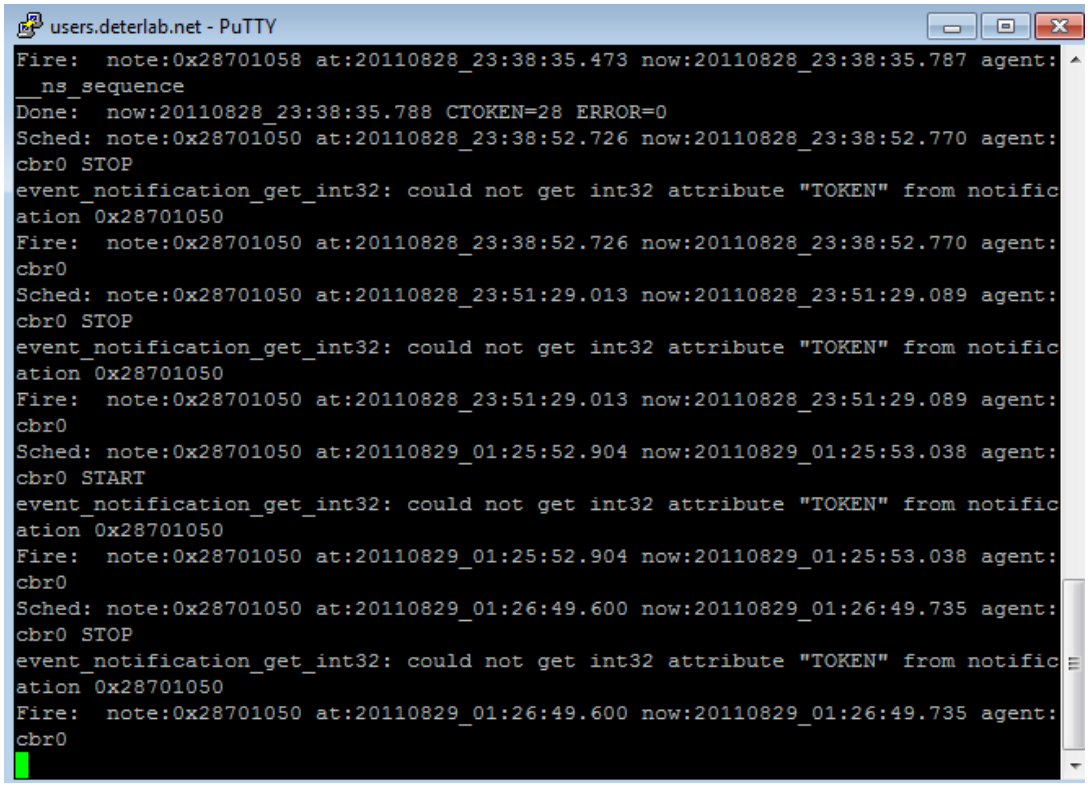
After a few seconds after the invoking of tevc command, the last two lines show that the real time fire of the log information of stopping of cbr0. The few seconds take place because it takes time for the script to go through the boss and event scheduler. The following is the snapshot of the output:





After stopping cbr0, I again “dynamically” started cbr0 and then stopped it.

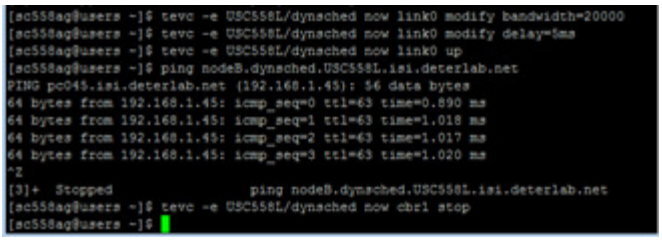




2. Supported Events:

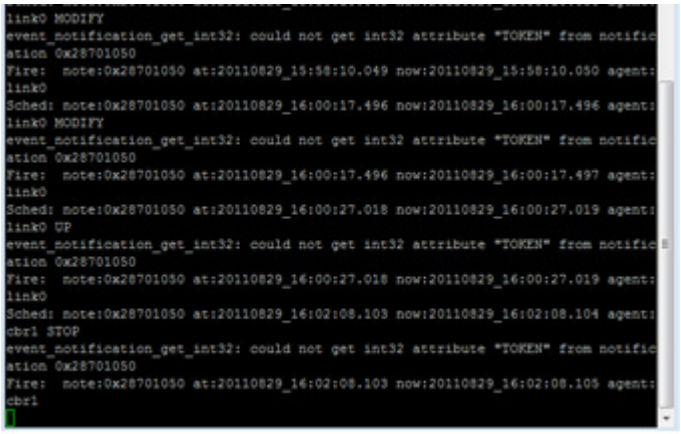
We can also modify the link parameters by using the tevc commands(also shown in snapshot) :

tevc –e USC/558L/dynsched now link) modify link0 bandwidth=20000
tevc –e USC/558L/dynsched now link) modify link0 delay=5ms
tevc –e USC/558L/dynsched now link) modify link0 up



We can see that the link0 gets modified thrice when the above 3 tevc commands are invoked.

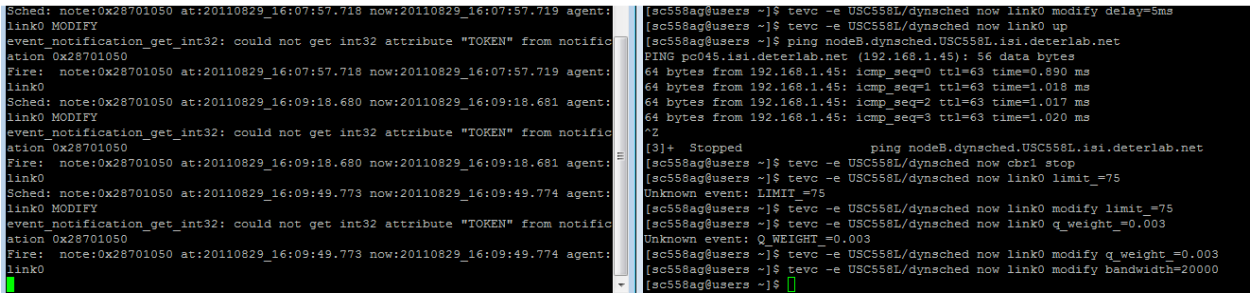
At node A:



Next we can see that the queue parameters can also be modified using the tevc command by modifying the link which is related to that queue. Below can be seen the modification of queue parameters related to link0. Following are the commands for modifying various queue parameters like limit_ and q_weight_ and link parameters like bandwidth:

tevc –e USC558L/dynsched now link0 modify q_weight_=0.003
tevc –e USC558L/dynsched now link0 modify bandwidth=20000
tevc –e USC558L/dynsched now link0 modify limit_=75

At node A:



3.Program Objects:

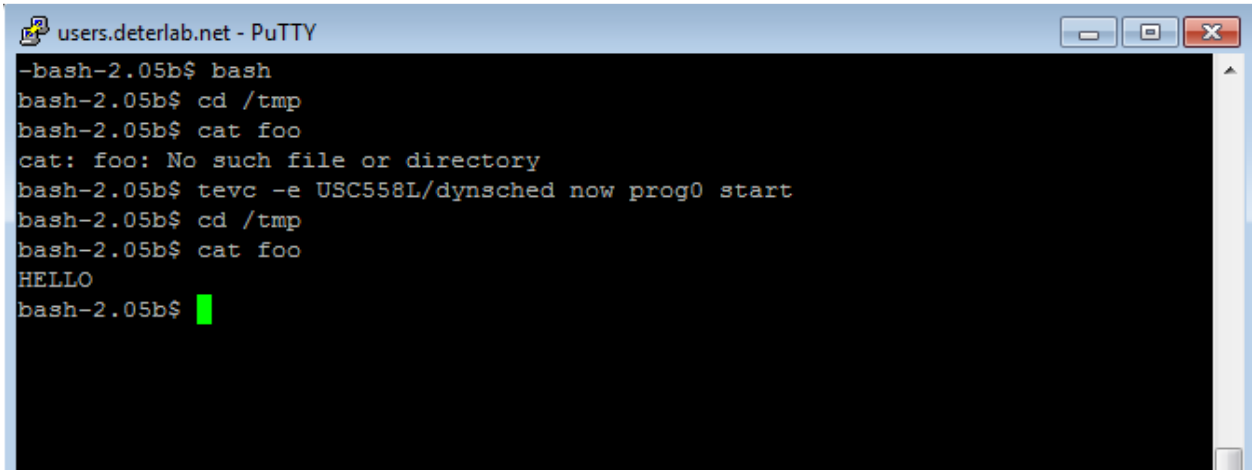
NS Script:

 # This is a simple ns script. Comments start with #.
set ns [new Simulator]
source tb_compat.tcl
set nodeA [$ns node]
set nodeB [$ns node]
set nodeC [$ns node]

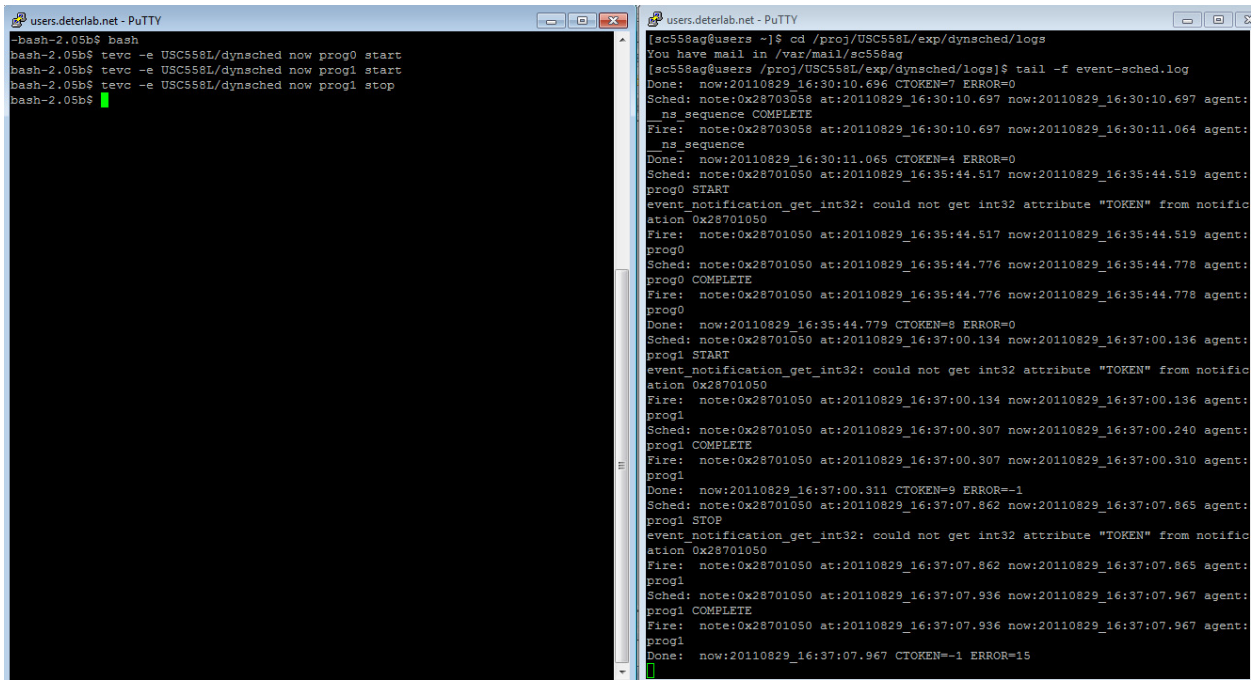
set nodeD [$ns node]
set prog0 [$nodeA program-agent -command "echo HELLO &> tmp/foo"]
ser prog1 [$nodeA program-agent –command "/bin/ls –lt"]
set link0 [$ns duplex-link $nodeB $nodeA 30Mb 50ms DropTail]
tb-set-link-loss $link0 0.01
set lan0 [$ns make-lan "$nodeD $nodeC $nodeB " 100Mb 0ms]
 # Set the OS on a couple.
tb-set-node-os $nodeA FBSD-STD
tb-set-node-os $nodeC RHL-STD
$ns rtproto Static
 # Go!
$ns run

The above ns script allows us to make a program object that prints "HELLO" and puts the output in the file foo under tmp directory.We can see that before the invoking of the tevc command there was no foo file created under the tmp directory but after the tevc command is invoked, the foo file is created and we can see that HELLO is printed in the foo file. Below is the snapshot of the result.

At node A:



Also below is the snap shot of tevc command used to start program objects prog0, start prog1 and stop prog1 on the left terminal. While the right terminal shows the real time change in the start / stop of the program objects prog0 and prog1.



4.Link Tracing and Monitoring:

NS Script:

```
# This is a simple ns script. Comments start with #.
set ns [new Simulator]
source tb_compat.tcl
set nodeA [$ns node]
set nodeB [$ns node]
set nodeC [$ns node]
set nodeD [$ns node]
set link0 [$ns duplex-link $nodeB $nodeA 30Mb 50ms DropTail]
$link0 trace
$link0 trace packet
$link0 trace monitor "icmp or tcp"
tb-set-link-loss $link0 0.01
set lan0 [$ns make-lan "$nodeD $nodeC $nodeB " 100Mb 0ms]
# Set the OS on a couple.
tb-set-node-os $nodeA FBSD-STD
tb-set-node-os $nodeC RHL-STD
$ns rtproto Static
$ns run
```

The ns script '$link0 trace' captures just the packet headers. In case we want to capture all the data in the packets then '$link0 trace packet' is helpful. If we want to filter our packet capturing to just icmp or tcp packets then '$link0 "icmp or tcp"' script is used.
We can monitor the packet capturing real time at node A and node B by using interactive web-interface. We can pause packet capturing, restart it or kill it using the web interface. Below is the output from interactive 'Link Tracing/Monitoring':

At node A:

```
1314609215.511012 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609216.510975 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609217.511023 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609218.511393 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609219.510972 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609220.511059 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609221.511415 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609222.510977 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609223.511056 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609224.511027 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609225.511382 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609226.515070 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
```

At node B:

```
1314609369.867475 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609370.867863 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609371.867417 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609372.867488 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609373.867451 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609374.867906 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609375.871637 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609376.867414 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
1314609377.868001 (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (icmp:0,0 tcp:0,0 udp:0,0 other:0,0) (dropped:0)
```

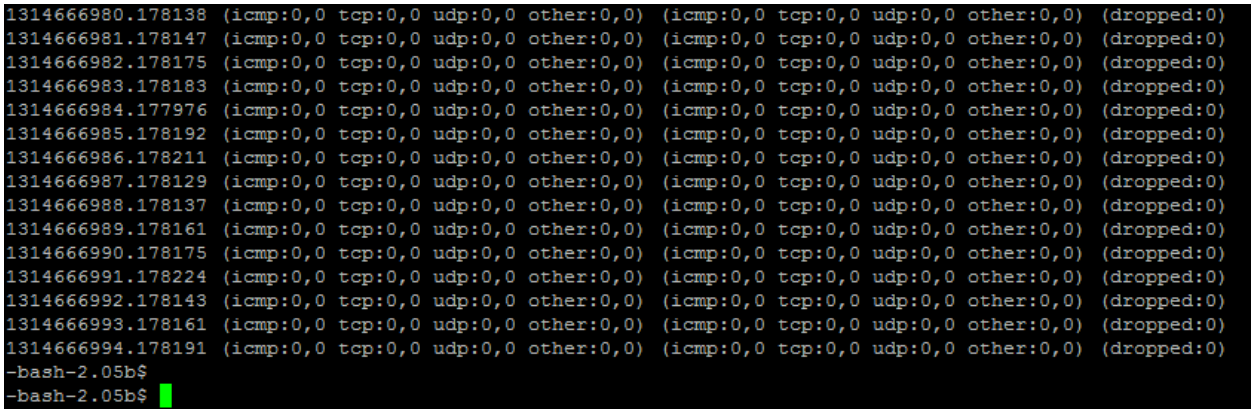
The first thing on all the lines above denotes the timestamp. The number of the brackets show the number of interfaces to that node. Icmp:0,0 indicates that there were 0 bytes of icmp traffic sent in 0 packets.

Other than the interactive web-interface, we can locally monitor/capture the packets too at the delay node.

The tcpdump in the /local/logs file at the delaynode tb0 after executing the following commands looks like:

[sc558ag@users ~]$ ssh pc030 (pc030 being the unqualified name of the delay node)
-bash-2.05b$ cd /local/logs
-bash-2.05b$ ls -a
. *trace_nodeA-link0.recv* *trace_nodeB-link0.recv* (4 CAPTURE FILES ARE CREATED)
.. *trace_nodeA-link0.xmit* *trace_nodeB-link0.xmit*
-bash-2.05b$ sudo cat trace_nodeA-link0.recv

(The `.recv` files hold the packets that were sent by the node[A/B] and *received* by the delay node tb0. The `.xmit` files hold those packets that were *transmitted* by the delay node tb0 and received by the node[A/B] on the other side of the link.)



5.EndNode Tracing/Monitoring:

I also did end node tracing and monitoring by inserting *$link0 trace_endnode* in the ns script, where instead of 4 capture files only one file was created that is only *trace_nodeA-link0.xmit* file was created. In this one the end nodes are used to capture packets instead of the delay node.

6.Creating Event Groups:

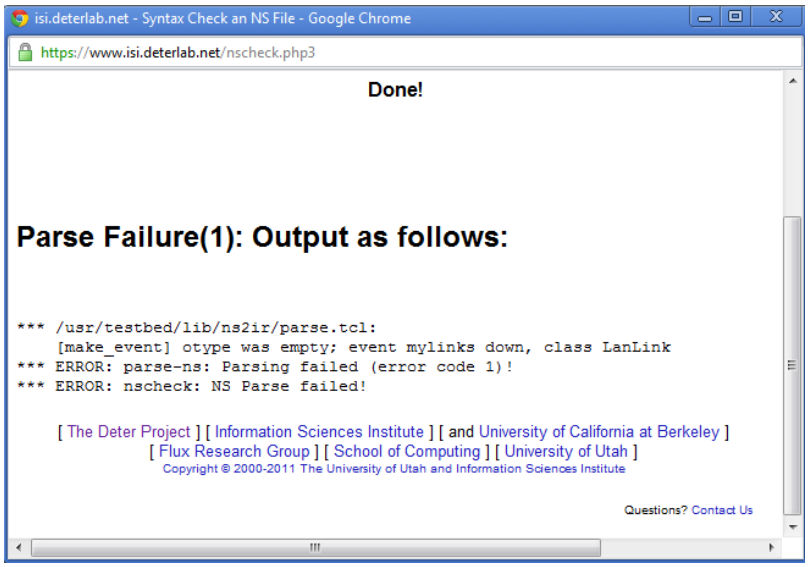
NS Script:

```
source tb_compat.tcl
set ns [new Simulator]
# Create two nodes
set nodeA [$ns node]
set nodeB [$ns node]
set nodeC [$ns node]
# Create a RED duplex link
set link0 [$ns duplex-link $nodeA $nodeB 100Mb 0ms RED]
set link1 [$ns duplex-link $nodeB $nodeC 200Mb 0ms RED]
# cREATE AN EVENT GROUP
set mylinks [new EventGroup $ns]
$mylinks add $link0 $link1
$ns at 140.0 "$mylinks down"
# Get the queue object for the nodeA/nodeb link and modify its RED params.
set queue0 [[$ns link $nodeA $nodeB] queue]
$queue0 set gentle_ 1
$queue0 set queue-in-bytes_ 0
$queue0 set limit_ 50
$queue0 set maxthresh_ 20
$queue0 set thresh_ 7
```

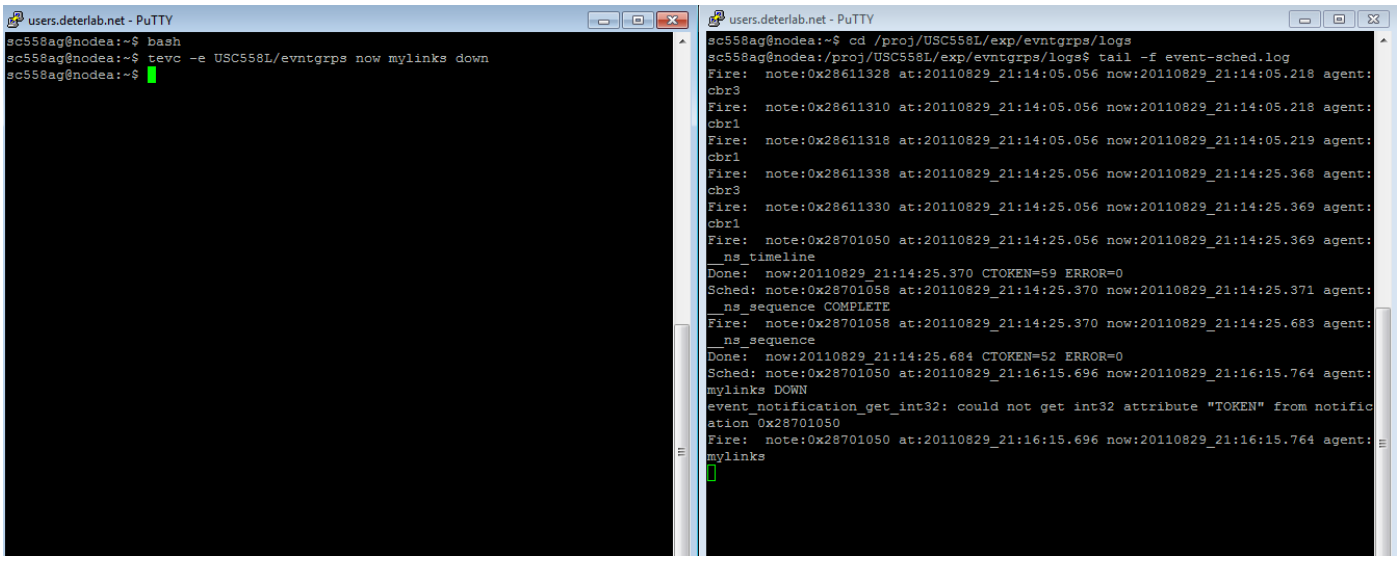
```
$queue0 set linterm_ 11
$queue0 set q_weight_ 0.00
# Create a UDP agent and attach it to nodeA
set udp0 [new Agent/UDP]
$ns attach-agent $nodeA $udp0
# Create a CBR traffic source and attach it to udp0
set cbr0 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cbr0 set packetSize_ 500
$cbr0 set interval_ 0.005
$cbr0 attach-agent $udp0
# Create a TCP agent and attach it to nodeA
set tcp0 [new Agent/TCP]
$ns attach-agent $nodeA $tcp0
# Create a CBR traffic source and attach it to tcp0
set cbr1 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cbr1 set packetSize_ 500
$cbr1 set interval_ 0.005
$cbr1 attach-agent $tcp0
# Create a UDP agent and attach it to nodeC
set udp1 [new Agent/UDP]
$ns attach-agent $nodeC $udp1
# Create a CBR traffic source and attach it to udp1
set cbr2 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cbr2 set packetSize_ 500
$cbr2 set interval_ 0.005
$cbr2 attach-agent $udp1
# Create a TCP agent and attach it to nodeC
set tcp1 [new Agent/TCP]
$ns attach-agent $nodeC $tcp1
# Create a CBR traffic source and attach it to tcp1
set cbr3 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cbr3 set packetSize_ 500
$cbr3 set interval_ 0.005
$cbr3 attach-agent $tcp1
# Create a Null agent (a UDP traffic sink) and attach it to node nodeB
set null0 [new Agent/Null]
$ns attach-agent $nodeB $null0
# Create a TCPSink agent (a TCP traffic sink) and attach it to node nodeB
set null1 [new Agent/TCPSink]
$ns attach-agent $nodeB $null1
# Connect the traffic sources with the traffic sinks
$ns connect $udp0 $null0
$ns connect $tcp0 $null1
# And some events.
$ns at 60.0 "$cbr0 start"
$ns at 70.0 "$link0 bandwidth 10Mb duplex"
$ns at 80.0 "$link0 delay 10ms"
$ns at 90.0 "$link0 plr 0.05"
$ns at 100.0 "$link0 down"
$ns at 110.0 "$link0 up"
$ns at 115.0 "$cbr0 stop"
$ns at 120.0 "$cbr1 start"
$ns at 130.0 "$cbr1 set packetSize_ 512"
```

$ns at 130.0 "$cbr1 set interval 0.01"
#$ns at 140.0 "$link0 down"
$ns at 150.0 "$cbr1 stop"
 # And some events.
$ns at 60.0 "$cbr2 start"
$ns at 70.0 "$link1 bandwidth 10Mb duplex"
$ns at 80.0 "$link1 delay 10ms"
$ns at 90.0 "$link1 plr 0.05"
$ns at 100.0 "$link1 down"
$ns at 110.0 "$link1 up"
$ns at 115.0 "$cbr2 stop"
$ns at 120.0 "$cbr3 start"
$ns at 130.0 "$cbr3 set packetSize 512"
$ns at 130.0 "$cbr3 set interval 0.01"
#$ns at 140.0 "$link1 down"
$ns at 150.0 "$cbr3 stop"
#Run the simulation
$ns run

But on running this script ,I got the following error.



On analyzing this, I tried instead for the dynamic event scheduling method instead of including it in the ns script. Following snapshot shows that at nodeA the group MyLinks which includes both link0 and link1 goes down on invoking the *tevc –e USC558L/evntgrps now mylinks down.*



Conclusion:

The advanced tutorial aimed at getting familiar with the ns scripting in detail. I learnt how the monitoring of the packet traffic could be done. I learnt about two types of Queues – RED and GRED and various queue parameters and link parameters. I learnt how the various parameters could be changed on the file using the “tevc” command on the fly. We can monitor link or queue parameters if they are modified on the fly in the log files. We can create groups of links or groups of same objects which have same events at the same time to avoid unnecessary repetition of scripts.