SOFTWARE-DEFINED NETWORKING SESSION II

Advanced Computer Networks

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Exam Information

- July 16th, 12.00-14.00 (not 10-12am!!!)
- Room: MN08
- Written exam
 - Bring a non-erasable blue/black pen (no pencils!)
 - Bring your student ID
 - We provide paper
 - No additional tools allowed (e.g., no calculator)



Exam Information

- All topics of the lecture will be covered.
 - Wireless
 - P2P
 - ICN/CCN
 - SDN
 - DCN
 - (Guest talk not relevant for exam)
- Know how concepts work, you will be asked to perform some operations
 - e.g., lookup in a Chord DHT
- Know why we need the concepts
 - (e.g., what are the reasons for using SDN or CCN



Partly based on slides of Nick McKeown, Scott Shenker, Nick Feamster, Jin Xin, and Jennifer Rexford

Recap



N. Feamster et al.: "The Road to SDN – An intellectural history of programmable networks" ACM SIGCOMM Computer Communication Review 44.2 (2014): 87-98



Recap: OpenFlow – A SDN Protocol

- Main components: *Flow* and *Group Tables*
 - Controller can manipulate these tables via the OpenFlow protocol (add, update, delete)
 - Flow Table: reactively or proactively defines how incoming packets are forwarded
 - Group Table: additional processing





Recap: OpenFlow – Switches

- Incoming packets are matched against Table 0 first
- Find highest priority match and execute instructions (might be a Goto-Table instruction)
- Goto: Only possible forward





Recap: Examples

Switching

Switch Port	MAC src	MAC dst	Eth type	VLAN ID	IP Src	IP Dst	IP Prot	TCP sport	TCP dport	Action
*	*	00:1f:	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	port6

Flow Switching

Switch MAC I	MAC	Eth	VLAN	IP	IP	IP	TCP	TCP	Action
Port src o	dst	type	ID	Src	Dst	Prot	sport	dport	
oort3 00:20 (00:1f	0800	vlan1	1.2.3.4	5.6.7.8	4	17264	80	port6

Firewall

Sw Poi	rt rt	MA0 src	2	MAC dst	Eth type	VLAN ID	IP Src	IP Dst	IP Prot	TCP sport	TCP dport	Action
*		*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	22	drop



OpenFlow - Matching





OpenFlow Controllers

OpenFlow Controllers

Controller Summary

	NOX	РОХ	Ryu	Floodlight	ODL OpenDaylight
Language	C++	Python	Python	JAVA	JAVA
Performance	Fast	Slow	Slow	Fast	Fast
Distributed	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
OpenFlow	1.0 / 1.3	1.0	1.0 to 1.4	1.0	1.0/1.3
Learning Curve	Moderate	Easy	Moderate	Steep	Steep
		Research, experimentation, demonstrations	Open source Python controller	Maintained Big Switch Networks	Vendor App support



Source: Georgia Tech SDN Class

...and many more: Beacon, Trema, OpenContrail, POF, etc.



That's a Lot of Controllers!?

"There are almost as many controllers for SDNs as there are SDNs" – Nick Feamster

Which controller should I use for what problem?



Introduction to SDN: Software-defined Networks – Session I

Which controller?

Concept? Architecture? Programming language and model? Advantages / Disadvantages? Learning Curve? Developing Community? Type of target network?



NOX [1]

- The first controller
 - Open source
 - Stable



- "New" NOX: C++ only
 - OF version supported: 1.0



[1] Gude et al. "NOX: towards an operating system for networks." ACM SIGCOMM CCR 38.3 (2008): 105-110.



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NOX Architecture



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NOX Architecture

Programming model: Controller listens for OF events

Programmer writes action handlers for events



Introduction to SDN: Software-defined Networks – Session I

When to use NOX

- Need to use low-level semantics of OpenFlow
 - NOX does not come with many abstractions
- Need of good performance (C++)
 - E.g.: production networks



POX [1]

- POX = NOX in Python
- Advantages:
 - Widely used, maintained and supported
 - Relatively easy to write code for



- Disadvantage:
 - Performance (Python is slower than C++)
 - But: can feed POX ideas back to NOX for production use

[1] Mccauley, J. "Pox: A python-based openflow controller." http://www.noxrepo.org/pox/about-pox/



POX





When to use POX

• Learning, testing, debugging, evaluation

Probably not in large production networks



Programming POX

• Recall: controller listens for OF events, here: packetIn

```
def _handle_PacketIn (self, event):
    """
    Handles packet in messages from the switch.
    """
    packet = event.parsed # This is the parsed packet data.
    if not packet.parsed:
        log.warning("Ignoring incomplete packet")
        return
    packet_in = event.ofp # The actual ofp_packet_in message.
```

```
# process packet like a switch
self.act_like_switch(packet, packet_in)
```



Programming POX

```
def act like switch (self, packet, packet in):
    ......
    The controller will check whether or not the destination host
    is in the MAC-TO-PORT table.
    IF that is the case, the controller instructs the switch to
    forward via the corresponding port.
    IF NOT, the controller instructs the switch to flood the packet.
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    #update MAC-TO-PORT table for source of packet
    self.mac to port[packet.src] = packet in.in port
    if packet.dst in self.mac to port:
        out port = self.mac to port[packet.dst]
        # Send packet out the associated port
```

```
self.resend_packet(packet_in, self.mac_to_port[packet.dst])
```

else:

```
self.resend_packet(packet_in, of.OFPP_ALL)
```



Programming POX

```
def resend packet (self, packet in, out port):
    .....
    Instructs the switch to resend a packet that it had sent to us.
    "packet in" is the ofp packet in object the switch had sent to the
    controller due to a table-miss.
    ......
    msg = of.ofp packet out()
    msg.data = packet in
    # Add an action to send to the specified port
    action = of.ofp action output(port = out port)
    msg.actions.append(action)
```

```
# Send message to switch
self.connection.send(msg)
```



Just one more: Floodlight [1]

• Java

• Advantages:

- Documentation,
- REST API conformity
- Production-level performance



- Disadvantage:
 - Steep learning curve

[1] http://www.projectfloodlight.org/floodlight/



Floodlight: Users



Floodlight Overview

FloodlightProvider (IFloodlightProviderService)

TopologyManager (ITopologyManagerService)

LinkDiscovery (ILinkDiscoveryService)

Forwarding

DeviceManager (IDeviceService)

StorageSource (IStorageSourceService)

> RestServer (IRestApiService)

StaticFlowPusher (IStaticFlowPusherService)

VirtualNetworkFilter (IVirtualNetworkFilterService)

- Floodlight is a collection of modules
- Some modules (not all) export services
- All modules in Java
- Rich, extensible REST API

Taken from: Cohen et al, "Software-Defined Networking and the Floodlight Controller", available at http://de.slideshare.net/openflowhub/floodlightoverview-13938216



Floodlight Overview

FloodlightProvider (IFloodlightProviderService)	 Translates OF messages to Floodlight events Managing connections to switches via Netty
TopologyManager (ITopologyManagerService)	Computes shortest path using DijsktraKeeps switch to cluster mappings
LinkDiscovery (ILinkDiscoveryService)	Maintains state of links in networkSends out LLDPs
Forwarding	 Installs flow mods for end-to-end routing Handles island routing
DeviceManager (IDeviceService)	 Tracks hosts on the network MAC -> switch,port, MAC->IP, IP->MAC
StorageSource (IStorageSourceService)	
RestServer (IRestApiService)	 Implements via Restlets (restlet.org) Modules export RestletRoutable
StaticFlowPusher (IStaticFlowPusherService)	Supports the insertion and removal of static flowsREST-based API
VirtualNetworkFilter (IVirtualNetworkFilterService)	Create layer 2 domain defined by MAC address

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Floodlight Programming Model

IFloodlightModule

- Java module that runs as part of Floodlight
- Consumes services and events exported by other modules
 - OpenFlow (ie. Packet-in)
 - Switch add / remove
 - Device add /remove / move
 - Link discovery

External Application

Communicates with Floodlight via REST

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Floodlight Modules

	Network State	Static Flows	<u>Virtual Network</u>	User Extensions						
	List Hosts	Add Flow	Create Network	<u></u>	dlight ight-					
	List Links	Delete Flow	Delete Network		he Floo o/floodl					
	List Switches	List Flows	Add Host		ng and t flowhul					
	GetStats (DPID)	RemoveAll Flows	Remove Host		etworkir et/open					
	GetCounters (OFType)				re-Defined Ne					
Floodlight Controller										
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When to use Floodlight

- If you know JAVA
- If you need production-level performance
- Have/want to use REST API



Network Virtualization with OpenFlow

Virtualizing OpenFlow

- Network operators "Delegate" control of subsets of network hardware and/or traffic to other network operators or users
- Multiple controllers can talk to the same set of switches
- Imagine a hypervisor for network equipments
- Allow experiments to be run on the network in isolation of each other and production traffic



Virtualizing OpenFlow



Server virtualization

- Run multiple virtual servers on a physical server
- Each VM has illusion it is running as a physical server

Network virtualization

- Run multiple virtual networks on a physical network
- Each virtual network has illusion it is running as a physical network

https://gallery.technet.microsoft.com/scriptcenter/Simple-Hyper-V-Network-d3efb3b8



Virtualization: VLANs





FlowVisor [1]

- A network hypervisor developed by Stanford
- A software proxy between the forwarding and control planes of network devices





FlowVisor-based Virtualization


Slicing Policies

- The policy specifies resource limits for each slice:
 - Link bandwidth
 - Maximum number of forwarding rules
 - Topology
 - Fraction of switch/router CPU
 - FlowSpace: which packets does the slice control?



FlowVisor Resource Limits

- FV assigns hardware resources to "Slices"
 - Topology
 - Network Device or Openflow Instance (DPID)
 - Physical Ports
 - Bandwidth
 - Each slice can be assigned a per port queue with a fraction of the total bandwidth



FlowVisor Resource Limits (cont.)

- FV assigns hardware resources to "Slices"
 - CPU
 - Employs Course Rate Limiting techniques to keep new flow events from one slice from overrunning the CPU
 - Forwarding Tables
 - Each slice has a finite quota of forwarding rules per device



FlowVisor FlowSpace

- FlowSpace is defined by a collection of packet headers and assigned to "Slices"
 - Source/Destination MAC address
 - VLAN ID
 - Ethertype
 - IP protocol
 - Source/Destination IP address
 - ToS/DSCP
 - Source/Destination port number



Use Case: VLAN Partitioning

- Basic Idea: Partition Flows based on Ports and VLAN Tags
 - Traffic entering system (e.g. from end hosts) is tagged
 - VLAN tags consistent throughout substrate

	Switch Port	MAC src	ן כ	MAC dst	Eth type	VLAN ID	IP Src	IP Dst	IP Prot	TCP sport	TCP dport
Dave	*	*	*		*	1,2,3	*	*	*	*	*
Larry	*	*	*		*	4,5,6	*	*	*	*	*
Steve	*	*	*		*	7,8,9	*	*	*	*	*



Use Case: Content Distribution Network

- Basic Idea: Build a CDN where you control the entire network
 - All traffic to or from CDN IP space controlled by Experimenter
 - All other traffic controlled by default routing
 - Topology is the entire network

	Switch Port	MAC src	C MA dst	C Eth type	VLAN ID	IP Src	IP Dst	IP Prot	TCP sport	TCP dport
From CDN To CDN	*	*	*	*	*	84.65.* *	* 84.65.*	*	*	*
Default	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*



FlowSpace: Maps Packets to Slices



Taken from: Rob Sherwood's presentation at ONS: http://www.opennetsummit.org/archives/apr12/sherwood-mon-flowvisor.pdf



FlowVisor Slicing Policy

- FlowVisor intercepts OpenFlow messages from devices
 - Send control plane messages to the slice controller only if source is in slice topology.
 - Rewrite OpenFlow feature negotiation messages so the slice controller only sees the ports in it's slice
 - Port up/down messages are pruned and only forwarded to affected slices



FlowVisor Slicing Policy

- FlowVisor intercepts OpenFlow messages from controllers
 - Rewrites flow insertion, deletion & modification rules so they don't violate the slice definition
 - Flow definition ex. Limit Control to HTTP traffic only
 - Actions ex. Limit forwarding to only ports in the slice



FlowVisor Slicing Policy

- FlowVisor intercepts OpenFlow messages from controllers
 - Expand Flow rules into multiple rules to fit policy
 - Flow definition ex. If there is a policy for John's HTTP traffic and another for Uwe's HTTP traffic, FV would expand a single rule intended to control all HTTP traffic into 2 rules.
 - Actions ex. Rule action is send out all ports. FV will create one rule for each port in the slice.
 - Returns "action is invalid" error if trying to control a port outside of the



FlowVisor Message Handling



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FlowVisor Message Handling



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CoVisor [1]

 FlowVisor allows controllers to work on disjoint slices of traffic only



How about multiple controllers collaborating on the same traffic?



[1] Jin et al: "CoVisor: A Compositional Hypervisor for Software-Defined Networks", USENIX NSDI 2015 Slides from the presentation at NSDI'15



CoVisor – Controller Composition

• CoVisor allows combinations of parallel, sequential and override operators.



• Combination:





CoVisor – Overview





- Policy: a list of rules
- Compile policies from controllers to a single policy





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?. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → count, fwd(1)







- Controllers continuously update their policies
- Hypervisor recompiles them and update switches





- Computation overhead
 - The computation to recompile the new policy
- Rule-update overhead
 - The rule-updates to update switches to the new policy





Assign priorities from top to bottom by decrement of 1





Assign priorities from top to bottom by decrement of 1





Assign priorities from top to bottom by decrement of 1



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Add priorities for parallel composition



9+7 = 16. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → count, fwd(1)



Add priorities for parallel composition





Add priorities for parallel composition







• Add priorities for parallel composition



- Add priorities for parallel composition
- Concatenate priorities for sequential composition





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- Add priorities for parallel composition
- Concatenate priorities for sequential composition
- Stack priorities for override composition



1 + 8 = 9. srcip=1.0.0.0, dstip=3.0.0.0	→ fwd(3)
1. dstip=2.0.0.1	→ fwd(1)
1. dstip=2.0.0.2	→ fwd(2)
0. *	→ drop



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CoVisor – Overview





CoVisor - Devirtualization



- Symbolic path generation
- Sequential composition





CoVisor - Devirtualization



- Symbolic path generation
- Sequential composition
- Priority augmentation





Summary SDN

- SDN as a new way of networking that exploits existing concepts
 - Separation of planes, etc.
- OpenFlow as the de-facto standard protocol
- Controllers as operating systems
- Application: network virtualization
 - Slicing
 - Co-existence of different controllers
 - On disjoint traffic
 - On same traffic


Outlook SDN

- There is a lot more, just a small subset covered so far
- If you're interested:
 - Block courses on Software-defined Networking (probably at the end of the upcoming winter semester, i.e., March 2016)
 - Introduction to SDN (1 week)
 - Advanced SDN (1 week)
 - Some things from this lecture will be familiar
 - Add-ons: practical work on SDNs, researching on SDNs

