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1 Introduction

This document is a user manual to the nscllick network simulation tool. It assumes that you are already familiar with both the ns-2 [1] network simulator and the Click Modular Router [2], and also that you’ve got at least a basic familiarity with IP and ethernet networking concepts. Section 2 will cover installation instructions, section 3 will give some coding examples, and the remaining sections will discuss coding and running in nscllick.

1.1 What is Nsclick?

In short, nscllick is the Click Modular Router embedded inside of the ns-2 network simulator. With minor modifications, a Click routing graph may run both on an actual system as well as under ns-2. This facilitates testing and debugging of network code. For example, a number of ad hoc routing protocols have been implemented and examined under ns-2. This is all well and good, but when time comes to construct a real ad hoc network, the routing code must be redesigned and rewritten. This is a fair bit of effort, as the dearth of ad hoc routing protocol implementations indicates. Testing is also generally conducted on small testbeds. There are periodic exceptions to this [3], but such tests don’t appear to be conducted regularly, e.g. after protocol revisions or bug fixes. Being able to run the implementation under a simulator permits testing under large, albeit simulated, scenarios easily and frequently. Online information for the components can be found at:

- Ns-2: http://www.isi.edu/nsnam/ns
- Click: http://www.pdos.lcs.mit.edu/click
- Nscllick: http://systems.cs.colorado.edu/Networking/nscllick/

1.2 How Does It Work?

To start with, nscllick uses actual wire format packets within ns-2 instead of the normal simulated types. This allows for using Click scripts which can work both in simulation as well as real life. Nscllick also defines a new routing module for ns-2. This module completely subverts the normal ns-2 packet routing process. Packets to be routed are handed over to an external routine (Click in our case) which decides what to do with them and then reinjects them back into ns-2, either sending them out another ns-2 network interface, or delivering them directly to an ns-2 traffic application attached to the node.

2 Installation

This section will describe the installation procedure of Click, ns-2, and nscllick. The result of this installation will be a built ns-2 simulation environment with Click embedded. We are using a most current version of ns-2 (2.26) at the time of writing this document.

2.1 Downloading Components

Download the base software packages nscllick relies on. The three major software components are: ns-2, Click, and libnet. Download all of them from their respective locations.

- Ns-2: www.isi.edu/nsnam/ns/ns-build.html
  Get the "all in one" distribution, version 2.26. It is known that nscllick works with ns-2 version 2.26 at the time of this document’s creation. If later versions of ns-2 are available, it is not guaranteed those versions will work with nscllick. See the nscllick webpage (listed in section 1.1) for uptodate patches for future versions of ns-2.
- Click: www.pdos.lcs.mit.edu/click/
  Get the latest CVS or a release *after* 1.3pre1. There are some issues with the 1.3pre1 release which have been fixed in later versions. If you choose the CVS release, you may want to wait until you’ve unpacked the ns-allinone-2.26 directory and place it directly in there, or make a symlink to it.

- **Nscl**ick Patch: http://systems.cs.colorado.edu/Networking/nscl**ick**
  Simply download this patch for working with ns-2 version 2.26. Patches for future versions of ns-2 will be found at this website as well.

- Libnet: http://www.packetfactory.net/projects/libnet/
  Get version 1.0.2a. There are higher available versions of libnet, but those versions are not guaranteed to work with nscl**ick**.

### 2.2 Unpacking Components

Unpack the base software packages. NOTE: for ns-2 created directories, this section assumes that version 2.26 is being used. This is reflected in many of the directory and file names that would be altered with different versions of ns-2.

1. Unpack ns-2:
   ```
   tar xzvf ns-allinone-2.26.tar.gz
   ```

   This will produce a directory named“ns-allinone-2.26”. Change to this directory and here you will untar your Click release (or get the anonymous CVS source) and libnet.tar.gz:
   ```
   cd ns-allinone-2.26
   ```

2. Unpack Click
   If you’ve gotten a tarball of Click:
   ```
   tar xzvf <path to click>
   ```

   If you’re using the anonymous CVS release: Follow the directions on the Click website to get the anonymous CVS version of Click into this directory
   -OR-
   ```
   ln -s <path to your Click CVS release> click
   ```

3. Unpack libnet
   ```
   tar xzvf <path to libnet.tar.gz>
   ```

4. Apply nscl**ick** patch
   Apply it from inside the ”ns-allinone-2.26/ns-2.26” directory:
   ```
   patch -p1 < <path to nscl**ick**-ns-2.26.patch>
   ```
   (NOTE: a pipe ”<” is being used in the line above)

### 2.3 Building Simulator

1. Build libnet
   ```
   cd Libnet-1.0.2a
   autoconf
   ./configure
   make
   cd ..
   ```
2. Build Click
   ```
   cd click
   autoconf
   ./configure --enable-nsclick --disable-linuxmodule
   cd ns
   make
   cd ../..
   ```
3. Build ns-2
   ```
   cd ns-2.26
   autoconf
   cd..
   ./install
   ```

After a lot of compiler activity, nsclick should be built and ready to run.

2.4 Upgrading to New Nsclick Release

The original distribution of nsclick contained a set of patches to Click 1.2.4 as well as to ns-2. These changes have been rolled into the main Click source tree, and hence are no longer needed. Fortunately the API between ns-2 and Click is backward compatible, so the same set of ns-2 patches will work. The only required change is to the ns-2.26 Makefiles since some directory and library names did change with the new release. If you’d like, you may replace the file:

```
ns-<your_version>/conf/configure.in.click
```

with the one included in the new ns-2 version 2.26 release. Then follow the instructions for building Click and ns-2 in this document after doing a ”make distclean” in the ns-<your_version> directory.

3 A Simple Example

The best way to get familiar with nsclick is to walk through an example. We’ll start with a simple stationary wired LAN and describe how to define the network topology and traffic patterns as well as some details about the Click script.

3.1 The Scenario

The first scenario we’ll walk through is that of a simple wired LAN with four nodes (see Figure 1), and UDP traffic flowing from the leftmost node to the rightmost.

```
Figure 1: Simple Wired LAN
```
3.2 Routing Packets With Click

First, we’ll take a look at the Click graph we’ll be using, shown graphically in Figure 2. In a nutshell, this graph uses ARP to send and receive IP packets. It broadcasts an ARP request if it doesn’t have an IP address in its table, and it sends out ARP replies in response to requests for its IP address. Most of this script is standard Click,

![Click Graph Diagram](image)

Figure 2: Simple Click Routing Script

and should be straightforward, but there are a couple of things worthy of note. The first thing to point out now are the arguments passed to the AddressInfo element (around line 70), the FromSimDevice and ToSimDevice elements (around lines 15 and 40), and the ToSimDump element (around lines 18, 39, 45, 52, 60 and 65). The :simnet suffix used in the AddressInfo element is analogous to the :eth suffix used in the context of the Linux kernel. Given an argument of the form DEVNAME:simnet, Click queries the simulator for IP and MAC address information for the simulated network interface DEVNAME. By convention, simulated ethernet devices are all of the form ethXX, i.e. the first interface is eth0, second is eth1, etc.

```c
// nsclick-simple-lan.click
//
// This is a simple and stupid flat routing mechanism.
// It broadcasts ARP requests if it wants to find a destination address, and it responds to ARP requests made for it.

elementclass DumbRouter {
  $myaddr, $myaddr_ethernet |
  class :: Classify(12/0806 20/0001, 12/0806 20/0002, -);
  mypackets :: IClassifier(dst host $myaddr, -);
  myarpquerier :: ARPQuerier($myaddr, $myaddr_ethernet);
}
```
myarpresponder :: ARPResponder($myaddr $myaddr $myaddr $myaddr $myaddr)
ethout :: Queue -> ToSimDevice(eth0);

FromSimDevice(eth0,4096)
    -> Print(eth0,64)
    -> ToSimDump(in_eth0)
    -> HostEtherFilter($myaddr $myaddr $myaddr $myaddr $myaddr)
    -> class;

// ARP queries from other nodes go to the ARP responder module
class[0] -> myarpresponder;

// ARP responses go to our query module

// All other packets get checked to see if they’re meant for us
class[2]
    -> Strip(14)
    -> CheckIPHeader
    -> MarkIPHeader
    -> GetIPAddress(16)
    -> mypackets;

// Packets for us go to “tap0” which sends them to the kernel
mypackets[0]
    -> IPPrint(tokernel)
    -> ToSimDump(tokernel,2000,IP)
    -> ToSimDevice(tap0,IP);

// Packets for other folks or broadcast packets get discarded
mypackets[1]
    -> Print(discard,64)
    -> ToSimDump(discard,2000,IP)
    -> Discard;

// Packets sent out by the “kernel” get pushed into the ARP query module
FromSimDevice(tap0,4096)
    -> CheckIPHeader
    -> IPPrint(fromkernel)
    -> ToSimDump(fromkernel,2000,IP)
    -> GetIPAddress(16)
    -> myarpquerier;

// Both the ARP query and response modules send data out to
// the simulated network device, eth0.
myarpquerier
    -> Print(fromarpquery,64)
    -> ToSimDump(out_arpquery)
    -> ethout;

myarpresponder
    -> Print(arpresponse,64)
    -> ToSimDump(out_arprespond)
    -> ethout;
}

// Note the use of the :simnet suffix. This means that
// the simulator will be asked for the particular value
The IP and MAC addresses for each node must still be specified in the simulator, but this is far easier than creating a separate Click scripts for each simulated node with hardcoded IP and MAC addresses. The ToSimDevice and FromSimDevice elements are used to transfer packets between Click and ns-2. Regular network interfaces are eth devices, i.e. eth0, eth1, etc. There’s also a “kernel tap” device (tap0) which is used to get packets to and from the “operating system.” In nsclck this corresponds to ns-2 traffic applications, e.g. Application/Traffic/CBR. The second argument in FromSimDevice is the maximum packet size in bytes which will arrive on that interface. In the sample scripts, 4096 is used. This should be more than large enough in most cases. The ToSimDump element is similar to the standard userlevel Click element ToDump. This element simply dumps packets passing through it to the specified filename in libpcap format. These files may then be read and analyzed by tcpdump.

### 3.3 Configuring The Simulation With TCL

Next, we’ll construct a TCL script to run the simulation. The full source for this script is in Appendix A.1.2. We’ll review it here piece by piece, pointing out interesting items as they show up. By and large the comments in the sample script should be self-explanatory, but we will go into a little more detail about some things.

#### 3.3.1 General Parameters

Most of the first portion is standard ns-2. However, take special note of the code around line 45. There, we set default source and destination ports for the UDP packets transmitted during the simulation. These ports may be overridden when the actual agents are created. Also note that the queue and link layer types specified around line 32 aren’t standard ns-2. Nsclick requires special queue and link layer subclasses so that Click has full control over packet queueing. The standard ns-2 network interface expects packets to be pushed into it, and then handles the queueing on its own. However, the standard network interface assumed by Click pulls packets out of an attached Click Queue object. The special nsclick link layer and queue objects behave more like a regular Click-style network interface does.

```tcl
# nsclck-simple-lan.tcl
# A sample nsclck script simulating a small LAN
#
#
# Set some general simulation parameters
#
#
# Even though this is a wired simulation with non-moving nodes, nsclck
# uses the mobile node type. This means we have to set the size of the
# playing field and the topography even though it won’t matter.
#
set xsize 100
set ysize 100
set wtopo [new Topography]
$wtopo load_atgrid $xsize $ysize
```

```tcl
```

```tcl
// for the variable in this node.
AddressInfo(me0 eth0:simnet);
u :: DumbRouter(me0,me0);
```
The network channel, physical layer, and MAC are all standard ns-2.

# We have to use a special queue and link layer. This is so that
# Click can have control over the network interface packet queue,
# which is vital if we want to play with, e.g. QoS algorithms.

set netifq Queue/ClickQueue
set netll LL/Ext
LL.set delay_1ms

# These are pretty self-explanatory, just the number of nodes
# and when we’ll stop.

set nodecount 4
set stoptime 10.0

# With nsclick, we have to worry about details like which network
# port to use for communication. This sets the default ports to 5000.

Agent/Null.set sport_5000
Agent/Null.set dport_5000
Agent/CBR.set sport_5000
Agent/CBR.set dport_5000

# Standard ns-2 stuff here - create the simulator object.

Simulator.set MacTrace.ON
set ns_.[new Simulator]

# Create and activate trace files.

set tracefd [open "nsclick-simple-lan.tr" w]
set namtrace [open "nsclick-simple-lan.nam" w]
$ns.trace--all tracefd
$ns.namtrace--all--wireless namtrace $xsize $ysize
$ns.use--newtrace

# Create the “god” object. This is another artifact of using
# the mobile node type. We have to have this even though
# we never use it.

set god_.[create--god $nodecount]

# Tell the simulator to create Click nodes.

3.3.2 Addresses And Topology

The second part is also largely standard ns-2. At the top, we create IP and MAC addresses for the network interfaces. We’ll use these later on when attaching network interfaces to the nodes. Note that there are no subnets specified. Currently, any special subnetting in nsclie has to be handled in the Click script.

Creating the nodes themselves is pretty straightforward. The next interesting part is how network interfaces are specified and the overall network topology is defined. Networking in nsclie is similar to the wireless extensions in regular ns-2. Rather than specifying links between nodes, network interfaces are attached to nodes. Network interfaces which are all attached to the same physical channel are on the same collision domain and can communicate with each other directly. This is illustrated in Figure 3. Around line 5 in the script segment, the

![Diagram of network interfaces](image)

**Figure 3:** Nsclie Network Interfaces

single channel for this scenario is created. This channel object is used later in the call to *add-wired-interface* at line 40. Since this channel is used for all of the network interfaces, all of the network interfaces in the simulation will be on the same LAN. In Section 3.4.2 we’ll examine a scenario with two separate networks, one wired and the other wireless, with a bridge node in between the two.
Finally, each node gets a unique name and Click script, using the `setnodename` and `loadclick` methods respectively. The reason for loading a Click script is pretty obvious. The utility of setting an unique name for each node may not be so immediately obvious, but it is very useful for simulations with more than a few nodes. For example, the Click `Print` and `IPPrint` elements can be very handy for debugging routing graphs. However, they were built with the assumption that only one graph would be writing to the console. With `nsclik` this assumption no longer holds. The `nsclik` version of these elements prepends the unique node identifier to each printed line, making it possible to figure out which node is printing each message.

```plaintext
# Create a network Channel for the nodes to use. One channel per LAN.
# In nsclik we have to worry about assigning IP and MAC addresses to out network interfaces. Here we generate a list of IP and MAC addresses, one per node since we've only got one network interface per node in this case. Also note that this scheme only works for fewer than 255 nodes, and we aren't worrying about subnet masks.

set iptemplate "192.168.1.%d"
set mactemplate "00:03:47:70:89:%0x"
for {set i 0} {i < $nodecount} {incr i} {
    set node_ip($i) [format $iptemplate [expr $i+1]]
    set node_mac($i) [format $mactemplate [expr $i+1]]
}

# We set the routing protocol to "Empty" so that ns-2 doesn't do any packet routing. All of the routing will be done by the Click script.
$ns rtproto Empty

# Here is where we actually create all of the nodes.
for {set i 0} {i < $nodecount} {incr i} {
    set node($i) [ns_ node]
    # After creating the node, we add one wired network interface to it. By default, this interface will be named "eth0". If we added a second interface it would be named "eth1", a third "eth2" and so on.
    $node($i) add wired interface chan_1_ [ns_ netll] [ns_ netmac] node_ $netifq 1 $netphy
    # Now configure the interface eth0
    $node($i) setip "eth0" $node_ip($i)
    $node($i) setmac "eth0" $node_mac($i)
```

10

20

30

40
# Set some node properties
#
$node_(_i_)$ random--motion 0
$node_(_i_)$ topography $wtopo$
$node_(_i_)$ nodetrace $Stracefd$

# The node name is used by Click to distinguish information
# coming from different nodes. For example, a “Print” element
# prepends this to the printed string so it’s clear exactly
# which node is doing the printing.
#
$[\text{set classifier] setnodename “node$i\text{-simplelan”}$

# Load the appropriate Click router script for the node.
# All nodes in this simulation are using the same script,
# but there’s no reason why each node couldn’t use a different
# script.
#
$[\text{loadclick “nsclick-simple-lan.click”}$

3.4 More Complex Examples

3.4.1 Simple Wireless LAN

The next scenario we’ll take a look at is a simple wireless LAN. This is very similar to the wired LAN, and, in fact, uses the same Click router script. The configuration used (illustrated in Figure 4) is very simple, with four stationary (but potentially mobile) nodes, all within range of each other. Most of the TCL script (see

![Figure 4: Simple Wireless LAN](image)

Appendix A.2.2) is the same as in the wired version, but there are some key differences to review. Mostly they have to do with configuring wireless parameters such as the propagation model, antenna characteristics,
and transmitter power. The main point of interest is the call to \textit{add-interface} which creates a wireless network interface instead of a wired one.

\subsection*{3.4.2 Wireless/Wired Bridge}

Finally, we’ll combine mix wired and wireless nodes together with a hybrid wireless/wired “bridge” node which allows traffic to flow between the two networks, shown in Figure 5. Most of the nodes will use the same Click configuration script as in the previous two examples. The “bridge” node will use an even simpler Click script (See Appendix A.3.1), which blindly takes packets coming in on eth0 and sends them out eth1 and vice versa. A more realistic configuration would route (or maybe perform NAT) between the wireless and wired networks, but this will suffice for a simple example. The TCL script (see Appendix A.3.2) in this case does gain a bit of complexity, primarily because there are now three different types of nodes to configure.

\section*{4 Running the Simulation}

This is the same under \textit{nsclick} as it is with regular \textit{ns-2}. Standard trace files will be produced (both nam and regular), and scripts designed to analyze \textit{ns-2} trace files should work on \textit{nsclick} trace files without modification.

\subsection*{4.1 Creating Network Traffic}

Creating network traffic in \textit{nsclick} bears some resemblance to traffic generation in standard \textit{ns-2}, but there are some important differences. Currently, the only traffic generation application supported is CBR. This is due to the fact that \textit{Agent/Raw} only performs UDP encapsulation. This is a big limitation, but there is still interesting work which may be done with UDP. For example, \textit{ad hoc} routing protocols are typically evaluated using simple CBR traffic \cite{4, 5, 6, 7}. Other than that limitation, the main difference is that \textit{Agent/Raw} requires source and destination IP addresses and ports.

\begin{verbatim}
# Define node network traffic. There isn't a whole lot going on
# in this simple test case, we're just going to have the first node
\end{verbatim}
# send packets to the last node, starting at 1 second, and ending at 10.
# There are Perl scripts available to automatically generate network
# traffic.
#

# Start transmitting at startxmittime. xmitrate packets per second.
#
set startxmittime 1
set xmitrate 4
set xmitinterval 0.25
set packetsize 64

# We use the “raw” packet type, which sends real packet data
down the pipe.
#
set raw_(0) [new Agent/Raw]
$nsl attach--agent $node_(0) $raw_(0)

set lastnode [expr $nodecount - 1]
set null_(0) [new Agent/Null]
$nsl attach--agent $node($lastnode) $null_(0)

# The CBR object is just the default ns-2 CBR object, so
# no change in the meaning of the parameters.
#
set cbr_(0) [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cbr_(0) set packetSize_ $packetsize
$cbr_(0) set interval_ $xmitinterval
$cbr_(0) set random_ 0
$cbr_(0) set maxpkts_ [expr ($stoptime - $startxmittime)*$xmitrate]
$cbr_(0) attach--agent $raw_(0)

# The Raw agent creates real UDP packets, so it has to know
# the source and destination IP addresses and port numbers.
#
$raw_(0) set--srcip [inode($node_(0) getip eth0]
$raw_(0) set--srcport 5000
$raw_(0) set--destport 5000
$raw_(0) set--destip [inode($lastnode) getip eth0]

$nsl at $startxmittime "$cbr_(0) start"

# Set node positions. For wired networks, these are only used
# when looking at nam traces.
#
$node_(0) set X_ 10
$node_(0) set Y_ 50
$node_(0) set Z_ 0

$node_(1) set X_ 50
$node_(1) set Y_ 50
$node_(1) set Z_ 0
$node_2$ set X 90 $node_2$ set Y 50 $node_2$ set Z 0

$node_3$ set X 50 $node_3$ set Y 10 $node_3$ set Z 0

# This sizes the nodes for use in nam.
#
for {set i 0} {i < $nodecount} {incr i} {
   $ns_ initial$node$_i$ pos $node_2$(i) 20
}

# Stop the simulation
#
$ns_ at $stoptime.000000001 "puts \"NS EXITING...\" ; $ns_ halt"

# Let nam know that the simulation is done.
#
$ns_ at $stoptime "$ns_ nam-end-wireless $stoptime"

puts "Starting Simulation..."
$ns_ run

4.2 Packet Analysis

With nsclck, the ToSimDump element can also be used to produce trace files for analysis. These trace files may be analyzed with any number of tools which can read the libpcap file format.

5 Moving Between Simulation And Reality

The sample Click scripts will not work in real life without some modification. Fortunately, the modifications required are very minor. There are a number of issues which arise when constructing Click scripts which will work well both under simulated and actual conditions. We will address the major ones in Section 6.

5.1 Click Elements to be Removed

The main change required is to replace instances of ToSimDevice and FromSimDevice with the appropriate user or kernel level elements which get packets to and from either ethernet interfaces or the system kernel. The other change is to get rid of the ToSimDump elements, or replace them with ToDump elements if running at user level.

5.2 Click Elements to be Modified

The call to AddressInfo() returns the node’s address. This call is located in the Click script used to initialize the router elementes. In simulation, using the suffix :simnet tells ns-2 to return the node’s simulated address. Of course in real life, this address would be hardcoded on the click router and returned. All calls using the :simnet suffix need to be altered accordingly.
Any element that does simulation packet dumps for analysis should of course also be removed before porting over to an actual Click implementation.

6 Coding For Nsclick

There are a few things which must be done for a Click script to work smoothly both under nsclck and regular Click.

6.1 Handling IP and MAC Addresses

Many Click scripts have IP and MAC addresses embedded in them. This works fine if the script is going to be run on a single machine. However, in a simulation environment we’ll typically want to run the same script on quite a few different nodes, each with a separate IP and MAC address. Rather than requiring separate scripts for each node with the appropriate IP and MAC addresses embedded in them, nsclck allows for IP and MAC addresses to be assigned in ns-2 and propagated over to each Click script instance.

6.2 Additional Jittering

Protocols which make use of periodic broadcast can get into trouble in a simulated environment due to an unrealistic level of synchronization. In the real world, variations between systems usually ensures that network nodes pumping out broadcast packets at ostensibly the same rate probably aren’t exactly synchronized. In a simulator, these differences don’t exist. Two nodes broadcasting messages every second will do so in exact harmony, and blindly step on each other throughout the entire run. This may result in artificially high loss rates and latency.

6.3 System-Specific Code

There are some Click constructs which simply will not work under nsclck as it stands. For example, Click elements can communicate via read and write handlers using the /proc/click filesystem. This sort of thing doesn’t have an equivalent in nsclck right now. Another example is code which attempts to manipulate system routing tables, e.g. the LinuxIPLookup element. These types of elements either have to be eliminated or replaced with nsclck-friendly equivalents. The difficulty of this task will vary depending on the task performed by the specialized element.

6.4 Dumping Packets to Disk

The ToSimDump element will dump packets passing through it to a libpcap format disk file. This can be very handy for debugging Click routing scripts, and can allow for some direct comparisons to be made between packet-level behavior in real life and simulation. This element is equivalent to the userlevel ToDump element with an important difference. The dump filename passed in has the node name prepended to it, much like the Print and IPPrint elements have the node name prepended to each string they print.

6.5 Click Elements Incompatible with Ns-2

6.5.1 Elements Controlling Hardware

Certain Click elements can control hardware (e.g. AiroInfo element see: http://www.pdos.lcs.mit.edu/click/doc/AiroInfo.n.html) that will not work under the ns-2 simulation environment. Due to the diverse nature of the hardware interfaces, we have not attempted to mimic them in nsclck.
6.5.2 Event vs. Polling Driven Simulation

Ns-2 is an event driven simulator, while Click uses polling of its input ports to drive the router. This difference can be a problem if any Click element implicitly assumes it is being polled at a constant rate. For example, a Click element may increment a counter every time its code is run and use this counter as a timer, assuming it knows the intervals between polling. The ns-2 simulator will only run the code on an event based scheme, destroying the counter-to-timer scheme.

A solution to this problem is to either fake polling in the ns-2 simulator or to carefully code the Click elements to not use the polling nature of Click implicit. Using Click elements from other developers also requires going through their code and identifying any possible problems of this nature.

A Example Scripts

A.1 Simple Wired LAN

A.1.1 The Click Script

```plaintext
// nsclick-simple-lan.click

// This is a simple and stupid flat routing mechanism.
// It broadcasts ARP requests if it wants to find a destination
// address, and it responds to ARP requests made for it.

elementclass DumbRouter {
    $myaddr, $myaddr_ethernet |
    class :: Classifier(12/0806 20/0001,12/0806 20/0002, -);
    mypackets :: IPClassifier(dst host $myaddr, -);
    myarpquerier :: ARPQuerier($myaddr,$myaddr_ethernet);
    myarpresponder :: ARPResponder($myaddr $myaddr_ethernet);
    ethout :: Queue -> ToSimDevice(eth0);
}

FromSimDevice(eth0,4096)
    -> Print(eth0,64)
    -> ToSimDump(in_eth0)
    -> HostEtherFilter($myaddr_ethernet)
    -> class;

// ARP queries from other nodes go to the ARP responder module
class[0] -> myarpresponder;

// ARP responses go to our query module

// All other packets get checked to see if they're meant for us
class[2]
    -> Strip(14)
    -> CheckIPHeader
    -> MarkIPHeader
    -> GetIPAddress(16)
    -> mypackets;

// Packets for us go to “tap0” which sends them to the kernel
mypackets[0]
    -> IPPrint(20)
```

-> ToSimDump(tokernel,2000,IP)
-> ToSimDevice(tap0,IP);

// Packets for other folks or broadcast packets get discarded
mypackets[1]
  -> Print(discard,64)
  -> ToSimDump(discard,2000,IP)
  -> Discard;

// Packets sent out by the “kernel” get pushed into the ARP query module
FromSimDevice(tap0,4096)
  -> CheckIPHeader
  -> IPPrint(fromkernel)
  -> ToSimDump(fromkernel,2000,IP)
  -> GetIPAddress(16)
  -> myarpquerier;

// Both the ARP query and response modules send data out to
// the simulated network device, eth0.
myarpquerier
  -> Print(fromarpquery,64)
  -> ToSimDump(out_arquery)
  -> ethout;

myarpresponder
  -> Print(arpparsponse,64)
  -> ToSimDump(out_arrespond)
  -> ethout;
}

// Note the use of the :simnet suffix. This means that
// the simulator will be asked for the particular value
// for the variable in this node.
AddressInfo(me0 eth0:simnet);
u :: DumbRouter(me0,me0);

A.1.2 The TCL Script

#
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#
# A sample nsclick script simulating a small LAN
#

# Set some general simulation parameters
#

# Even though this is a wired simulation with non-moving nodes, nsclick
# uses the mobile node type. This means we have to set the size of the
# playing field and the topography even though it won’t matter.
#
set xsize 100
set ysize 100
set wtopo [new Topography]
$wtopo load_fatgrid $xsize $ysize

# The network channel, physical layer, and MAC are all standard ns-2.
#
set netchan Channel
set netphy Phy/WiredPhy
set netmac Mac/802_3

# We have to use a special queue and link layer. This is so that
# Click can have control over the network interface packet queue,
# which is vital if we want to play with, e.g. QoS algorithms.
#
set netifq Queue/ClickQueue
set netll LL/Ext
LL set delay_ 1ms

# These are pretty self-explanatory, just the number of nodes
# and when we’ll stop.
#
set nodecount 4
set stoptime 10.0

# With nsclick, we have to worry about details like which network
# port to use for communication. This sets the default ports to 5000.
#
Agent/Null set sport_ 5000
Agent/Null set dport_ 5000
Agent/CBR set sport_ 5000
Agent/CBR set dport_ 5000

# Standard ns-2 stuff here - create the simulator object.
# Simulator set MacTrace_ ON
set ns_ [new Simulator]

# Create and activate trace files.
# set tracefd [open "nsclick-simple-lan.tr" w]
set namtrace [open "nsclick-simple-lan.nam" w]
$ns_ trace -all $tracefd
$ns_ namtrace -all -wireless $namtrace $xsize $ysize
$ns_ use -newtrace

# Create the "god" object. This is another artifact of using
# the mobile node type. We have to have this even though
# we never use it.
# set god_ [create -god $nodecount]

# Tell the simulator to create Click nodes.
# Simulator set node_factory_ Node/MobileNode/ClickNode

# Create a network Channel for the nodes to use. One channel
# per LAN.
# set chan_1_ [new $netchan]

# In nsclck we have to worry about assigning IP and MAC addresses
# to our network interfaces. Here we generate a list of IP and MAC
# addresses, one per node since we've only got one network interface
# per node in this case. Also note that this scheme only works for
# fewer than 255 nodes, and we aren't worrying about subnet masks.
# set iptemplate "192.168.1.%d"
set mactemplate "00:03:47:70:89:%x"
for {set i 0} {i < $nodecount} {incr i} {
    set node_ip($i) [format $iptemplate [expr $i+1]]
    set node_mac($i) [format $mactemplate [expr $i+1]]
}

# We set the routing protocol to "Empty" so that ns-2 doesn't do
# any packet routing. All of the routing will be done by the
# Click script.
#$ns_ rtproto Empty

# Here is where we actually create all of the nodes.
# for {set i 0} {i < $nodecount} {incr i} {
    set node_(i) [ns_ node]
    #
    # After creating the node, we add one wired network interface to
    # it. By default, this interface will be named “eth0”. If we
    # added a second interface it would be named “eth1”, a third
    # “eth2” and so on.
    #
    $node_(i) add-wired-interface $chan_1 $netll $netmac \  
      $netifq 1 $netphy
    #
    # Now configure the interface eth0
    #
    $node_(i) setip "eth0" $node_ip(i)
    $node_(i) setmac "eth0" $node_mac(i)
    #
    # Set some node properties
    #
    $node_(i) random-motion 0
    $node_(i) topography $wtopo
    $node_(i) nodetrace $tracefd
    #
    # The node name is used by Click to distinguish information
    # coming from different nodes. For example, a “Print” element
    # prepends this to the printed string so it’s clear exactly
    # which node is doing the printing.
    #
    [set nodename] set nodename "node$i-simplelan"
    #
    # Load the appropriate Click router script for the node.
    # All nodes in this simulation are using the same script,
    # but there’s no reason why each node couldn’t use a different
    # script.
    #
    [loadclick] loadclick "nsclick-simple-lan.click"
}

# Define node network traffic. There isn’t a whole lot going on
# in this simple test case, we’re just going to have the first node
# send packets to the last node, starting at 1 second, and ending at 10.
# There are Perl scripts available to automatically generate network
# traffic.
#
#
# Start transmitting at $startxmittime, $xmitrate packets per second.
#
set startxmittime 1
set xmitrate 4
set xmitinterval 0.25
set packetsize 64

# We use the "raw" packet type, which sends real packet data
down the pipe.
# set raw_0 [new Agent/Raw]
$ns_ attach--agent $node_0 $raw_0

set lastnode [expr $nodecount-1]
set null_0 [new Agent/Null]
$ns_ attach--agent $node_($lastnode) $null_0

# The CBR object is just the default ns-2 CBR object, so
# no change in the meaning of the parameters.
# set cbr_0 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cbr_0 set packetSize $packetsize
$cbr_0 set interval $xmitinterval
$cbr_0 set random 0
$cbr_0 set maxpkts [expr ($stoptime - $startxmittime)*$xmitrate]
$cbr_0 attach--agent $raw_0

# The Raw agent creates real UDP packets, so it has to know
# the source and destination IP addresses and port numbers.
# $raw_0 set--scip [$_node_0 getip eth0]
$raw_0 set--srcport 5000
$raw_0 set--destport 5000
$raw_0 set--destip [$_node_($lastnode) getip eth0]

$ns_ at $startxmittime "$cbr_0 start"

# Set node positions. For wired networks, these are only used
# when looking at nam traces.
# $node_0 set X 10
$node_0 set Y 50
$node_0 set Z 0

$node_1 set X 50
$node_1 set Y 50
$node_1 set Z 0

$node_2 set X 90
$node_2 set Y 50
$node_2 set Z 0

$node_3 set X 50
$node_3 set Y 10
$node_3 set Z 0

# This sizes the nodes for use in nam.
# for {set i 0} {i < $nodecount} {incr i} {

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\$ns_ initial_node_pos \$node_(\$i) 20 \}

# # Stop the simulation # \$ns_ at \$stoptime.000000001 "puts "$NS EXITING..." ; \$ns_ halt"

# # Let nam know that the simulation is done. # \$ns_ at \$stoptime "$\$ns_ nam-end-wireless \$stoptime"

puts "Starting Simulation..."
\$ns_ run

A.2 Simple Wireless LAN

A.2.1 The Click Script

See A.1.1.

A.2.2 The TCL Script

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# # nsclick-simple-lan.tcl
# # A sample nsclick script simulating a small wireless LAN
# 
# # Set some general simulation parameters
Unity gain, omnidirectional antennas, centered 1.5m above each node.

These values are lifted from the ns-2 sample files.

```
Antenna/OmniAntenna set X_ 0
Antenna/OmniAntenna set Y_ 0
Antenna/OmniAntenna set Z_ 1.5
Antenna/OmniAntenna set Gt_ 1.0
Antenna/OmniAntenna set Gr_ 1.0
```

Initialize the SharedMedia interface with parameters to make it work like the 914MHz Lucent WaveLAN DSSS radio interface. These are taken directly from the ns-2 sample files.

```
Phy/WirelessPhy set CPTthres_ 10.0
Phy/WirelessPhy set CSTthres_ 1.559e-11
Phy/WirelessPhy set RXThres_ 3.652e-10
Phy/WirelessPhy set Rb_ 2*1e6
Phy/WirelessPhy set Pt_ 0.2818
Phy/WirelessPhy set freq_ 914e+6
Phy/WirelessPhy set L_ 1.0
```

Set the size of the playing field and the topography.

```
set xsize 100
set ysize 100
set wtopo [new Topography]
$wtopo load_fltgrid $xsize $ysize
```

The network channel, physical layer, MAC, propagation model, and antenna model are all standard ns-2.

```
set netchan Channel/WirelessChannel
set netphy Phy/WirelessPhy
set netmac Mac/802_11
set netprop Propagation/TwoRayGround
set antenna Antenna/OmniAntenna
```

We have to use a special queue and link layer. This is so that Click can have control over the network interface packet queue, which is vital if we want to play with, e.g., QoS algorithms.

```
set netifq Queue/ClickQueue
set netll LL/Ext
LL set delay_ 1ms
```

These are pretty self-explanatory, just the number of nodes and when we’ll stop.

```
set nodecount 4
set stoptime 10.0
```
# With nsClick, we have to worry about details like which network port to use for communication. This sets the default ports to 5000.
# Agent/Null set sport_ 5000
Agent/Null set dport_ 5000
Agent/CBR set sport_ 5000
Agent/CBR set dport_ 5000

# Standard ns-2 stuff here - create the simulator object.
# Simulator set MacTrace_ ON
set ns_ [new Simulator]

# Create and activate trace files.
# set tracefd [open "nsclick-simple-wlan.tr" w]
set namtrace [open "nsclick-simple-wlan.nam" w]
$ns_ trace-all $tracefd
$ns_ namtrace-all--wireless $namtrace $xsize $ysize
$ns_ use--newtrace

# Create the “god” object. This is another artifact of using the mobile node type. We have to have this even though we never use it.
# set god_ [create--god $nodecount]

# Tell the simulator to create Click nodes.
# Simulator set node_factory_ Node/MobileNode/ClickNode

# Create a network Channel for the nodes to use. One channel per LAN. Also set the propagation model to be used.
# set chan_1_ [new $netchan]
set prop_ [new $netprop]

# In nsClick we have to worry about assigning IP and MAC addresses to our network interfaces. Here we generate a list of IP and MAC addresses, one per node since we've only got one network interface per node in this case. Also note that this scheme only works for fewer than 255 nodes, and we aren't worrying about subnet masks.
# set iptemplate "192.168.1.%d"
set mactemplate "00:03:47:70:89:%0x"
for {set i 0} {i < $nodecount} {incr i} {
    set node_ip($i) [format $iptemplate [expr $i+1]]
    set node_mac($i) [format $mactemplate [expr $i+1]]
}
# We set the routing protocol to "Empty" so that ns-2 doesn't do any packet routing. All of the routing will be done by the Click script.
#$ns_ rproto Empty

# Here is where we actually create all of the nodes.
# for {set i 0} {i < $nodecount } {incr i} {
set node_(i) [ns_ node]

# After creating the node, we add one wireless network interface to it. By default, this interface will be named "eth0". If we added a second interface it would be named "eth1", a third "eth2" and so on.
#$node_(i) add--interface $chan_1 $prop $netll $netmac \ Snetifq 1 $netphy $antenna

# Now configure the interface eth0
#$node_(i) setip "eth0" $node_ip($i)
#$node_(i) setmac "eth0" $node_mac($i)

# Set some node properties
#$node_(i) random–motion 0
#$node_(i) topography $wtopo
#$node_(i) nodetrace $tracefd

# The node name is used by Click to distinguish information coming from different nodes. For example, a "Print" element prepends this to the printed string so it's clear exactly which node is doing the printing.
#$ [node_(i) set classifi ] setnodename "node$i-simplelan"

# Load the appropriate Click router script for the node. All nodes in this simulation are using the same script, but there's no reason why each node couldn't use a different script.
#$ [node_(i) entry] loadclick "nsclick-simple-lan.click"

# Define node network traffic. There isn't a whole lot going on in this simple test case, we're just going to have the first node send packets to the last node, starting at 1 second, and ending at 10. There are Perl scripts available to automatically generate network traffic.
# Start transmitting at $startxmittime, $xmitrate packets per second.
# set startxmittime 1
set xmitrate 4
set xmitinterval 0.25
set packetsize 64

# We use the “raw” packet type, which sends real packet data
down the pipe.
# set raw_{(0)} [new Agent/Raw]
$ns attach-agent $node_{(0)} $raw_{(0)}

set lastnode [expr $nodecount - 1]
set null_{(0)} [new Agent/Null]
$ns attach-agent $node_{($lastnode)} $null_{(0)}

# The CBR object is just the default ns-2 CBR object, so
# no change in the meaning of the parameters.
# set cbr_{(0)} [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cb_{(0)} set packetsize $packetsize
$cb_{(0)} set interval $xmitinterval
$cb_{(0)} set random 0
$cb_{(0)} set maxpkts [expr ($stoptime - $startxmittime)*$xmitrate]
$cb_{(0)} attach-agent $raw_{(0)}

# The Raw agent creates real UDP packets, so it has to know
# the source and destination IP addresses and port numbers.
# $raw_{(0)} set srcip [getip $node_{(0)}]
$raw_{(0)} set srcport 5000
$raw_{(0)} set destport 5000
$raw_{(0)} set destip [getip $node_{($lastnode)}]

$ns at $startxmittime "$cbr_{(0)} start."

$node_{(0)} set X_ 10
$node_{(0)} set Y_ 50
$node_{(0)} set Z_ 0

$node_{(1)} set X_ 50
$node_{(1)} set Y_ 50
$node_{(1)} set Z_ 0

$node_{(2)} set X_ 90
$node_{(2)} set Y_ 50
$node_{(2)} set Z_ 0

$node_{(3)} set X_ 50
$node_{(3)} set Y_ 10
# This sizes the nodes for use in nam. Currently, the trace files produced by nsclck don’t really work in nam.
# for {set i 0} {si < $nodecount} {incr i} {
    $ns_initial_node_pos $node($i) 20
}

# Stop the simulation
# $ns at $stoptime.000000001 "puts \"NS EXITING...\" ; $ns_ halt"

# Let nam know that the simulation is done.
# $ns at $stoptime "$ns_ nam-end-wireless $stoptime"

puts "Starting Simulation..."
$ns run

---

A.3 Wireless Bridge

A.3.1 The Click Script

For the regular wired and wireless nodes, see A.1.1. The script for the bridge node follows.

```
// nsclck-simple-bridge.click
//
// This is a simple and stupid network “bridge.” Packets coming
// in off of eth0 are pumped out on eth1, and packets coming
// in off of eth1 are pumped out on eth0.
//

FromSimDevice(eth0,4096)
    -> Queue
    -> ToSimDevice(eth1);

FromSimDevice(eth1,4096)
    -> Queue
    -> ToSimDevice(eth0);
```
A.3.2 The TCL Script

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# Set the size of the playing field and the topography.
set xsize 100
set ysize 100
set wtopo [new Topography]
$wtopo load flatgrid $xsize $ysize

# The network channel, physical layer, MAC, propagation model,
# and antenna model are all standard ns-2.
set wirelesschan Channel/WirelessChannel
set wiredchan Channel

set wirelessphy Phy/WirelessPhy
set wiredphy Phy/WiredPhy

set wirelessmac Mac/802_11
set wiredmac Mac/802_3

set netprop Propagation/TwoRayGround
set antenna Antenna/OmniAntenna

# We have to use a special queue and link layer. This is so that
# Click can have control over the network interface packet queue,
# which is vital if we want to play with, e.g. QoS algorithms.
set netifq Queue/ClickQueue
set netll LL/Ext
LL set delay 1ms

# These are pretty self-explanatory, just the number of nodes
# and when we'll stop.
set wirednodecount 3
set wirelessnodecount 3
set bridgenodecount 1
set nodecount 7
set stoptime 10.0

# With nsclick, we have to worry about details like which network
# port to use for communication. This sets the default ports to 5000.
Agent/Null set sport 5000
Agent/Null set dport 5000
Agent/CBR set sport 5000
Agent/CBR set dport 5000

# Standard ns-2 stuff here - create the simulator object.
set ns [new Simulator]

# Create and activate trace files.
```bash
# set tracefd [open "nsclick-simple-hybrid.tr" w]
set namtrace [open "nsclick-simple-hybrid.nam" w]
$ns_trace--all $tracefd
$ns_namtrace--all--wireless $namtrace $xsize $ysize
$ns_use--newtrace

# Create the "god" object. This is another artifact of using
# the mobile node type. We have to have this even though
# we never use it.
#
# set god [create--god $nodecount]

# Tell the simulator to create Click nodes.
# Simulator set node factory Node/MobileNode/ClickNode

# Create a network Channel for the nodes to use. One channel
# per LAN. Also set the propagation model to be used.
#
# set wiredchan [new $wiredchan]
set wireless-chan [new $wirelesschan]
set prop [new $netprop]

# In nsclick we have to worry about assigning IP and MAC addresses
to our network interfaces. Here we generate a list of IP and MAC
addresses, one per node since we’ve only got one network interface
per node in this case. Also note that this scheme only works for
fewer than 255 nodes, and we aren’t worrying about subnet masks.
#
# set iptemplate "192.168.1.%d"
set mactemplate "00:03:47:70:89:%0x"
for {set i 0} {i < $wirednodecount} {incr i} {
    set wired_node_ip($i) [format Siptemplate [expr $i+1]]
    set wired_node_mac($i) [format Siptemplate [expr $i+1]]
}

# set iptemplate "192.168.2.%d"
set mactemplate "00:03:47:70:8A:%0x"
for {set i 0} {i < $wirelessnodecount} {incr i} {
    set wireless_node_ip($i) [format Siptemplate [expr $i+1]]
    set wireless_node_mac($i) [format Siptemplate [expr $i+1]]
}

# We set the routing protocol to "Empty" so that ns-2 doesn’t do
# any packet routing. All of the routing will be done by the
# Click script.
#
# $ns_rtreproto Empty

# Here is where we actually create all of the nodes.
```
# We'll create the wired, wireless, and the bridge node separately.
#
#
# Start with the wireless nodes
#
for {set i 0} {i $wirelessnodecount} {incr i} {
    set wireless_node_($i) [Ns_node]
    #
    # After creating the node, we add one wireless network interface to
    # it. By default, this interface will be named “eth0”. If we
    # added a second interface it would be named “eth1”, a third
    # “eth2” and so on.
    #
    $wireless_node_($i) add-interface $wireless_chan_ $prop $netll
    $wirelessmac $netifq 1 $wirelessphy $antenna
    #
    # Now configure the interface eth0
    #
    $wireless_node_($i) setip "eth0" $wireless_node_ip($i)
    $wireless_node_($i) setmac "eth0" $wireless_node_mac($i)
    #
    # Set some node properties
    #
    $wireless_node_($i) random-motion 0
    $wireless_node_($i) topography $wtopo
    $wireless_node_($i) nodetrace $tracefd
    #
    # The node name is used by Click to distinguish information
    # coming from different nodes. For example, a “Print” element
    # prepends this to the printed string so it’s clear exactly
    # which node is doing the printing.
    #
    [wireless_node_($i) set classifier] setnodename "wirelessnode$i-hybrid"
    #
    # Load the appropriate Click router script for the node.
    #
    [wireless_node_($i) entry] loadclick "nsclick-simple-lan.click"
}
#
#
Now create the wired nodes
#
for {set i 0} {i $wirednodecount} {incr i} {
    set wired_node_($i) [Ns_node]
    #
    # After creating the node, we add one wired network interface to
    # it. By default, this interface will be named “eth0”. If we
    # added a second interface it would be named “eth1”, a third
    # “eth2” and so on.
    #
    $wired_node_($i) add-wired-interface $wired_chan_ $netll $wiredmac \
# Now configure the interface eth0
$wired_node($i) setip "eth0" $wired_node_ip($i)
$wired_node($i) setmac "eth0" $wired_node_mac($i)

# Set some node properties
$wired_node($i) random motion 0
$wired_node($i) topography $wtopo
$wired_node($i) nodetrace $tracefd

# The node name is used by Click to distinguish information coming from different nodes. For example, a "Print" element prepends this to the printed string so it's clear exactly which node is doing the printing.
$[wired_node($i) set classifier setnodename "wirednode$i-hybrid"]

# Load the appropriate Click router script for the node. All nodes in this simulation are using the same script, but there's no reason why each node couldn't use a different script.
$[wired_node($i) entry] loadclick "nsclck-simple-lan.click"

# Finally make the bridge node
#
$bridge_node [$ns_node]
$bridge_node add--wireless--interface $wireless_chan $netll $wirelessmac $wirelessphy $antenna
$bridge_node add--wired--interface $wired_chan $netll $wiredmac $netifq $wiredphy

$bridge_node random motion 0
$bridge_node topography $wtopo
$bridge_node nodetrace $tracefd

$[bridge_node entry] loadclick "nsclck-simple-bridge.click"
$[bridge_node set classifier setnodename "bridgenode-hybrid"]

# Define node network traffic. There isn't a whole lot going on in this simple test case, we're just going to have the first wireless node send packets to the first wired node, starting at 1 second, and ending at 10. There are Perl scripts available to automatically generate network traffic.

# Start transmitting at $startxmittime, $xmitrate packets per second.
# set startxmittime 1
set xmitrate 4
set xmitinterval 0.25
set packetsize 64

# We use the “raw” packet type, which sends real packet data
down the pipe.
# set raw_(0) [new Agent/Raw]
$ns_ attach--agent $wireless_node_(0) $raw_(0)

set null_(0) [new Agent/Null]
$ns_ attach--agent $wired_node_(0) $null_(0)

# The CBR object is just the default ns-2 CBR object, so
# no change in the meaning of the parameters.
# set cbr_(0) [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cbf_(0) set packetSize $packetsize
$cbf_(0) set interval $xmitinterval
$cbf_(0) set random 0
$cbf_(0) set maxpkts [expr ($stoptime - $startxmittime)*$xmitrate]
$cbf_(0) attach--agent $raw_(0)

# The Raw agent creates real UDP packets, so it has to know
# the source and destination IP addresses and port numbers.
# $raw_(0) set--srcip [Swireless_node_(0) getip eth0]
$raw_(0) set--srcport 5000
$raw_(0) set--destport 5000
$raw_(0) set--destip [Swired_node_(0) getip eth0]

$ns_ at $startxmittime "$cbf_(0) start"

Swireless_node_(0) set X 10
Swireless_node_(0) set Y 50
Swireless_node_(0) set Z 0

Swireless_node_(1) set X 50
Swireless_node_(1) set Y 50
Swireless_node_(1) set Z 0

Swireless_node_(2) set X 90
Swireless_node_(2) set Y 50
Swireless_node_(2) set Z 0

$bridge_node_ set X 50
$bridge_node_ set Y 10
$bridge_node_ set Z 0

Swired_node_(0) set X 10
Swired_node_(0) set Y 0
Swired_node_(0) set Z 0
$wired\_node\_i(1)\ set\ X = 50$
$wired\_node\_i(1)\ set\ Y = 0$
$wired\_node\_i(1)\ set\ Z = 0$

$wired\_node\_i(2)\ set\ X = 90$
$wired\_node\_i(2)\ set\ Y = 0$
$wired\_node\_i(2)\ set\ Z = 0$

# This sizes the nodes for use in nam.
#
for \{set \ i \ 0\} \{Si < \wireless\_node\_count\} \{incr \ i\} \{
    \ns\_initial\_node\_pos \wireless\_node\_i(Si) \ 10
\}

for \{set \ i \ 0\} \{Si < \wired\_node\_count\} \{incr \ i\} \{
    \ns\_initial\_node\_pos \wired\_node\_i(Si) \ 10
\}

\ns\_initial\_node\_pos \bridge\_node\_ 10

#
# Stop the simulation
#
\ns\_ at \$stoptime.000000001 \ "puts \"NS EXITING...\" ; \ns\_ halt"

#
# Let nam know that the simulation is done.
#
\ns\_ at \$stoptime  "\$ns\_nam-end-wireless \$stoptime"

puts "Starting Simulation..."
\ns\_ run

References


