A Scalable Container-based Virtualized Data Center Emulation Framework



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MOTIVATION

- To satisfy on-demand services and to drive operational efficiency, resources are provisioned dynamically within the Data Center Network (DCN)
- To implement and experiment the validation of proposals solutions for existing problems in DCNs requires a scalable model of data centers with programmable data plane.
- Mininet is commonly used to emulate the networks.
- The major limitations with mininet are
 - Scalability mininet instance runs within a single host
 - Shares kernel space

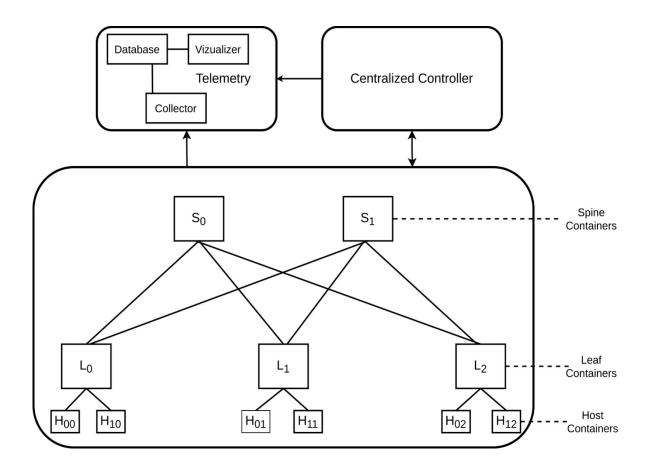
Ability to Resource allocation (cpu and memory)

• Realistic hyperscale data center consuming proportionally miniscule computation and storage resources is a challenge

FEATURES

- We present a scalable container-based virtualized platform for programmable DCN
- We provide a scalable topology where you just need to update the script for topology parameters
- It uses containers to instantiate the topology, switches are inside container
- The proposed framework provide freedom to choose different software switches
- Docker container acting as switch with FRRouting and Bmv2 switch

ARCHITECTURE



Experimental Demo

- Topology: Leaf-spine topology
- Experiment 1:

Switch: Simple docker container acting as a switch.

Routing: BGP routing using FRRouting.

Traffic: Iperf Traffic

Telemetry: Bandwidth utilization measured and displayed using Grafana.

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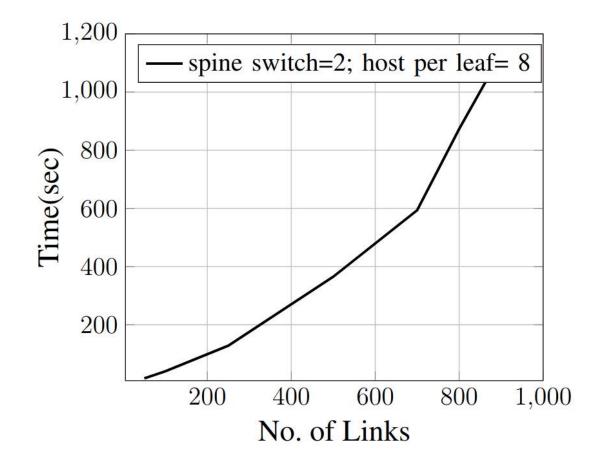
• Experiment 2:

Switch: Bmv2 switch inside docker container

Routing: Forwarding using P4

In-Band Telemetry measurement: Path tracing, Queue Latency

Number of links Vs time to create and start topology for leaf-spine topology



Demo 1

- Topology: Leaf-spine topology
- Switch: Simple docker container acting as a switch.
- Routing: BGP routing using FRRouting.
- Traffic: Iperf Traffic
- Telemetry: Bandwidth measured and displayed using Grafana.
- Spine switch =2, Leaf switchs = 50, Host per leaf= 2
- No. Of containers = 2x50+50+2= 152
- No. Of Links= 50x2+50x2= 200

Demo 2

- Topology: Leaf-spine topology
- Switch: Bmv2 switch inside docker container
- Routing: Forwarding using P4
- In-Band Telemetry using P4 code.
- Measurement: Path tracing, Queue Latency

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