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ns-3 is a discrete-event network simulator for Internet systems, targeted primarily for research and educational use. ns-3 is free software, licensed under the [GNU GPLv2 license](#), and is publicly available for research, development, and use.



- Intended as the successor of Ns-2
 - Clean slate implementation: no re-use of Ns-2 code
 - Easier to use, more facilities, faster, more accurate, more flexible
- First version 3.1 June 2008
 - Current version 3.28
 - Available for Linux, OS X and Windows w/ Cygwin
- Currently 22,617 hits in ACM DL
 - In 2017: 2678
 - Opnet in 2017: 3
 - Omnet++ in 2017: 9
 - Ns-2 in 2017: 3495
- Written in C++
 - Simulation scripts in C++ (python optional)
 - Helper classes make “scripting” in C++ easy



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Installing Ns-3

- Simplest approach: download tar ball, extract and build

```
$ wget https://www.nsnam.org/release/ns-allinone-3.28.tar.bz2
$ tar jxvf ns-allinone-3.28.tar.bz2
$ cd ns-allinone-3.28/ns-3.28
$ ./waf configure --enable-examples
$ ./waf
```

– Confirmed to work on Ubuntu 16.04.4 LTS

- For eclipse: see https://www.nsnam.org/wiki/HOWTO_configure_Eclipse_with_ns-3



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Ns-3 Objects

- Very important information to use *and* extend Ns-3
 - Most objects inherit from ns3::Object
 - Provides a range of useful properties for simulation
 - Smart pointers
 - Object aggregation
 - Run-time type information
 - Attributes
 - Trace sources
 - Ns-3 objects are created with `CreateObject<Class>` (constructor arguments)
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- ```
graph LR; SimpleRefCount --- ObjectBase; ObjectBase --- Object;
```
- The diagram illustrates the inheritance hierarchy. A blue bracket on the left groups 'SimpleRefCount' and 'ObjectBase'. A larger blue bracket on the right groups 'ObjectBase' and 'SimpleRefCount', with the label 'Object' to its right, indicating that 'Object' is the base class for both.

# Smart Pointers

- Provides a form of “garbage-collection”
- Enables object aggregation
- CreateObject returns smart pointer:

```
Ptr<PacketSocketFactory> factory =
 CreateObject<PacketSocketFactory> ();
```

- Always check return values and parameters:  
`Ptr<T>` or not?

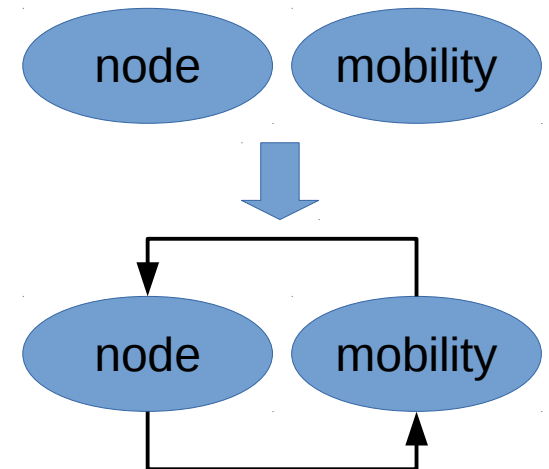


# Object Aggregation

- Objects can be dynamically aggregated to each other
- All objects in an aggregation can be accessed via any objects in said aggregation
  - Avoids huge classes that encompass all possible functionality

```
node->AggregateObject(mobility);

Ptr<MobilityModel> mob =
 node->GetObject<MobilityModel> ();
```



# Run-Time Type Information

- All Ns-3 objects must implement `TypeId` `GetTypeId(void)`
- `TypeId` informs about attributes, runtime type information and trace sources

```
TypeId
RoutingProtocol::GetTypeId (void)
{
 static TypeId tid = TypeId ("ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol")
 .SetParent<Ipv4RoutingProtocol> ()
 .SetGroupName ("Olsr")
 .AddConstructor<RoutingProtocol> ()
 .AddAttribute ("HelloInterval", "HELLO messages emission interval.",
 TimeValue (Seconds (2)),
 MakeTimeAccessor (&RoutingProtocol::m_helloInterval),
 MakeTimeChecker ())
 ...
 .AddTraceSource ("RoutingTableChanged", "The OLSR routing table has changed.",
 MakeTraceSourceAccessor (&RoutingProtocol::m_routingTableChanged),
 "ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol::TableChangeTracedCallback")
 ;
 return tid;
}
```

# Run-Time Type Information

- Objects, attributes and trace sources can be located via textual paths via functions in the `Config` namespace (**objects**):

```
TypeId
RoutingProtocol::GetTypeId (void)
{
 static TypeId tid = TypeId ("ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol")
 .SetParent<Ipv4RoutingProtocol> ()
 .SetGroupName ("Olsr")
 .AddConstructor<RoutingProtocol> ()

 ...
}
```

```
Config::MatchContainer m =
 Config::LookupMatches ("NodeList/*/$ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol");

Ptr<Olsr::RoutingProtocol> olsr =
 m.Get(0) ->GetObject<Olsr::RoutingProtocol> ();
```

Equivalent to:

```
nodes.Get(0) ->GetObject<Olsr::RoutingProtocol> ();
```

# Run-Time Type Information

- Objects, attributes and methods can be located via textual paths via `TypeInfo` namespace (**objects**)

```
TypeId
RoutingProtocol::GetTypeId (void)
{
 static TypeId tid = TypeId ("ns3::
 .SetParent<Ipv4RoutingProtocol>
 .SetGroupName ("Olsr")
 .AddConstructor<RoutingProtocol>
 ...

```

## Example paths:

`/NodeList/[3-5]|8|[0-1]`  
matches nodes index 0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8

`/NodeList/*`  
matches all nodes

`/NodeList/3/$ns3::Ipv4`  
matches object of type ns3::Ipv4 aggregated to node number 3

`/NodeList/3/DeviceList*/$ns3::CsmaNetDevice`  
matches all devices of type ns3::CsmaNetDevice in node number 3

(See Doxygen for paths to particular objects)

```
Config::MatchContainer m =
 Config::LookupMatches ("NodeList/*/$ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol");

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```

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 ...
}
```

Typecasting via `object->GetObject<Class>`

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 .AddConstructor<RoutingProtocol> ()
 .AddAttribute ("HelloInterval", "HELLO messages emission interval.",
 TimeValue (Seconds (2)),
 MakeTimeAccessor (&RoutingProtocol::m_helloInterval),
 MakeTimeChecker ())
 ...
}
```

```
Config::SetDefault ("ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol::HelloInterval", TimeValue (Seconds (2)));
Config::Set ("/NodeList/*/ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol/HelloInterval",
 TimeValue (Seconds (5)));
routingProtocolObject->SetAttribute ("HelloInterval", TimeValue (Seconds (1)));
```



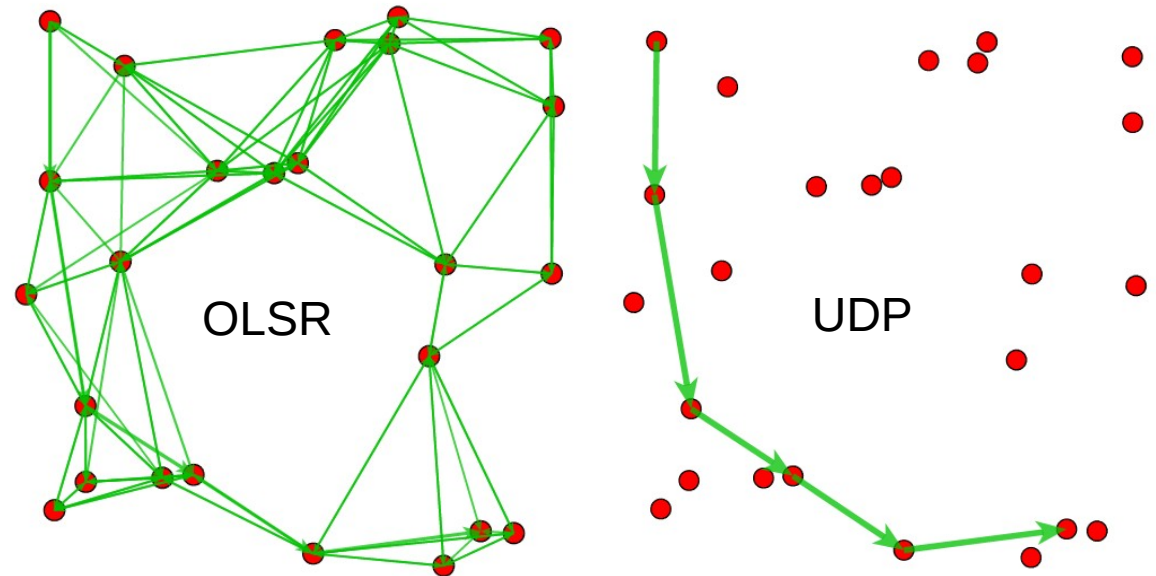
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# Using Ns-3 – Via Example

- MANET with 25 nodes
  - Based on 802.11g wifi
- Routing protocol: OLSR
- Workload: uniform UDP traffic
  - 500-byte packets, 20 pps
  - No background traffic
- Mobility: random walk
  - Initial placement:  $5 \times \text{ceil}(5 / y)$  grid
  - $y$  is the number of nodes
  - 100 meters between nodes
- Duration 10 minutes





# 9 Steps of an ns-3 Simulation Script

- 1) Handle command line arguments
- 2) Set default attribute values and random seed
- 3) Create nodes
- 4) Configure physical and MAC layers
- 5) Set up network stack, routing and addresses
- 6) Configure and install applications
- 7) Set up initial positions and mobility
- 8) Set up data collection
- 9) Schedule user-defined events and start simulation

# Step 1: Command Line Arguments

- Enables parameterization of simulation from command line

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
 ...
 // Obtain command line arguments
 CommandLine cmd;
 cmd.AddValue ("cols", "Columns of nodes", cols);
 cmd.AddValue ("numnodes", "Number of nodes", numNodes);
 cmd.AddValue ("spacing", "Spacing between neighbouring nodes", nodeSpacing);
 cmd.AddValue ("duration", "Duration of simulation", duration);
 cmd.AddValue ("seed", "Random seed for simulation", seed);
 cmd.AddValue ("run", "Simulation run", run);
 cmd.AddValue ("packetrate", "Packets transmitted per second", packetRate);
 cmd.AddValue ("packetsize", "Packet size", packetSize);
 cmd.AddValue ("sourcenode", "Number of source node", sourceNode);
 cmd.AddValue ("destinationnode", "Number of destination node", destinationNode);
 cmd.AddValue ("showtime", "show ... time ... (default = true)", showSimTime);
 cmd.Parse (argc,argv);
 ...
}
```

For instance:

```
./waf -run "manet --nodespacing=50 --pktsize=100 --packetrate=500"
```

# Step 2: Set Attribute Values and Random Seed

- Use `Config::-functions` to set default parameter values
- Remember to change run number between runs!

```
// Set default parameter values
Config::SetDefault("ns3::WifiRemoteStationManager::FragmentationThreshold",
 StringValue ("2200"));
Config::SetDefault("ns3::WifiRemoteStationManager::RtsCtsThreshold",
 StringValue ("2200"));

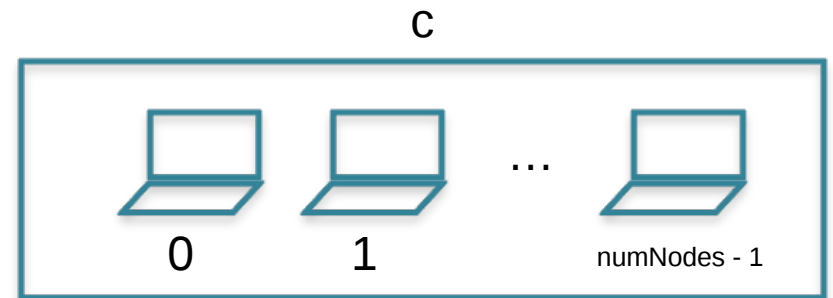
// Set random seed and run number
SeedManager::SetSeed (seed);
SeedManager::SetRun (run);
```

```
$ for run in "1 2 3"; do ./waf -run "manet --run=$run"; done
```

# Step 3: Create Nodes

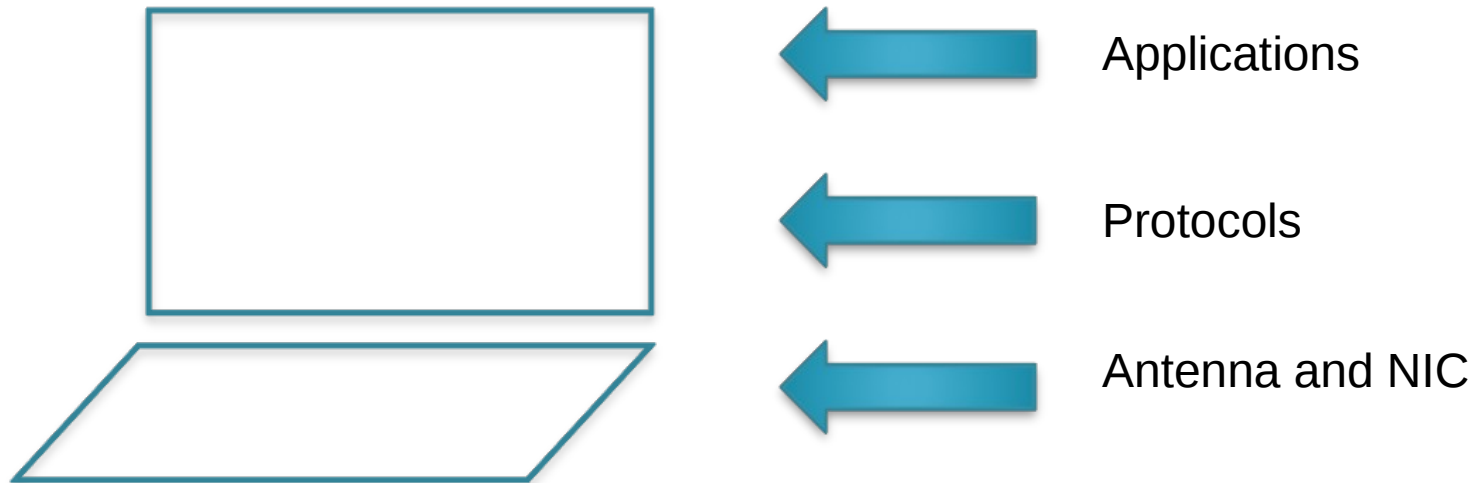
- Most objects in Ns-3 managed by **containers**
  - Simulations consist of many objects of the same type
  - Later used by helper classes to install components
  - Entities in containers obtained with `container->get()`

```
// Create nodes
NodeContainer c;
c.Create (numNodes);
...
apps = client.Install (c.Get (sourceNode));
```



# Step 4-7: Configure Nodes

- Nodes are initially empty hulls



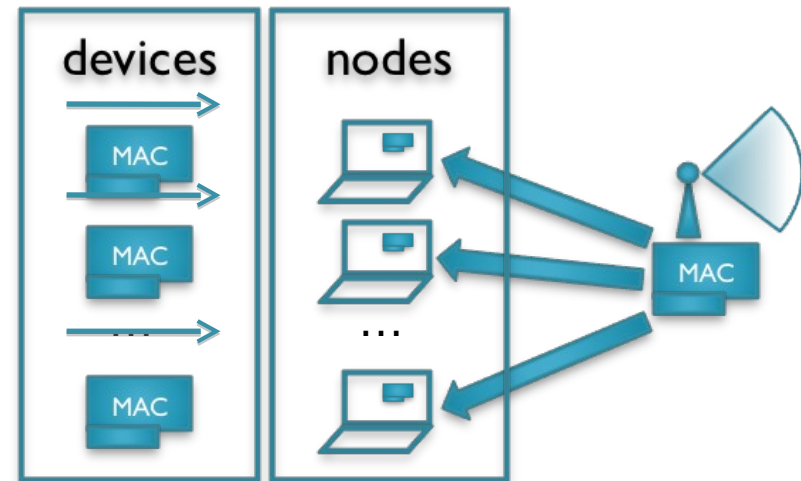
# Step 4: Physical Layer

- **Helpers** enable script-like C++ programs
- Here:
  - 802.11g in ad-hoc mode
  - Automatic Rate Fallback (ARF)
    - Kamerman, Ad, and Leo Monteban. "WaveLAN®-II: a high-performance wireless LAN for the unlicensed band." Bell Labs technical journal 2.3 (1997): 118-133.
- Elsewise: default values
- Note that `wifi.install` uses node container `c`

```
// Set up physical and mac layers
WifiHelper wifi = WifiHelper::Default ();
wifi.SetStandard (WIFI_PHY_STANDARD_80211g);
wifi.SetRemoteStationManager ("ns3::ArfWifiManager");
NqosWifiMacHelper wifiMac = NqosWifiMacHelper::Default ();
wifiMac.SetType ("ns3::AdhocWifiMac");
YansWifiPhyHelper phy = YansWifiPhyHelper::Default ();
YansWifiChannelHelper wifiChannel = YansWifiChannelHelper::Default ();
phy.SetChannel (wifiChannel.Create ());
NetDeviceContainer devices = wifi.Install (phy, wifiMac, c);
```

# Step 4: Physical Layer

- New container:  
devices

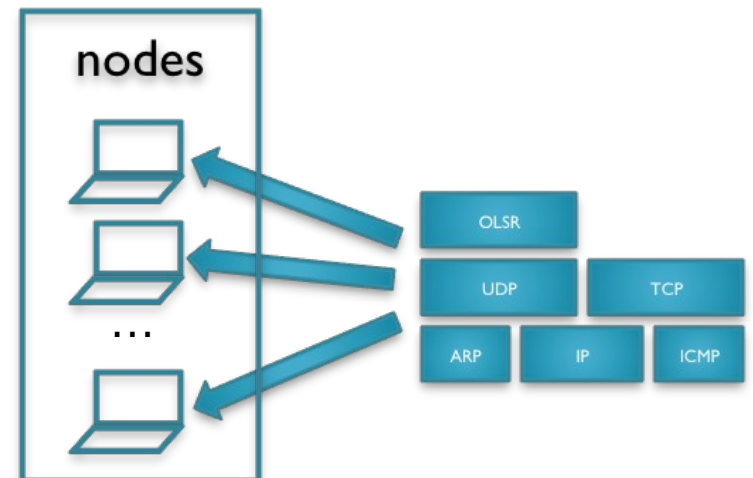


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wifi.SetRemoteStationManager ("ns3::ArfWifiManager");
NqosWifiMacHelper wifiMac = NqosWifiMacHelper::Default ();
wifiMac.SetType ("ns3::AdhocWifiMac");
YansWifiPhyHelper wifiPhy = YansWifiPhyHelper::Default ();
YansWifiChannelHelper wifiChannel = YansWifiChannelHelper::Default ();
YansWifiPhyHelper phy = wifiPhy;
phy.SetChannel (wifiChannel.Create ());
NetDeviceContainer devices = wifi.Install (phy, wifiMac, c);
```

# Step 5: Install Internet Stack and Routing Protocol

- Select routing protocol
  - Ns-3 currently supports many routing protocols (e.g., OLSR, AODV, DSDV, ...)
  - Used in example: OLSR
- Internet stack: IP, TCP, UDP, ARP and ICMP

```
// Routing and Internet stack
ns3::OlsrHelper olsr;
InternetStackHelper internet;
internet.SetRoutingHelper(olsr);
internet.Install (c);
```





# Step 5: Assign Addresses

- `c->Get (X)` gets  
IP address `10.0.0.(X+1)`  
  
and  
MAC address `00:00:00:00:00:(X+1)`

```
// Assign addresses
Ipv4AddressHelper address;
address.SetBase ("10.0.0.0", "255.255.255.0");
Ipv4InterfaceContainer interfaces = address.Assign (devices);
```

# Step 6: Install Applications

- In example: simple UDP server and client
- Set attributes
- Specify when applications start and stop

```
// Server/Receiver
UdpServerHelper server (4000);
ApplicationContainer apps = server.Install (c.Get(destinationNode));
apps.Start (Seconds (1));
apps.Stop (Seconds (duration - 1));

// Client/Sender
UdpClientHelper client (interfaces.GetAddress (destinationNode), 4000);
client.SetAttribute ("MaxPackets", UIntegerValue (100000000));
client.SetAttribute ("Interval", TimeValue (Seconds(1 / ((double) packetRate))));
client.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UIntegerValue (packetSize));
apps = client.Install (c.Get (sourceNode));
apps.Start (Seconds (1));
apps.Stop (Seconds (duration - 1));
```

# The Ns-3 Node

- Node provides pointers to devices and applications

```
Ptr<Application> app = node->GetApplication(0);
Ptr<NetDevice> nic = node->GetDevice(0);
```

- Aggregated with stack, mobility model and energy model

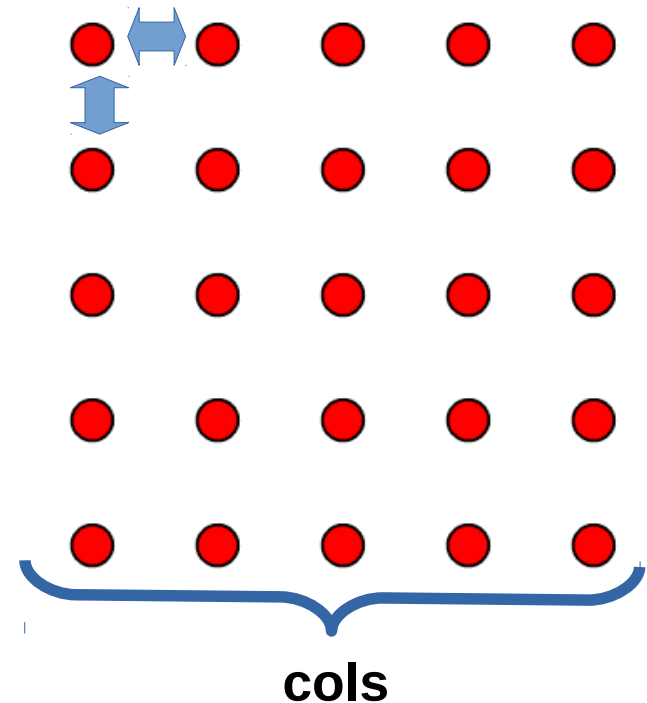
```
Ptr<Ipv4> ip = nodes.Get(0) ->GetObject<Ipv4>();
Ipv4Address addr = ip->GetAddress(1,0).GetLocal();
```

# Step 7: Set up Initial Positions

- Several options available, including grid, disc, random placement and user-defined locations
  - Explained here: grid

```
// Set up mobility
MobilityHelper mobility;
mobility.SetPositionAllocator (
 "ns3::GridPositionAllocator",
 "MinX", DoubleValue (1.0),
 "MinY", DoubleValue (1.0),
 "DeltaX", DoubleValue (nodeSpacing),
 "DeltaY", DoubleValue (nodeSpacing),
 "GridWidth", UIntegerValue (cols));
```

nodeSpacing



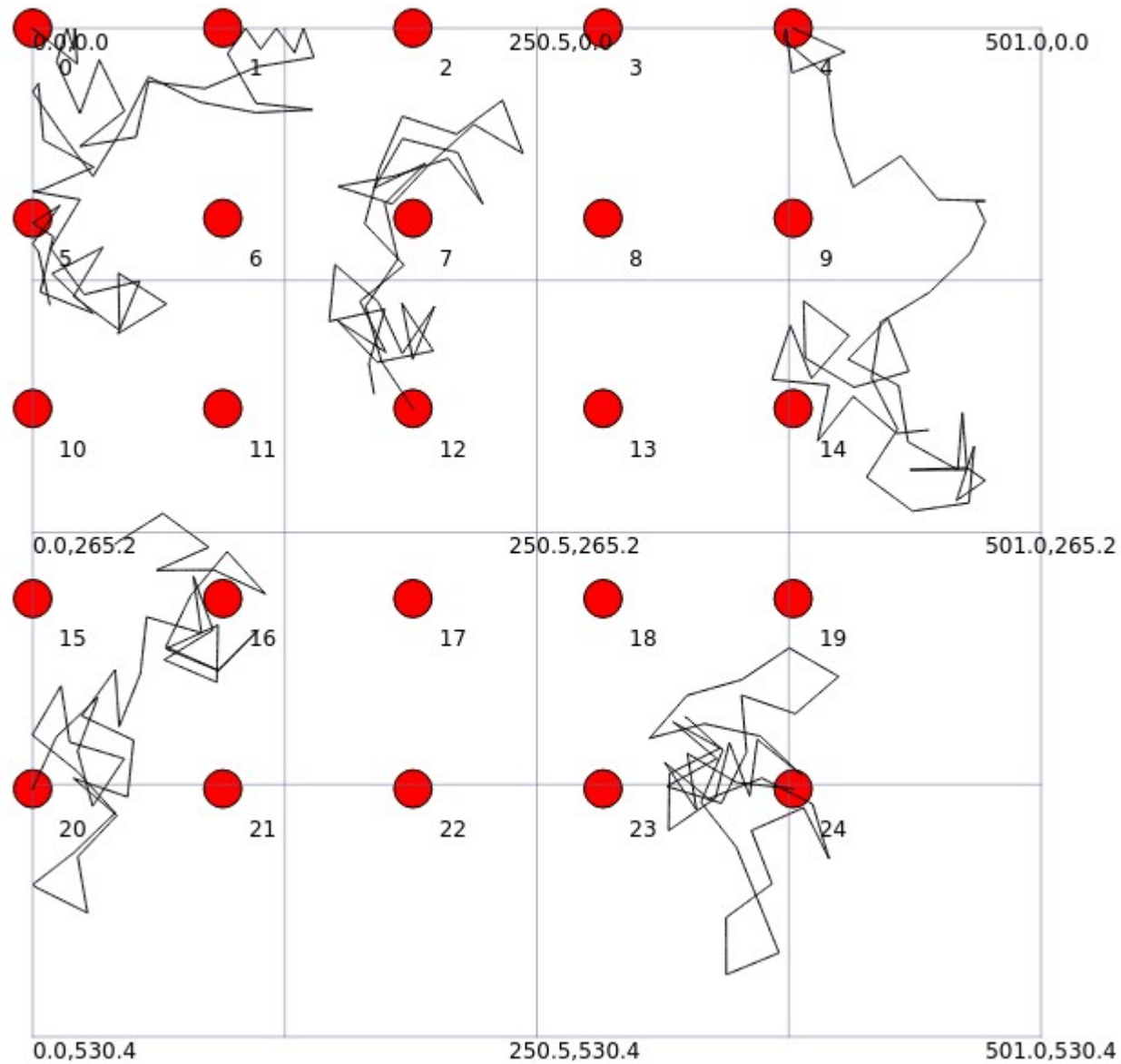
# Step 7: Set Up Mobility Model

- Several alternatives
  - Random waypoint, random walk, user defined, ...
- Used in Example: Random walk
  - Walk in random direction with random speed across fixed distance
    - Reflect upon hitting scenario boundaries
  - Speed defined with **random variable**
  - Select new random direction

```
mobility.SetMobilityModel (
 "ns3::RandomWalk2dMobilityModel",
 "Bounds", RectangleValue
 (Rectangle (0, (cols * nodeSpacing) + 1,
 0, (rows * nodeSpacing) + 1)),
 "Speed",
 StringValue("ns3::UniformRandomVariable [Min=5.0,Max=10.0]"),
 "Distance", DoubleValue(30));

mobility.Install (c);
```

# Example Mobility, 10 minutes



# Step 9: Schedule Initial Events and Start Simulation

- Can schedule our own events before simulation
  - Example: print virtual time once every simulated second
- Simulation duration should be set

```
void PrintSeconds(void) {
 std::cerr << Simulator::Now() << std::endl;
 Simulator::Schedule(Seconds(1), &PrintSeconds);
}
```

```
// Print simulated time
if(showSimTime)
 Simulator::Schedule(Seconds(1), &PrintSeconds);

Simulator::Stop(Seconds(duration));
Simulator::Run ();
Simulator::Destroy ();

return 0;
}
```

# Step 8: Data Collection

- Collect results = important step!
- Several alternatives
  - 1) `std::cout << "Manual collection" << std::endl;`
  - 2) Packet tracing
  - 3) Tracing subsystem
    - Low-Level: Trace sources and sinks
    - Medium/High-level: Data Collection Framework (DCF)
    - Highest-level: Statistics framework
  - 4) Logging via the logging facility (*see doc.*)
    - Intended for testing, debugging and verification



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Covered here

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# Packet Tracing

- Highly detailed packet models = enables real-world packet formats
- Popular packet capture format: PCAP
- One .pcap-file per node
- Pass device container from Step 4
- Set prefix (here "MANET")

```
if (enablePcap)
 wifiPhy.EnablePcap ("MANET", devices);
```

# Packet Tracing

- Resulting files: <prefix>-<node>-<device>.pcap

```
AUTHORS MANET-17-0.pcap routingtable-wireless.xml
bindings MANET-18-0.pcap scratch
build MANET-19-0.pcap src
CHANGES.html MANET-20-0.pcap test.py
doc MANET-2-0.pcap testpy.supp
dumbbell.xml MANET-21-0.pcap utils
examples MANET-22-0.pcap utils.py
LICENSE MANET-23-0.pcap utils.pyc
Makefile MANET-24-0.pcap VERSION
MANET-0-0.pcap MANET-3-0.pcap waf
MANET-10-0.pcap MANET-4-0.pcap waf.bat
MANET-1-0.pcap MANET-5-0.pcap waf-tools
MANET-11-0.pcap MANET-6-0.pcap wireless-animation.xml
MANET-12-0.pcap MANET-7-0.pcap wscript
MANET-13-0.pcap MANET-8-0.pcap wutils.py
MANET-14-0.pcap MANET-9-0.pcap wutils.pyc
MANET-15-0.pcap README
MANET-16-0.pcap RELEASE_NOTES
```

# Can be opened in, e.g., Wireshark

MANET-0-0.pcap [Wireshark 1.10.6 (v1.10.6 from ma...)]

Filter:  Expression... Clear Apply Save

| RSSI | Time      | Source    | Destination            | Protocol | Length | Info                                         | Sequence number | Full request URI |
|------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|----------|--------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|      | 15.230751 | 10.0.0.1  | 10.0.0.25              | UDP      | 564    | Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas |                 |                  |
|      | 15.233513 |           | 00:00:00_00:00:01 (RA) | 802.11   | 14     | Acknowledgement, Flags=0.....                |                 |                  |
|      | 15.238267 | 10.0.0.1  | 10.0.0.25              | UDP      | 564    | Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas |                 |                  |
|      | 15.280751 | 10.0.0.1  | 10.0.0.25              | UDP      | 564    | Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas |                 |                  |
|      | 15.283513 |           | 00:00:00_00:00:01 (RA) | 802.11   | 14     | Acknowledgement, Flags=0.....                |                 |                  |
|      | 15.288267 | 10.0.0.1  | 10.0.0.25              | UDP      | 564    | Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas |                 |                  |
|      | 15.300721 | 10.0.0.2  | 10.0.0.255             | OLSR v1  | 140    | OLSR (IPv4) Packet, Length: 76 Bytes         |                 |                  |
|      | 15.330751 | 10.0.0.1  | 10.0.0.25              | UDP      | 564    | Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas |                 |                  |
|      | 15.333513 |           | 00:00:00_00:00:01 (RA) | 802.11   | 14     | Acknowledgement, Flags=0.....                |                 |                  |
|      | 15.380751 | 10.0.0.1  | 10.0.0.25              | UDP      | 564    | Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas |                 |                  |
|      | 15.383513 |           | 00:00:00_00:00:01 (RA) | 802.11   | 14     | Acknowledgement, Flags=0.....                |                 |                  |
|      | 15.400970 | 10.0.0.7  | 10.0.0.255             | OLSR v1  | 344    | OLSR (IPv4) Packet, Length: 280 Bytes        |                 |                  |
|      | 15.443269 | 10.0.0.11 | 10.0.0.255             | OLSR v1  | 200    | OLSR (IPv4) Packet, Length: 136 Bytes        |                 |                  |
|      | 15.461207 | 10.0.0.6  | 10.0.0.255             | OLSR v1  | 244    | OLSR (IPv4) Packet, Length: 180 Bytes        |                 |                  |
|      | 15.613706 | 10.0.0.6  | 10.0.0.255             | OLSR v1  | 212    | OLSR (IPv4) Packet, Length: 148 Bytes        |                 |                  |
|      | 15.630751 | 10.0.0.1  | 10.0.0.25              | UDP      | 564    | Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas |                 |                  |
|      | 15.633513 |           | 00:00:00_00:00:01 (RA) | 802.11   | 14     | Acknowledgement, Flags=0.....                |                 |                  |
|      | 15.638267 | 10.0.0.1  | 10.0.0.25              | UDP      | 564    | Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas |                 |                  |
|      | 15.644941 | 10.0.0.11 | 10.0.0.255             | OLSR v1  | 96     | OLSR (IPv4) Packet, Length: 32 Bytes         |                 |                  |
|      | 15.680751 | 10.0.0.1  | 10.0.0.25              | UDP      | 564    | Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas |                 |                  |
|      | 15.682494 | 10.0.0.1  | 10.0.0.25              | UDP      | 564    | Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas |                 |                  |
|      | 15.685751 | 10.0.0.1  | 10.0.0.25              | UDP      | 564    | Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas |                 |                  |

▶Frame 1: 84 bytes on wire (672 bits), 84 bytes captured (672 bits)  
▶IEEE 802.11 Data, Flags: 0.....  
▶Logical-Link Control  
▶Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.0.2 (10.0.0.2), Dst: 10.0.0.255 (10.0.0.255)  
▶User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: olsr (698), Dst Port: olsr (698)  
▶Optimized Link State Routing Protocol

```
0000 08 80 00 00 ff ff ff ff ff ff 00 00 00 00 02
0010 00 00 00 00 00 02 00 00 aa aa 03 00 00 00 08 00
0020 45 00 00 30 00 00 00 00 40 11 00 00 0a 00 00 02 E..0....@.....
0030 0a 00 00 ff 02 ba 02 ba 00 1c 00 00 00 14 00 00
0040 01 86 00 10 0a 00 00 02 01 00 00 00 00 00 05 03
```

File: "MANET-0-0.pcap" 175 kB 00... Pack... Profile: Default

# Tracing Subsystem

- Based Ns-3 callbacks and attributes
- De-couples trace sources and sinks

```
class MyObject : public Object
{
public:
 static TypeId GetTypeId (void)
 {
 static TypeId tid = TypeId ("MyObject")
 .SetParent (Object::GetTypeId ())
 .AddConstructor<MyObject> ()
 .AddTraceSource ("MyInteger",
 "An integer value to trace.",
 MakeTraceSourceAccessor (&MyObject::m_myInt))
 ;
 return tid;
 }

 MyObject () {}
 TracedValue<uint32_t> m_myInt;
};
```

**Example trace source  
(from Ns-3 manual)**

# Tracing Subsystem

- Based Ns-3 callbacks and attributes
- De-couples trace sources and sinks

```
void
IntTrace (Int oldValue, Int newValue)
{
 std::cout << "Traced " << oldValue << " to " << newValue << std::endl;
}

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
 Ptr<MyObject> myObject = CreateObject<MyObject> ();

 myObject->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("MyInteger", MakeCallback(&IntTrace));

 myObject->m_myInt = 1234;
}
```

**Example trace sink  
(from Ns-3 manual)**

# Tracing Subsystem

- Based Ns-3 callbacks and attributes
- De-couples trace sources and sinks

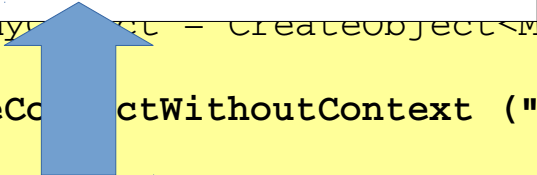
## Example trace sink (from Ns-3 manual)

```
void
IntTrace (Int oldValue, Int newValue)
{
 std::cout << "Traced " << oldValue << " to " << newValue << std::endl;
}

int
Traced 0 to 1234
Ptr<myObject> myObject = CreateObject<myObject> ();

myObject->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("MyInteger", MakeCallback(&IntTrace));

myObject->m_myInt = 1234;
}
```



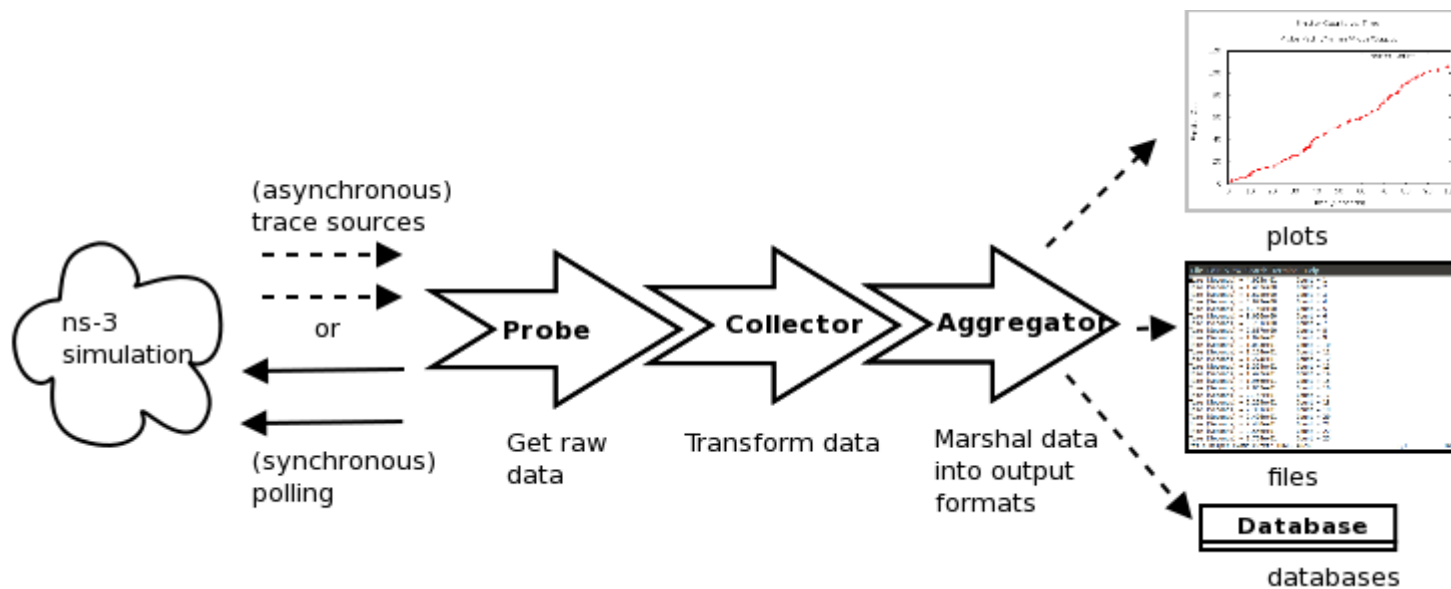






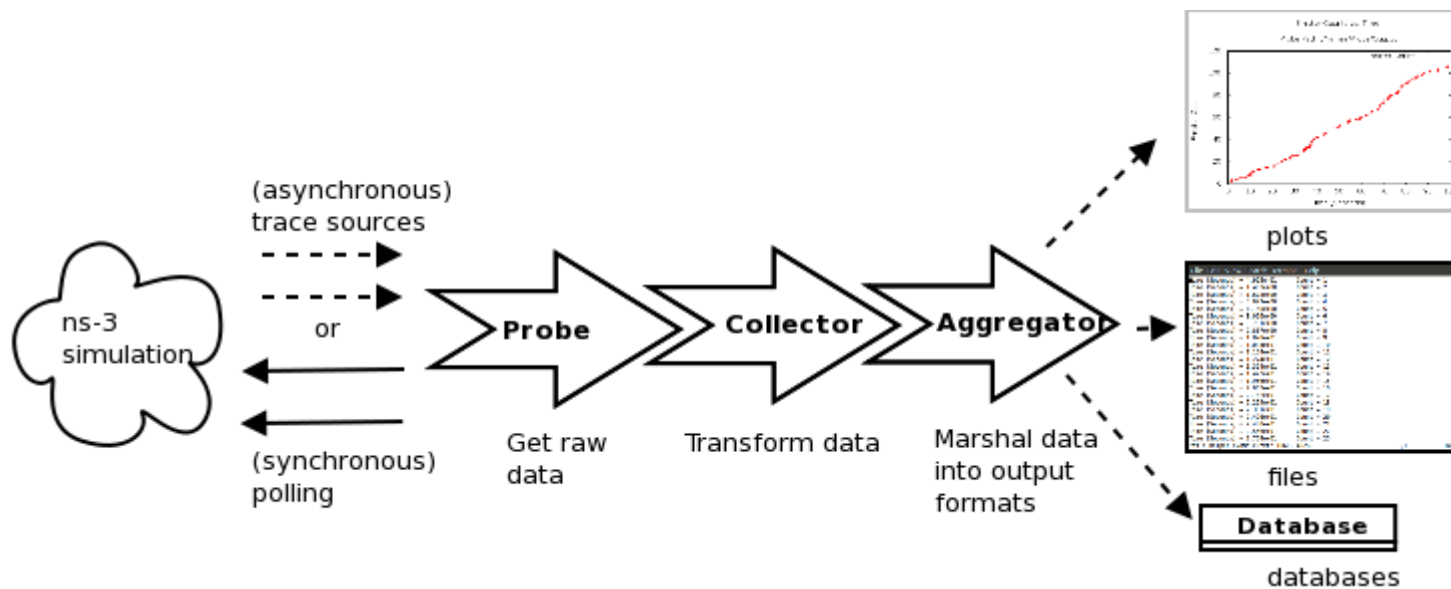
# Data Collection Framework (DCF)

- Based on tracing subsystem
- On-line data reduction and processing
- Output format marshaling



# Data Collection Framework (DCF)

- Two helpers currently implemented:
  - FileHelper
  - GnuplotHelper
- Additional supported: SQLList and OMNet++



# DCF Example: FileHelper

```
FileHelper fileHelper;
```

```
fileHelper.ConfigureFile ("seventh-packet-byte-count",
 FileAggregator::FORMATTED);
```

```
fileHelper.Set2dFormat ("Time (Seconds) = %.3e\tPacket Byte Count = %.0f");
```

```
fileHelper.WriteProbe ("ns3::Ipv4PacketProbe",
 "/NodeList*/$ns3::Ipv4L3Protocol/Tx",
 "OutputBytes");
```

**ns-allinone-3.28/ns-3.28/examples/tutorial/seventh.cc**

- **Output:**

```
seventh-packet-byte-count-0.txt
seventh-packet-byte-count-1.txt
```

```
Time (Seconds) = 1.000e+00 Packet Byte Count = 40
Time (Seconds) = 1.004e+00 Packet Byte Count = 40
Time (Seconds) = 1.004e+00 Packet Byte Count = 576
Time (Seconds) = 1.009e+00 Packet Byte Count = 576
Time (Seconds) = 1.009e+00 Packet Byte Count = 576
Time (Seconds) = 1.015e+00 Packet Byte Count = 512
Time (Seconds) = 1.017e+00 Packet Byte Count = 576
Time (Seconds) = 1.017e+00 Packet Byte Count = 544
Time (Seconds) = 1.025e+00 Packet Byte Count = 576
Time (Seconds) = 1.025e+00 Packet Byte Count = 544
```

...

# DCF Example: GnuplotHelper

```
GnuplotHelper plotHelper;

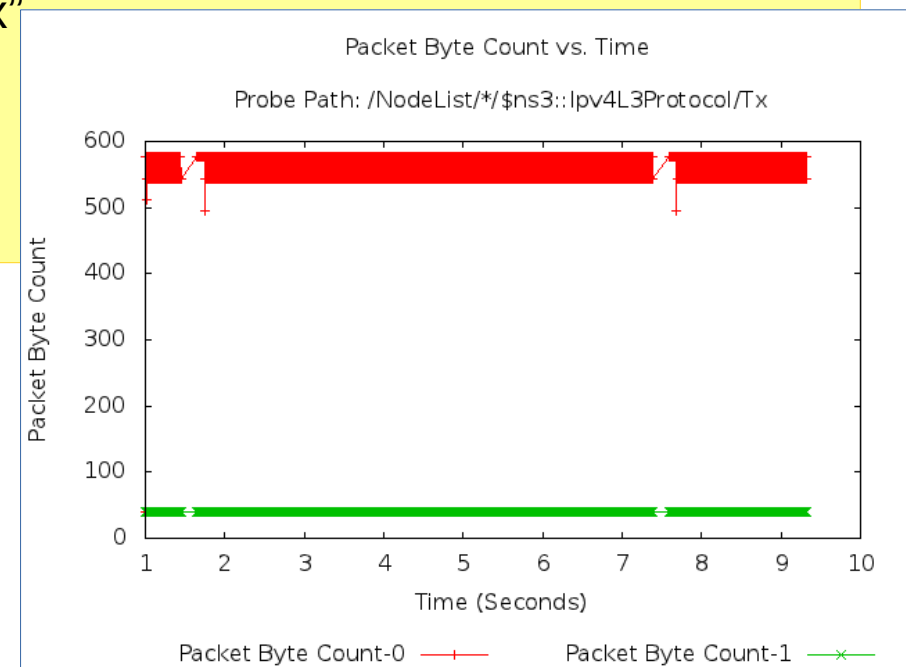
plotHelper.ConfigurePlot ("seventh-packet-byte-count",
 "Packet Byte Count vs. Time",
 "Time (Seconds)",
 "Packet Byte Count");

plotHelper.PlotProbe ("ns3::Ipv4PacketProbe",
 "/NodeList/*/ns3::Ipv4L3Protocol/Tx",
 "OutputBytes",
 "Packet Byte Count",
 GnuplotAggregator::KEY_BELOW);
```

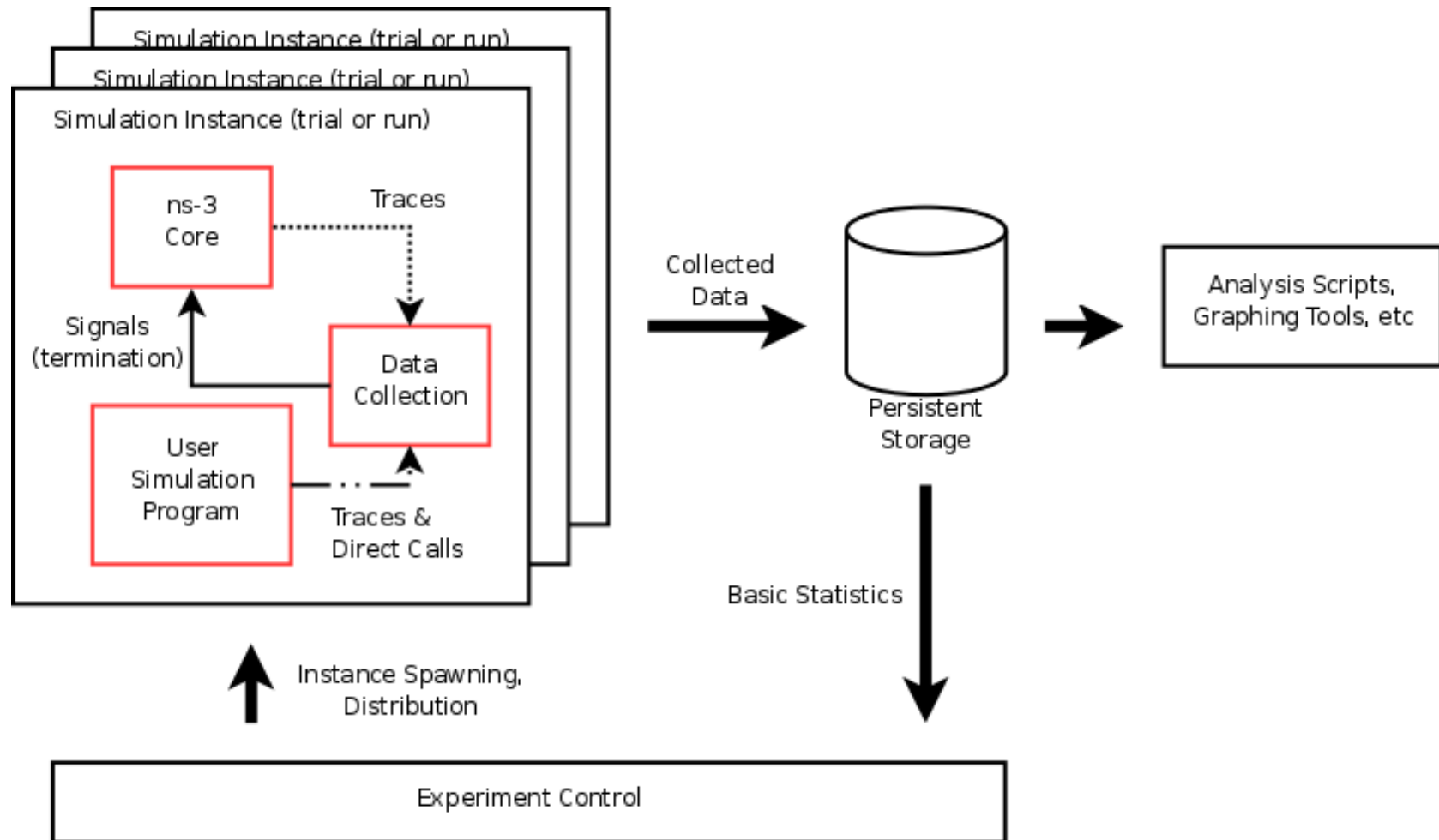
**ns-allinone-3.28/ns-3.28/examples/tutorial/seventh.cc**

- **Output:**

```
seventh-packet-byte-count.dat (data file)
seventh-packet-byte-count.plt (gnuplot script)
seventh-packet-byte-count.sh (runs .plt)
```



# Statistics Framework





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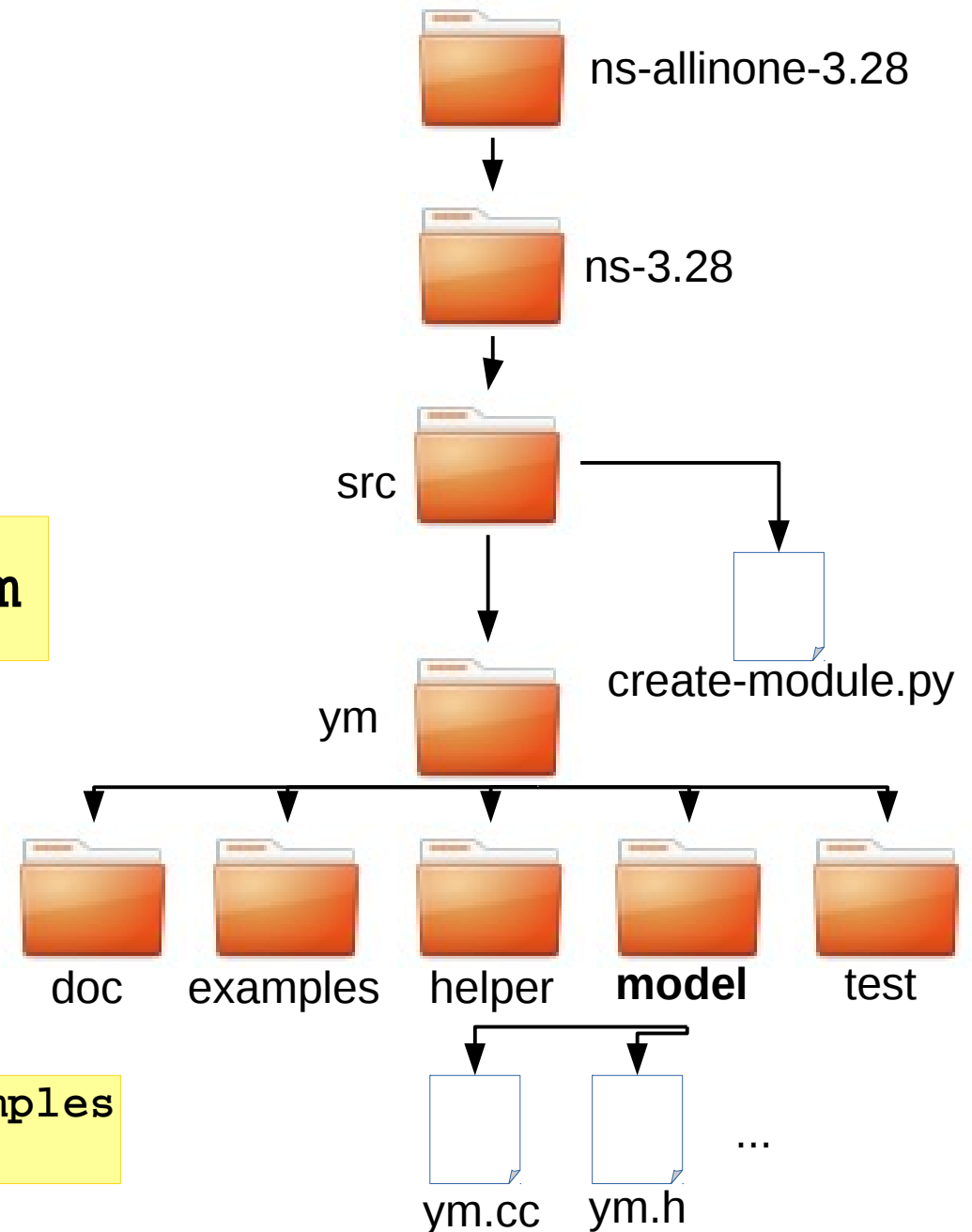
# Extending Ns-3

- Prerequisite: C++ knowledge
- Module-based
- Create template with create-module.py

```
$ create-module.py ym
```

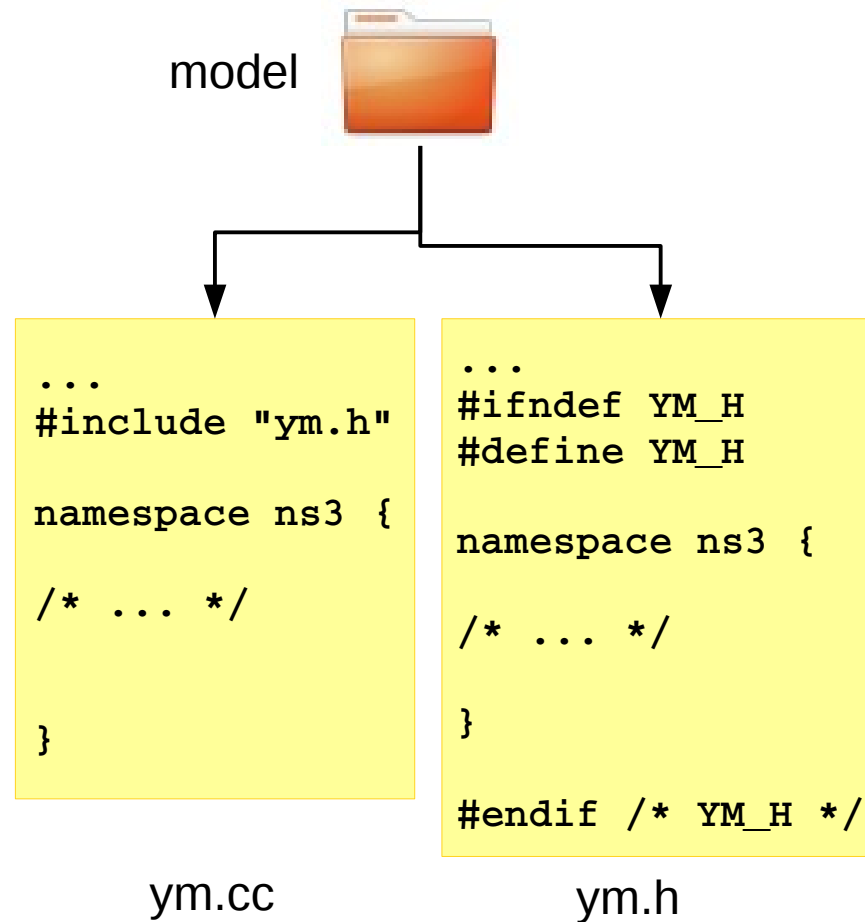
- Creates five folders
  - Your model in “**model**”
- **MUST reconfigure before re-compilation**

```
$./waf configure --enable-examples
$./waf
```





# Resulting .cc and .h files in



# Resulting .cc and .h files in

helper



```
...
#include "ym-helper.h"

namespace ns3 {

/* ... */

}
```

ym-helper.cc

```
...
#ifndef INF5090_HELPER_H
#define INF5090_HELPER_H

#include "ns3/ym.h"

namespace ns3 {

/* ... */

}

#endif /* INF5090_HELPER_H */
```

ym-helper.h

# Resulting .cc and .h files in



examples

example.cc:

```
/* -*- Mode:C++; c-file-style:"gnu"; indent-tabs-mode:nil; -*- */

#include "ns3/core-module.h"
#include "ns3/ym-helper.h"

using namespace ns3;

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
 bool verbose = true;

 CommandLine cmd;
 cmd.AddValue ("verbose", "Tell application to log if true", verbose);

 cmd.Parse (argc,argv);

 /* ... */

 Simulator::Run ();
 Simulator::Destroy ();
 return 0;
}
```

# When Adding Files, Update wscript

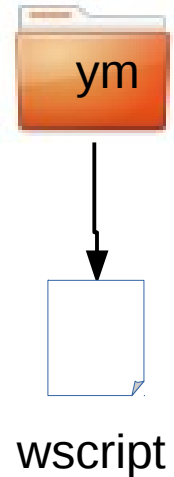
```
...
def build(bld):
 module = bld.create_ns3_module('ym', ['core'])
 module.source = [
 'model/ym.cc',
 'helper/ym-helper.cc',
]

 module_test = bld.create_ns3_module_test_library('ym')
 module_test.source = [
 'test/ym-test-suite.cc',
]

 headers = bld(features='ns3header')
 headers.module = 'ym'
 headers.source = [
 'model/ym.h',
 'helper/ym-helper.h',
]

 if bld.env.ENABLE_EXAMPLES:
 bld.recurse('examples')

 # bld.ns3_python_bindings()
```





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- [www.nsnam.org/documentation](http://www.nsnam.org/documentation)
  - Ns-3 manual
  - Ns-3 tutorial  
<https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/tutorial/html/index.html>
  - Doxygen
  - Slides
  - Videos
  - ...
- Examples in the source code



# Appendix

- Summary of simulation concepts
- Static routes
- User defined locations
- Constant positions
- The Ns-3 logging facility

# Discrete-Event Simulation Concepts

| Concept      | Network Simulation Example                       |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| System       | The Internet, MANET, WSN, ...                    |
| Model        | C++ classes, math formulas, ...                  |
| Model state  | C++ objects, packets, node positions, ...        |
| Entity       | Link, queue, packet, protocol, ...               |
| Attributes   | Link capacity, queue size, packet type, ...      |
| List         | Packets in a queue, nodes in a subnet, ...       |
| Event        | Transmission/arrival of packet, packet drop, ... |
| Event notice | Ns-3: Scheduler::Event (obj. w/ func. pointer)   |
| Event list   | Ns-3: DefaultSimulatorImpl::m_events             |
| Activity     | Transmission delay, part of movement, ...        |
| Delay        | Queuing delay, end-to-end delay, ...             |
| Clock        | Ns-3: DefaultSimulatorImpl::m_currentTs          |





# Step 6: Static Routing

- Setting static routes
  - Use Ipv4StaticRoutingHelper
- We provide a function to manipulate table

```
Ipv4StaticRoutingHelper staticRouting;
InternetStackHelper internet;
internet.SetRoutingHelper(staticRouting);
internet.Install (nodes);
```

# Step 6: Static Routing

- Setting static routes
  - Use Ipv4StaticRoutingHelper
- We provide a function to manipulate table

```
void SetStaticRoute(Ptr<Node> n, const char* destination, const char* nextHop, uint32_t
interface) {
 Ipv4StaticRoutingHelper staticRouting;
 Ptr<Ipv4> ipv4 = n->GetObject<Ipv4> ();
 Ptr<Ipv4StaticRouting> a = staticRouting.GetStaticRouting (ipv4);
 a->AddHostRouteTo (Ipv4Address (destination), Ipv4Address (nextHop), interface);
}
```

# Step 6: Configuring Static Routes

- Setting static routes:

```
// Set addresses
```

```
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(0), "10.0.0.3", "10.0.0.2", 1);
```

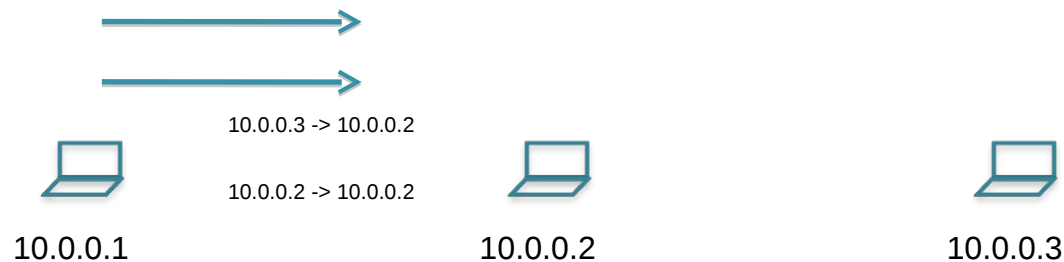
```
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(0), "10.0.0.2", "10.0.0.2", 1);
```

```
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(1), "10.0.0.1", "10.0.0.1", 1);
```

```
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(1), "10.0.0.3", "10.0.0.3", 1);
```

```
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(2), "10.0.0.1", "10.0.0.2", 1);
```

```
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(2), "10.0.0.2", "10.0.0.2", 1);
```



# Step 6: Configuring Static Routes

- Setting static routes:

```
// Set addresses
```

```
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(0), "10.0.0.3", "10.0.0.2", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(0), "10.0.0.2", "10.0.0.2", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(1), "10.0.0.1", "10.0.0.1", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(1), "10.0.0.3", "10.0.0.3", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(2), "10.0.0.1", "10.0.0.2", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(2), "10.0.0.2", "10.0.0.2", 1);
```

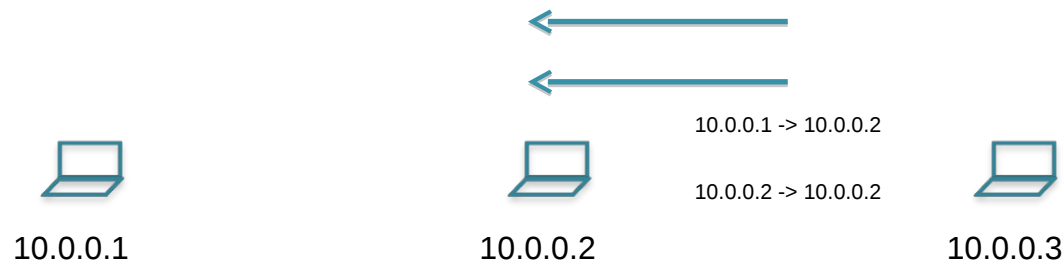


# Step 6: Configuring Static Routes

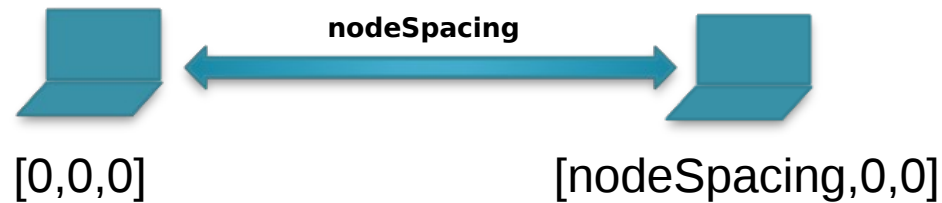
- Setting static routes:

```
// Set addresses
```

```
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(0), "10.0.0.3", "10.0.0.2", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(0), "10.0.0.2", "10.0.0.2", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(1), "10.0.0.1", "10.0.0.1", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(1), "10.0.0.3", "10.0.0.3", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(2), "10.0.0.1", "10.0.0.2", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(2), "10.0.0.2", "10.0.0.2", 1);
```



# Step 8: Explicit Locations and Constant Positions



```
MobilityHelper mobility;
```

```
Ptr<ListPositionAllocator> positionAlloc = CreateObject<ListPositionAllocator>();
positionAlloc->Add(Vector(0.0, 0.0, 0.0));
positionAlloc->Add(Vector(0.0, nodeSpacing, 0.0));
mobility.SetPositionAllocator(positionAlloc);
```

```
MobilityHelper mobility;
```

```
// Set positions
```

```
mobility.SetMobilityModel ("ns3::ConstantPositionMobilityModel");
```

```
mobility.Install(nodes);
```

# The logging facility

- Ns-3 has an extensive logging facility
- Seven levels: error, warn, debug, info, function, logic, all

```
NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("MANET");
```

```
...
```

```
NS_LOG_INFO("Area width: " << (rows - 1) * nodeSpacing);
NS_LOG_INFO("Area height: " << (cols - 1) * nodeSpacing);
```

- Can activate component from script or from shell
  - `LogComponentEnable ("MANET", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);`
  - `$ export NS_LOG="MANET=level_info"`



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[www.nsnam.org](http://www.nsnam.org)

- Intended as the successor of Ns-2
  - Clean slate implementation: no re-use of Ns-2 code
  - Easier to use, more facilities, faster, more accurate, more flexible
- First version 3.1 June 2008
  - Current version 3.28
  - Available for Linux, OS X and Windows w/ Cygwin
- Currently 22,617 hits in ACM DL
  - In 2017: 2678
  - Opnet in 2017: 3
  - Omnet++ in 2017: 9
  - Ns-2 in 2017: 3495
- Written in C++
  - Simulation scripts in C++ (python optional)
  - Helper classes make “scripting” in C++ easy



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# Installing Ns-3

- Simplest approach: download tar ball, extract and build

```
$ wget https://www.nsnam.org/release/ns-allinone-3.28.tar.bz2
$ tar jxvf ns-allinone-3.28.tar.bz2
$ cd ns-allinone-3.28/ns-3.28
$./waf configure --enable-examples
$./waf
```

- Confirmed to work on Ubuntu 16.04.4 LTS

- For eclipse: see [https://www.nsnam.org/wiki/HOWTO\\_configure\\_Eclipse\\_with\\_ns-3](https://www.nsnam.org/wiki/HOWTO_configure_Eclipse_with_ns-3)

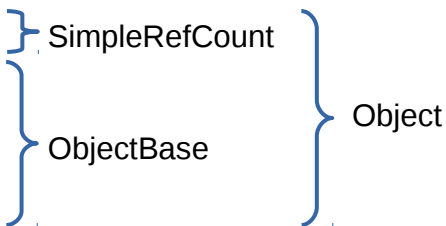


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# Ns-3 Objects

- Very important information to use **and** extend Ns-3
  - Most objects inherit from ns3::Object
  - Provides a range of useful properties for simulation
    - Smart pointers
    - Object aggregation
    - Run-time type information
    - Attributes
    - Trace sources
  - Ns-3 objects are created with `CreateObject<Class>` (constructor arguments)
- 
- ```
graph TD; SP[Smart pointers] --- OB[ObjectBase]; OA[Object aggregation] --- OB; RTTI[Run-time type information] --- OB; A[Attributes] --- OB; TS[Trace sources] --- OB; OB --- SR[SimpleRefCount]; SR --- O[Object];
```

Smart Pointers

- Provides a form of “garbage-collection”
- Enables object aggregation
- CreateObject returns smart pointer:

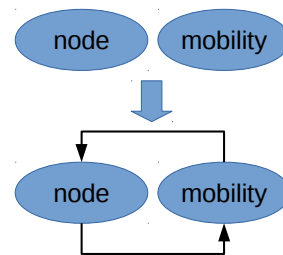
```
Ptr<PacketSocketFactory> factory =  
    CreateObject<PacketSocketFactory> ();
```

- Always check return values and parameters:
Ptr<T> or not?

Object Aggregation

- Objects can be dynamically aggregated to each other
- All objects in an aggregation can be accessed via any objects in said aggregation
 - Avoids huge classes that encompass all possible functionality

```
node->AggregateObject(mobility);  
  
Ptr<MobilityModel> mob =  
    node->GetObject<MobilityModel> ();
```



Run-Time Type Information

- All Ns-3 objects must implement `TypeId` `GetTypeId(void)`
- `TypeId` informs about attributes, runtime type information and trace sources

```
TypeId
RoutingProtocol::GetTypeId (void)
{
    static TypeId tid = TypeId ("ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol")
        .SetParent<Ipv4RoutingProtocol> ()
        .SetGroupName ("Olsr")
        .AddConstructor<RoutingProtocol> ()
        .AddAttribute ("HelloInterval", "HELLO messages emission interval.",
            TimeValue (Seconds (2)),
            MakeTimeAccessor (&RoutingProtocol::m_helloInterval),
            MakeTimeChecker ())
        ...
        .AddTraceSource ("RoutingTableChanged", "The OLSR routing table has changed.",
            MakeTraceSourceAccessor (&RoutingProtocol::m_routingTableChanged),
            "ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol::TableChangeTracedCallback")
    ;
    return tid;
}
```

Run-Time Type Information

- Objects, attributes and trace sources can be located via textual paths via functions in the `Config` namespace (**objects**):

```
TypeId
RoutingProtocol::GetTypeId (void)
{
    static TypeId tid = TypeId ("ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol")
        .SetParent<Ipv4RoutingProtocol> ()
        .SetGroupName ("Olsr")
        .AddConstructor<RoutingProtocol> ()
        ...
}
```

```
Config::MatchContainer m =
    Config::LookupMatches ("NodeList/*/$ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol");

Ptr<Olsr::RoutingProtocol> olsr =
    m.Get (0) ->GetObject<Olsr::RoutingProtocol> ();
```

Equivalent to: `nodes.Get (0) ->GetObject<Olsr::RoutingProtocol> ();`

Run-Time Type Information

- Objects, attributes and methods are accessed via textual paths via namespaces (**objects**)

```
TypeId
RoutingProtocol::GetTypeId (void)
{
    static TypeId tid = TypeId ("ns3::
        .SetParent<Ipv4RoutingProtocol>
        .SetGroupName ("Olsr")
        .AddConstructor<RoutingProtocol>
        ...
    );
}
```

Example paths:

/NodeList/[3-5][8][0-1]
matches nodes index 0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8

/NodeList/*
matches all nodes

/NodeList/3/\$ns3::Ipv4
matches object of type ns3::Ipv4 aggregated to node number 3

/NodeList/3/DeviceList*/\$ns3::CsmaNetDevice
matches all devices of type ns3::CsmaNetDevice in node number 3

(See Doxygen for paths to particular objects)

```
Config::MatchContainer m =
    Config::LookupMatches ("NodeList/*/$ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol");

Ptr<Olsr::RoutingProtocol> olsr =
    m.Get (0) ->GetObject<Olsr::RoutingProtocol> ();
```

Equivalent to: `nodes.Get (0) ->GetObject<Olsr::RoutingProtocol> ();`

Run-Time Type Information

- Objects, attributes and trace sources can be located via textual paths via functions in the `Config` namespace (**objects**):

```
TypeId
RoutingProtocol::GetTypeId (void)
{
    static TypeId tid = TypeId ("ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol")
        .SetParent<Ipv4RoutingProtocol> ()
        .SetGroupName ("Olsr")
        .AddConstructor<RoutingProtocol> ()
    ...
}
```

Typecasting via object->GetObject<Class>

```
Config::MatchContainer m =
    Config::LookupMatches ("Nodes/*/*/$ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol");

Ptr<Olsr::RoutingProtocol> olsr =
    m.Get (0) ->GetObject<Olsr::RoutingProtocol> ();
```

Equivalent to: `nodes.Get (0) ->GetObject<Olsr::RoutingProtocol> ();`

Run-Time Type Information

- Objects, attributes and trace sources can be located via textual paths via functions in the `Config` namespace (**attributes**):

```
TypeId
RoutingProtocol::GetTypeId (void)
{
    static TypeId tid = TypeId ("ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol")
        .SetParent<Ipv4RoutingProtocol> ()
        .SetGroupName ("Olsr")
        .AddConstructor<RoutingProtocol> ()
        .AddAttribute ("HelloInterval", "HELLO messages emission interval.",
            TimeValue (Seconds (2)),
            MakeTimeAccessor (&RoutingProtocol::m_helloInterval),
            MakeTimeChecker ())
        ...
}
```

```
Config::SetDefault ("ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol::HelloInterval", TimeValue (Seconds (2)));
Config::Set ("/NodeList/*/ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol/HelloInterval",
    TimeValue (Seconds (5)));
routingProtocolObject->SetAttribute ("HelloInterval", TimeValue (Seconds (1)));
```



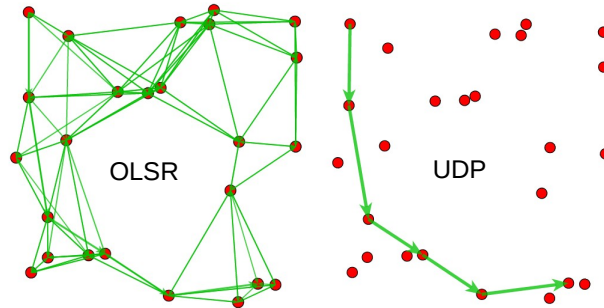
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Using Ns-3 – Via Example

- MANET with 25 nodes
 - Based on 802.11g wifi
- Routing protocol: OLSR
- Workload: uniform UDP traffic
 - 500-byte packets, 20 pps
 - No background traffic
- Mobility: random walk
 - Initial placement: $5 \times \text{ceil}(5 / y)$ grid
 - y is the number of nodes
 - 100 meters between nodes
- Duration 10 minutes



9 Steps of an ns-3 Simulation Script

- 1) Handle command line arguments
- 2) Set default attribute values and random seed
- 3) Create nodes
- 4) Configure physical and MAC layers
- 5) Set up network stack, routing and addresses
- 6) Configure and install applications
- 7) Set up initial positions and mobility
- 8) Set up data collection
- 9) Schedule user-defined events and start simulation

Step 1: Command Line Arguments

- Enables parameterization of simulation from command line

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    ...
    // Obtain command line arguments
    CommandLine cmd;
    cmd.AddValue ("cols", "Columns of nodes", cols);
    cmd.AddValue ("numnodes", "Number of nodes", numNodes);
    cmd.AddValue ("spacing", "Spacing between neighbouring nodes", nodeSpacing);
    cmd.AddValue ("duration", "Duration of simulation", duration);
    cmd.AddValue ("seed", "Random seed for simulation", seed);
    cmd.AddValue ("run", "Simulation run", run);
    cmd.AddValue ("packetrate", "Packets transmitted per second", packetRate);
    cmd.AddValue ("packetsize", "Packet size", packetSize);
    cmd.AddValue ("sourcenode", "Number of source node", sourceNode);
    cmd.AddValue ("destinationnode", "Number of destination node", destinationNode);
    cmd.AddValue ("showtime", "show ... time ... (default = true)", showSimTime);
    cmd.Parse (argc,argv);
    ...
}
```

For instance:

```
./waf -run "manet --nodespacing=50 --pktsize=100 --packetrate=500"
```

Step 2: Set Attribute Values and Random Seed

- Use `Config::-` functions to set default parameter values
- Remember to change run number between runs!

```
// Set default parameter values
Config::SetDefault("ns3::WifiRemoteStationManager::FragmentationThreshold",
  StringValue ("2200"));
Config::SetDefault("ns3::WifiRemoteStationManager::RtsCtsThreshold",
  StringValue ("2200"));

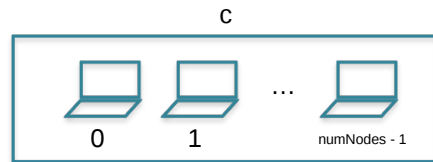
// Set random seed and run number
SeedManager::SetSeed (seed);
SeedManager::SetRun (run);
```

```
$ for run in "1 2 3"; do ./waf -run "manet --run=$run"; done
```

Step 3: Create Nodes

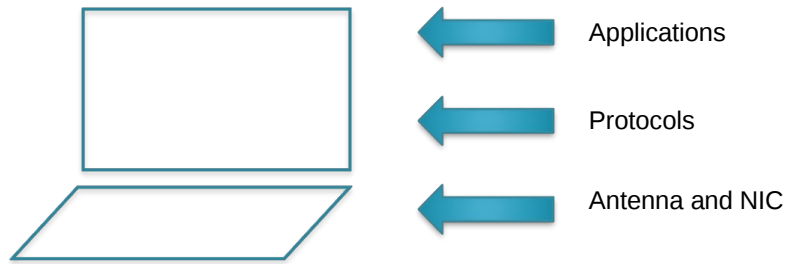
- Most objects in Ns-3 managed by **containers**
 - Simulations consist of many objects of the same type
 - Later used by helper classes to install components
 - Entities in containers obtained with `container->get()`

```
// Create nodes
NodeContainer c;
c.Create (numNodes);
...
apps = client.Install (c.Get (sourceNode));
```



Step 4-7: Configure Nodes

- Nodes are initially empty hulls



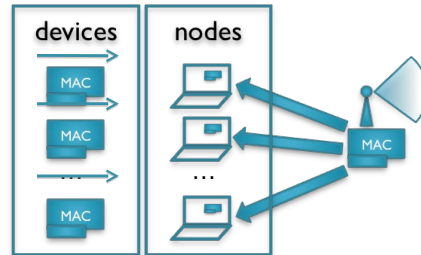
Step 4: Physical Layer

- **Helpers** enable script-like C++ programs
- Here:
 - 802.11g in ad-hoc mode
 - Automatic Rate Fallback (ARF)
 - Kamerman, Ad, and Leo Monteban. "WaveLAN@-II: a high-performance wireless LAN for the unlicensed band." Bell Labs technical journal 2.3 (1997): 118-133.
- Elsewise: default values
- Note that `wifi.install` uses node container `c`

```
// Set up physical and mac layers
WifiHelper wifi = WifiHelper::Default ();
wifi.SetStandard (WIFI_PHY_STANDARD_80211g);
wifi.SetRemoteStationManager ("ns3::ArfWifiManager");
NgosWifiMacHelper wifiMac = NgosWifiMacHelper::Default ();
wifiMac.SetType ("ns3::AdhocWifiMac");
YansWifiPhyHelper phy = YansWifiPhyHelper::Default ();
YansWifiChannelHelper wifiChannel = YansWifiChannelHelper::Default ();
phy.SetChannel (wifiChannel.Create ());
NetDeviceContainer devices = wifi.Install (phy, wifiMac, c);
```

Step 4: Physical Layer

- New container:
devices

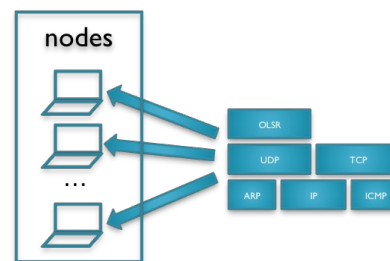


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YansWifiPhyHelper wifiPhy = YansWifiPhyHelper::Default ();
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YansWifiPhyHelper phy = wifiPhy;
phy.SetChannel (wifiChannel.Create ());
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```

Step 5: Install Internet Stack and Routing Protocol

- Select routing protocol
 - Ns-3 currently supports many routing protocols (e.g., OLSR, AODV, DSDV, ...)
 - Used in example: OLSR
- Internet stack: IP, TCP, UDP, ARP and ICMP

```
// Routing and Internet stack
ns3::OlsrHelper olsr;
InternetStackHelper internet;
internet.SetRoutingHelper(olsr);
internet.Install (c);
```



Step 5: Assign Addresses

- `c->Get (X)` gets
IP address `10.0.0.(X+1)`
and
MAC address `00:00:00:00:00:(X+1)`

```
// Assign addresses
Ipv4AddressHelper address;
address.SetBase ("10.0.0.0", "255.255.255.0");
Ipv4InterfaceContainer interfaces = address.Assign (devices);
```


Step 6: Install Applications

- In example: simple UDP server and client
- Set attributes
- Specify when applications start and stop

```
// Server/Receiver
UdpServerHelper server (4000);
ApplicationContainer apps = server.Install (c.Get(destinationNode));
apps.Start (Seconds (1));
apps.Stop (Seconds (duration - 1));

// Client/Sender
UdpClientHelper client (interfaces.GetAddress (destinationNode), 4000);
client.SetAttribute ("MaxPackets", UIntegerValue (100000000));
client.SetAttribute ("Interval", TimeValue (Seconds(1 / ((double) packetRate))));
client.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UIntegerValue (packetSize));
apps = client.Install (c.Get (sourceNode));
apps.Start (Seconds (1));
apps.Stop (Seconds (duration - 1));
```

The Ns-3 Node

- Node provides pointers to devices and applications

```
Ptr<Application> app = node->GetApplication(0);  
Ptr<NetDevice> nic = node->GetDevice(0);
```

- Aggregated with stack, mobility model and energy model

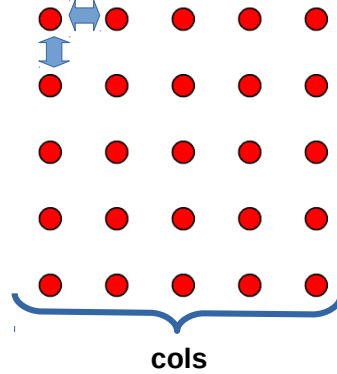
```
Ptr<Ipv4> ip = nodes.Get(0) ->GetObject<Ipv4>();  
Ipv4Address addr = ip->GetAddress(1,0).GetLocal();
```

Step 7: Set up Initial Positions

- Several options available, including grid, disc, random placement and user-defined locations
 - Explained here: grid

```
// Set up mobility
MobilityHelper mobility;
mobility.SetPositionAllocator (
    "ns3::GridPositionAllocator",
    "MinX", DoubleValue (1.0),
    "MinY", DoubleValue (1.0),
    "DeltaX", DoubleValue (nodeSpacing),
    "DeltaY", DoubleValue (nodeSpacing),
    "GridWidth", UIntegerValue (cols));
```

nodeSpacing



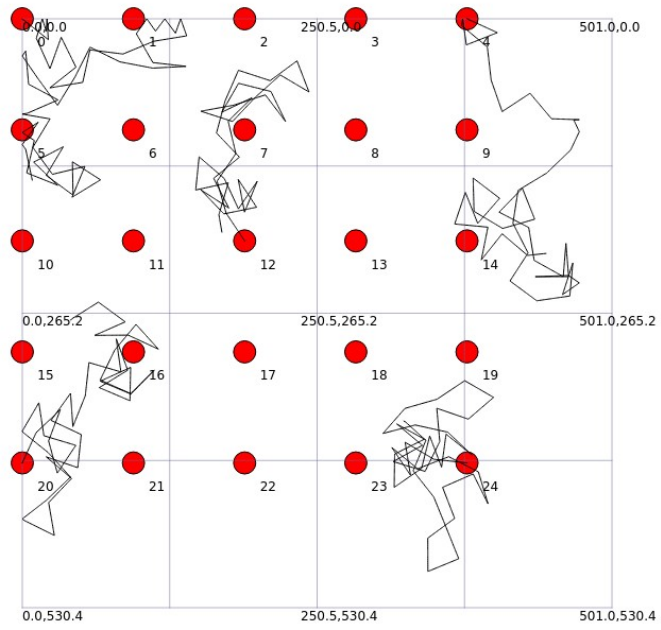
Step 7: Set Up Mobility Model

- Several alternatives
 - Random waypoint, random walk, user defined, ...
- Used in Example: Random walk
 - Walk in random direction with random speed across fixed distance
 - Reflect upon hitting scenario boundaries
 - Speed defined with *random variable*
 - Select new random direction

```
mobility.SetMobilityModel (
    "ns3::RandomWalk2dMobilityModel",
    "Bounds", RectangleValue
        (Rectangle (0, (cols * nodeSpacing) + 1,
            0, (rows * nodeSpacing) + 1)),
    "Speed",
        StringValue("ns3::UniformRandomVariable [Min=5.0,Max=10.0]"),
    "Distance", DoubleValue(30));

mobility.Install (c);
```

Example Mobility, 10 minutes



Step 9: Schedule Initial Events and Start Simulation

- Can schedule our own events before simulation
 - Example: print virtual time once every simulated second
- Simulation duration should be set

```
void PrintSeconds(void) {  
    std::cerr << Simulator::Now() << std::endl;  
    Simulator::Schedule(Seconds(1), &PrintSeconds);  
}
```

```
// Print simulated time  
if(showSimTime)  
    Simulator::Schedule(Seconds(1), &PrintSeconds);  
  
Simulator::Stop(Seconds(duration));  
Simulator::Run ();  
Simulator::Destroy ();  
  
return 0;  
}
```

Step 8: Data Collection

- Collect results = important step!
- Several alternatives
 - 1) `std::cout << "Manual collection" << std::endl;`
 - 2) Packet tracing
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Packet Tracing

- Highly detailed packet models = enables real-world packet formats
- Popular packet capture format: PCAP
- One .pcap-file per node
- Pass device container from Step 4
- Set prefix (here "MANET")

```
if (enablePcap)
    wifiPhy.EnablePcap ("MANET", devices);
```

Packet Tracing

- Resulting files: <prefix>-<node>-<device>.pcap

AUTHORS	MANET-17-0.pcap	routingtable-wireless.xml
bindings	MANET-18-0.pcap	scratch
build	MANET-19-0.pcap	src
CHANGES.html	MANET-20-0.pcap	test.py
doc	MANET-2-0.pcap	testpy.supp
dumbbell.xml	MANET-21-0.pcap	utils
examples	MANET-22-0.pcap	utils.py
LICENSE	MANET-23-0.pcap	utils.pyc
Makefile	MANET-24-0.pcap	VERSION
MANET-0-0.pcap	MANET-3-0.pcap	waf
MANET-10-0.pcap	MANET-4-0.pcap	waf.bat
MANET-1-0.pcap	MANET-5-0.pcap	waf-tools
MANET-11-0.pcap	MANET-6-0.pcap	wireless-animation.xml
MANET-12-0.pcap	MANET-7-0.pcap	wscript
MANET-13-0.pcap	MANET-8-0.pcap	wutils.py
MANET-14-0.pcap	MANET-9-0.pcap	wutils.pyc
MANET-15-0.pcap	README	
MANET-16-0.pcap	RELEASE_NOTES	

Can be opened in, e.g., Wireshark

The screenshot displays the Wireshark interface with a network capture of RSI traffic. The packet list pane shows a series of UDP packets from source 10.0.0.1 to destination 10.0.0.25. The packet details pane shows the structure of a frame: IEEE 802.11 Data, Logical-Link Control, Internet Protocol Version 4, User Datagram Protocol, and Optimized Link State Routing Protocol. The packet bytes pane shows the raw hex and ASCII data.

Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
15.230751	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.25	UDP	564	Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas
15.232513	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.25	UDP	564	Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas
15.236267	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.25	UDP	564	Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas
15.280751	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.25	UDP	564	Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas
15.28513	10.0.0.1	00:00:00:00:00:01 (RA) 802.11	802.11	14	Acknowledgement, Flags=0
15.286267	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.25	UDP	564	Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas
15.300721	10.0.0.2	10.0.0.255	OLSR v1	140	OLSR (IPv4) Packet, Length: 76 Bytes
15.330751	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.25	UDP	564	Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas
15.33513	10.0.0.1	00:00:00:00:00:01 (RA) 802.11	802.11	14	Acknowledgement, Flags=0
15.380751	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.25	UDP	564	Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas
15.38513	10.0.0.1	00:00:00:00:00:01 (RA) 802.11	802.11	14	Acknowledgement, Flags=0
15.400970	10.0.0.7	10.0.0.255	OLSR v1	344	OLSR (IPv4) Packet, Length: 280 Bytes
15.44269	10.0.0.11	10.0.0.255	OLSR v1	200	OLSR (IPv4) Packet, Length: 136 Bytes
15.461207	10.0.0.6	10.0.0.255	OLSR v1	244	OLSR (IPv4) Packet, Length: 180 Bytes
15.613706	10.0.0.6	10.0.0.255	OLSR v1	212	OLSR (IPv4) Packet, Length: 148 Bytes
15.630751	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.25	UDP	564	Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas
15.63513	10.0.0.1	00:00:00:00:00:01 (RA) 802.11	802.11	14	Acknowledgement, Flags=0
15.636267	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.25	UDP	564	Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas
15.644941	10.0.0.11	10.0.0.255	OLSR v1	96	OLSR (IPv4) Packet, Length: 32 Bytes
15.680751	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.25	UDP	564	Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas
15.682494	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.25	UDP	564	Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas
15.682494	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.25	UDP	564	Source port: 49153 Destination port: terabas

Frame 1: 84 bytes on wire (672 bits), 84 bytes captured (672 bits)

- IEEE 802.11 Data, Flags=0
- Logical-Link Control
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.0.2 (10.0.0.2), Dst: 10.0.0.255 (10.0.0.255)
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: olsr (698), Dst Port: olsr (698)
- Optimized Link State Routing Protocol

```
0000 08 00 00 00 ff ff ff ff 00 00 00 00 02 .....
0010 00 00 00 00 02 00 00 aa aa 03 00 00 08 00 .....
0020 45 00 00 30 00 00 00 40 11 00 00 0a 00 02 E..0...@.....
0030 0a 00 00 ff 02 ba 02 ba 00 1c 00 00 14 00 00 .....
0040 01 84 00 10 0a 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 05 03 .....
```

Tracing Subsystem

- Based Ns-3 callbacks and attributes
- De-couples trace sources and sinks

```
class MyObject : public Object
{
public:
    static TypeId GetTypeId (void)
    {
        static TypeId tid = TypeId ("MyObject")
            .SetParent (Object::GetTypeId ())
            .AddConstructor<MyObject> ()
            .AddTraceSource ("MyInteger",
                "An integer value to trace.",
                MakeTraceSourceAccessor (&MyObject::m_myInt))
            ;
        return tid;
    }

    MyObject () {}
    TracedValue<uint32_t> m_myInt;
};
```

**Example trace source
(from Ns-3 manual)**

Beginning user can easily control which objects are participating in tracing;

Intermediate users can extend the tracing system to modify the output format generated or use existing trace sources in different ways, without modifying the core of the simulator;

Advanced users can modify the simulator core to add new tracing sources and sinks.

Tracing Subsystem

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Example trace sink (from Ns-3 manual)

```
void
IntTrace (Int oldValue, Int newValue)
{
    std::cout << "Traced " << oldValue << " to " << newValue << std::endl;
}

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    Ptr<MyObject> myObject = CreateObject<MyObject> ();

    myObject->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("MyInteger", MakeCallback(&IntTrace));

    myObject->m_myInt = 1234;
}
```

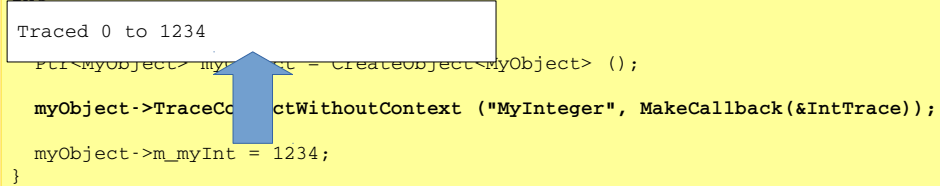
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{
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}

int
Traced 0 to 1234
Ptr<myObject> myObject = CreateObject<myObject> ();
myObject->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("MyInteger", MakeCallback(&IntTrace));
myObject->m_myInt = 1234;
}
```



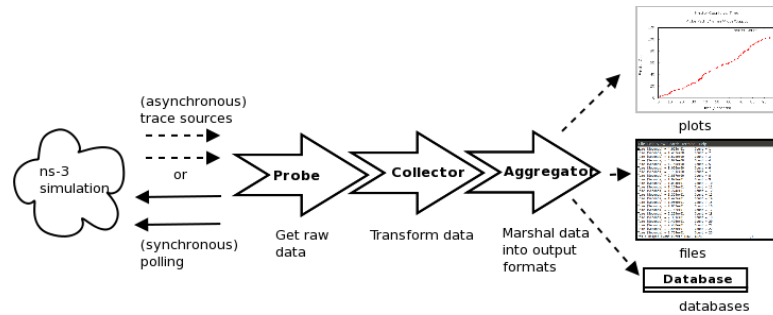
Tracing Subsystem

- Objects, attributes and trace sources can be located via textual paths via functions in the `Config` namespace (**trace sources**):

```
TypeId
Routechange at /NodeList/2/$ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol/RoutingTableChanged, new size: 8
Routechange at /NodeList/11/$ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol/RoutingTableChanged, new size: 13
Routechange at /NodeList/15/$ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol/RoutingTableChanged, new size: 9
...
... "ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol::TableChangeTracedCallback")
...
void RouteChange(std::string source, uint32_t)
std::cout << "Routechange at " << source << "Routechange at Source node, new size: 5
...
Config::Connect("/NodeList/*/ $ns3::olsr::RoutingProtocol/RoutingTableChanged",
MakeCallback (&RouteChange));
routingProtocolObject->TraceConnect("RoutingTableChanged", "Source node",
MakeCallback (&RouteChange));
```


Data Collection Framework (DCF)

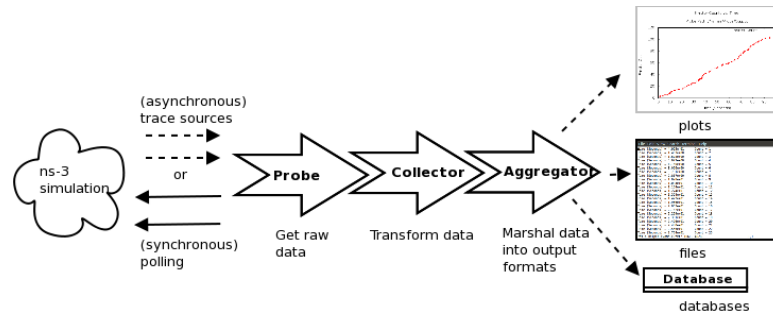
- Based on tracing subsystem
- On-line data reduction and processing
- Output format marshaling



<https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/manual/singlehtml/index.html#document-data-collection>

Data Collection Framework (DCF)

- Two helpers currently implemented:
 - FileHelper
 - GnuplotHelper
- Additional supported: SQLList and OMNet++



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DCF Example: FileHelper

```
FileHelper fileHelper;  
fileHelper.ConfigureFile ("seventh-packet-byte-count",  
    FileAggregator::FORMATTED);  
fileHelper.Set2dFormat ("Time (Seconds) = %.3e\tPacket Byte Count = %.0f");  
fileHelper.WriteProbe ("ns3::Ipv4PacketProbe",  
    "/NodeList/*/ns3::Ipv4L3Protocol/Tx",  
    "OutputBytes");
```

ns-allinone-3.28/ns-3.28/examples/tutorial/seventh.cc

- **Output:**

```
seventh-packet-byte-count-0.txt  
seventh-packet-byte-count-1.txt
```

```
Time (Seconds) = 1.000e+00 Packet Byte Count = 40  
Time (Seconds) = 1.004e+00 Packet Byte Count = 40  
Time (Seconds) = 1.004e+00 Packet Byte Count = 576  
Time (Seconds) = 1.009e+00 Packet Byte Count = 576  
Time (Seconds) = 1.009e+00 Packet Byte Count = 576  
Time (Seconds) = 1.015e+00 Packet Byte Count = 512  
Time (Seconds) = 1.017e+00 Packet Byte Count = 576  
Time (Seconds) = 1.017e+00 Packet Byte Count = 544  
Time (Seconds) = 1.025e+00 Packet Byte Count = 576  
Time (Seconds) = 1.025e+00 Packet Byte Count = 544  
...
```

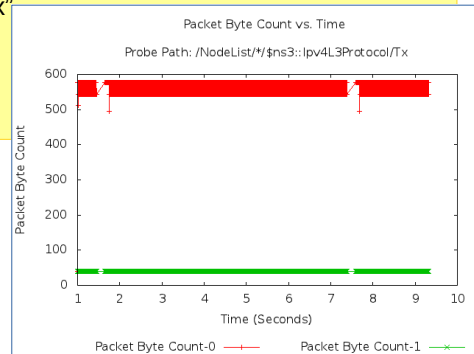
DCF Example: GnuplotHelper

```
GnuplotHelper plotHelper;  
  
plotHelper.ConfigurePlot ("seventh-packet-byte-count",  
    "Packet Byte Count vs. Time",  
    "Time (Seconds)",  
    "Packet Byte Count");  
  
plotHelper.PlotProbe ("ns3::Ipv4PacketProbe",  
    "/NodeList/*/ns3::Ipv4L3Protocol/Tx",  
    "OutputBytes",  
    "Packet Byte Count",  
    GnuplotAggregator::KEY_BELOW);
```

ns-allinone-3.28/ns-3.28/examples/tutorial/seventh.cc

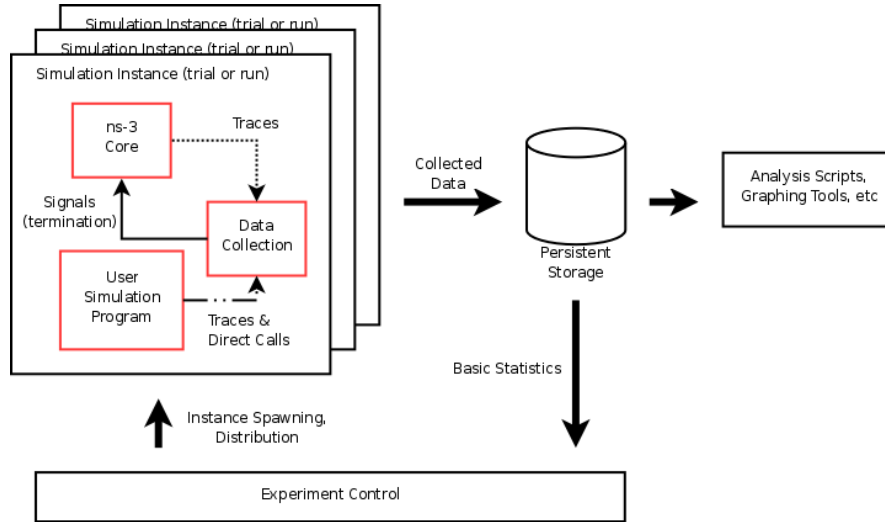
- **Output:**

```
seventh-packet-byte-count.dat (data file)  
seventh-packet-byte-count.plt (gnuplot script)  
seventh-packet-byte-count.sh (runs .plt)
```



Note that the trace source path specified may contain wildcards. In this case, multiple datasets are plotted on one plot; one for each matched path.

Statistics Framework



<https://www.nsnam.org/docs/release/3.28/manual/singlehtml/index.html#document-data-collection>



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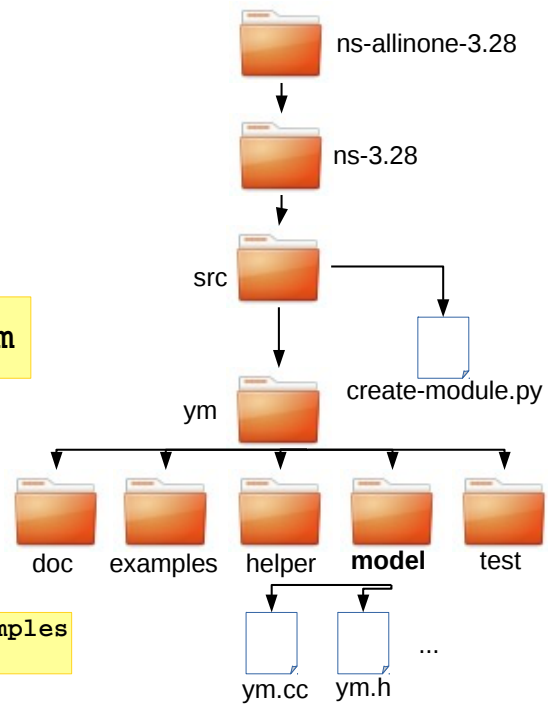
Extending Ns-3

- Prerequisite: C++ knowledge
- Module-based
- Create template with create-module.py

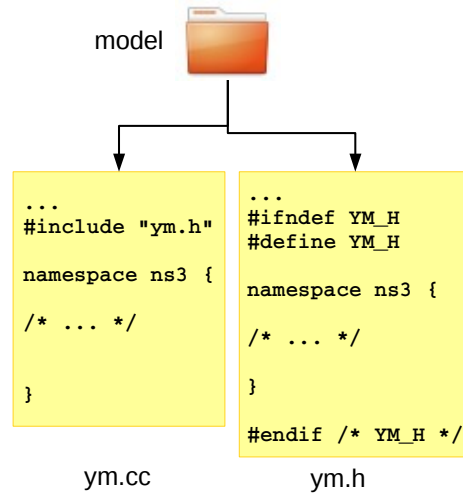
```
$ create-module.py ym
```

- Creates five folders
 - Your model in “**model**”
- **MUST reconfigure before re-compilation**

```
⚡ ./waf configure --enable-examples  
⚡ ./waf
```



Resulting .cc and .h files in



Resulting .cc and .h files in

helper



```
...
#include "ym-helper.h"

namespace ns3 {
/* ... */
}
```

ym-helper.cc

```
...
#ifndef INF5090_HELPER_H
#define INF5090_HELPER_H

#include "ns3/ym.h"

namespace ns3 {
/* ... */
}

#endif /* INF5090_HELPER_H */
```

ym-helper.h

Resulting .cc and .h files in



examples

example.cc:

```
/* -*- Mode:C++; c-file-style:"gnu"; indent-tabs-mode:nil; -*- */  
  
#include "ns3/core-module.h"  
#include "ns3/ym-helper.h"  
  
using namespace ns3;  
  
int  
main (int argc, char *argv[])  
{  
    bool verbose = true;  
  
    CommandLine cmd;  
    cmd.AddValue ("verbose", "Tell application to log if true", verbose);  
  
    cmd.Parse (argc,argv);  
  
    /* ... */  
  
    Simulator::Run ();  
    Simulator::Destroy ();  
    return 0;  
}
```

When Adding Files, Update wscript

```
...
def build(bld):
    module = bld.create_ns3_module('ym', ['core'])
    module.source = [
        'model/ym.cc',
        'helper/ym-helper.cc',
    ]

    module_test = bld.create_ns3_module_test_library('ym')
    module_test.source = [
        'test/ym-test-suite.cc',
    ]

    headers = bld(features='ns3header')
    headers.module = 'ym'
    headers.source = [
        'model/ym.h',
        'helper/ym-helper.h',
    ]

    if bld.env.ENABLE_EXAMPLES:
        bld.recurse('examples')

    # bld.ns3_python_bindings()
```



wscript



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Appendix

- Summary of simulation concepts
- Static routes
- User defined locations
- Constant positions
- The Ns-3 logging facility

Discrete-Event Simulation Concepts

Concept	Network Simulation Example
System	The Internet, MANET, WSN, ...
Model	C++ classes, math formulas, ...
Model state	C++ objects, packets, node positions, ...
Entity	Link, queue, packet, protocol, ...
Attributes	Link capacity, queue size, packet type, ...
List	Packets in a queue, nodes in a subnet, ...
Event	Transmission/arrival of packet, packet drop, ...
Event notice	Ns-3: Scheduler::Event (obj. w/ func. pointer)
Event list	Ns-3: DefaultSimulatorImpl::m_events
Activity	Transmission delay, part of movement, ...
Delay	Queuing delay, end-to-end delay, ...
Clock	Ns-3: DefaultSimulatorImpl::m_currentTs



Step 6: Static Routing

- *Setting static routes
use `Ipv4StaticRoutingHelper`
- *We provide a function to manipulate table

```
Ipv4StaticRoutingHelper staticRouting;  
InternetStackHelper internet;  
internet.SetRoutingHelper(staticRouting);  
internet.Install (nodes);
```




Step 6: Static Routing

- *Setting static routes
use IpV4StaticRoutingHelper
- *We provide a function to manipulate table

```
void SetStaticRoute(Ptr<Node> n, const char* destination, const char* nextHop, uint32_t
interface) {
    IpV4StaticRoutingHelper staticRouting;
    Ptr<IpV4> ipv4 = n->GetObject<IpV4> ();
    Ptr<IpV4StaticRouting> a = staticRouting.GetStaticRouting (ipv4);
    a->AddHostRouteTo (IpV4Address (destination), IpV4Address (nextHop), interface);
}
```



Step 6: Configuring Static Routes

- Setting static routes:

```
// Set addresses
```

```
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(0), "10.0.0.3", "10.0.0.2", 1);  
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(0), "10.0.0.2", "10.0.0.2", 1);  
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(1), "10.0.0.1", "10.0.0.1", 1);  
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(1), "10.0.0.3", "10.0.0.3", 1);  
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(2), "10.0.0.1", "10.0.0.2", 1);  
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(2), "10.0.0.2", "10.0.0.2", 1);
```





Step 6: Configuring Static Routes

- Setting static routes:

```
// Set addresses
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(0), "10.0.0.3", "10.0.0.2", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(0), "10.0.0.2", "10.0.0.2", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(1), "10.0.0.1", "10.0.0.1", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(1), "10.0.0.3", "10.0.0.3", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(2), "10.0.0.1", "10.0.0.2", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(2), "10.0.0.2", "10.0.0.2", 1);
```





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// Set addresses
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SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(1), "10.0.0.3", "10.0.0.3", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(2), "10.0.0.1", "10.0.0.2", 1);
SetStaticRoute(nodes.Get(2), "10.0.0.2", "10.0.0.2", 1);
```



Step 8: Explicit Locations and Constant Positions



```
MobilityHelper mobility;  
Ptr<ListPositionAllocator> positionAlloc = CreateObject<ListPositionAllocator>();  
positionAlloc->Add(Vector(0.0, 0.0, 0.0));  
positionAlloc->Add(Vector(0.0, nodeSpacing, 0.0));  
mobility.SetPositionAllocator(positionAlloc);
```

```
MobilityHelper mobility;  
// Set positions  
mobility.SetMobilityModel ("ns3::ConstantPositionMobilityModel");  
mobility.Install(nodes);
```



The logging facility

- Ns-3 has an extensive logging facility
- Seven levels: error, warn, debug, info, function, logic, all

```
NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("MANET");  
  
...  
  
NS_LOG_INFO("Area width: " << (rows - 1) * nodeSpacing);  
NS_LOG_INFO("Area height: " << (cols - 1) * nodeSpacing);
```

- Can activate component from script or from shell

```
LogComponentEnable ("MANET", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);  
$ export NS_LOG="MANET=level_info"
```