#### Hands-on Workshop on Open vSwitch and Software-defined Networking

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#### Overview of Software Defined Networking (SDN)



## **SDN** Operation

- Basic components (bottom-up)
  - SDN switches (e.g. Open vswitches)
  - Controller (e.g., ONOS controller)
  - Applications (e.g., OpenFlow, forwarding)



### SDN Operation – Switches

- SDN devices contain forwarding functionality
- Forwarding information is stored in flow tables
- The flow tables reside on the network device and consist of a series of flow entries and actions to perform when a packet matches an entry
- If the SDN device finds a match, it takes the appropriate configured action (e.g. forward)
- If it does not find a match, it can either drop the packet or pass it to the controller



## SDN Operation – Controller

- SDN controller implements control plane functionality
- It presents an abstraction of the network to the SDN applications running above
- It allows the SDN application to define flows on devices and to help the application to respond to packets which are forwarded to the controller by devices
- It maintains a view of the entire network (global network view)



# SDN Operation – Applications

- SDN applications are built on top of the controller
- Software applications can implement forwarding, routing, overlay, multipath, access control, etc.
- The application is driven by events coming from the controller and from external inputs
- External inputs could include network monitoring systems, Netflow, IDS, or BGP peers



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- The topology consists of:
  - The Open Network Operating System (ONOS) controller, an open source SDN controller
  - Open Virtual Switch (OVS) devices; OVS is an open source SDN switch
- Activities include
  - Run ONOS controller
  - Run simple SDN applications
  - Inspect flow tables
  - Interact with ONOS Graphical User Interface (GUI)



### Activating the OpenFlow Application

#### Devices



#### Hosts







### Activating the Forwarding Application





Out-of-band connection

## ONOS GUI

#### Devices

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#### Topology (ONOS GUI view)



