

# P4 Labs

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# Introduction to P4 Lab Series

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## Lab experiments

- Lab 1: Introduction to Mininet
- Lab 2: Introduction to P4 and BMv2
- Lab 3: P4 Program Building Blocks
- Lab 4: Parser Implementation
- Lab 5: Introduction to Match-action Tables (Part 1)
- Lab 6: Introduction to Match-action Tables (Part 2)
- Lab 7: Populating and Managing Match-action Tables
- Lab 8: Checksum Recalculation and Packet Deparsing

## Exercises

- Exercise 1: Building a Basic Topology
- Exercise 2: Compiling and Testing a P4 Program
- Exercise 3: Parsing UDP and RTP
- Exercise 4: Building a Simplified NAT
- Exercise 5: Configuring Tables at Runtime
- Exercise 6: Building a Packet Reflector

# P4 Applications and Custom Processing Lab Series

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## Lab experiments

Lab 1: Introduction to Mininet

Lab 2: Introduction to P4 and BMv2

Lab 3: P4 Program Building Blocks

Lab 4: Defining and processing custom headers

Lab 5: Monitoring the Switch's Queue using Standard Metadata

Lab 6: Collecting Queueing Statistics using a Header Stack

Lab 7: Measuring Flow Statistics using Direct and Indirect Counters

Lab 8: Rerouting Traffic using Meters

Lab 9: Storing Arbitrary Data using Registers

Lab 10: Calculating Packets Interarrival Times using Hashes and Registers

Lab 11: Generating Notification Messages from the Data Plane using Digests

# Virtual Platform

- URL: <https://netlab.cec.sc.edu/>
- Username: email address used for registration. E.g., jcrichigno@cec.sc.edu
- Password: wastc2022

# Workshop and Cybertraining Websites

- Workshop website: it contains slides and other resources related to the workshop
  - [http://ce.sc.edu/cyberinfra/workshop\\_2022\\_wast.html](http://ce.sc.edu/cyberinfra/workshop_2022_wast.html)
- Cybertraining website: it contains information related to virtual lab libraries developed by USC, including lab manuals
  - <http://ce.sc.edu/cyberinfra/cybertraining.html>