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VXLAN demo with GNS3



Network Virtualization using encapsulation



- VXLAN and NVGRE are two different network virtualization methods that use encapsulation and tunneling to create large numbers of virtual LANs for subnets that can extend across layer 2 and 3
- Encapsulation/decapsulation is performed by entities that could reside either in End Devices or in ToR edge switches (or in both)
- VXLAN is supported by Cisco and Vmware
- NVGRE was proposed by Microsoft, Intel, HP and Dell



VXLAN (RFC 7348)

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- Virtual eXtensible LAN (VXLAN) was originally proposed by Cisco and VMware to tunnel virtual layer 2 networks on a substrate layer 3 physical network



- VXLAN encapsulate packets in UDP tunnels with destination port number 4789
- In the shared L3 infrastructure, packets are identified by outer MAC addresses imposed by the infrastructure provider
- Tenants free to choose their own MAC addresses and VLAN IDs with no conflicts
- To avoid packet fragmentation in the shared infrastructure, it must support larger MTU values
- Encapsulation/decapsulation is performed at VXLAN Tunnel End Points (VTEPs)
- VXLAN ID allows to identify up to 2²⁴ distinct virtual networks

VXLAN: VTEP encapsulation & decapsulation



- A VTEP has two logical interfaces: an uplink and a downlink
 - Uplink to encapsulate
 - Downlink to decapsulate
- The VTEP can be located either on a physical switch (e.g. a ToR) or within the hypervisor's virtual switch
- The outer IP destination address is that assigned to the destination VTEP
- The outer IP source address is that assigned to the VTEP sending the frame
- Packets received from a tenant's VM on the downlink are mapped to a VXLAN ID
 - A lookup is then performed in the VTEP Layer 2 table using the VXLAN ID and destination MAC address; this lookup provides the IP address of the destination VTEP



Packets received from a VTEP on the uplink are mapped from the VXLAN ID to an IEEE 802.1Q VLAN ID and sent as Ethernet frames on the downlink to the VM

Demo: logical setup





A similar demo based on mininet is presented here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUmRUSqaAzc

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Demo setup in GNS3 (1)





Demo setup in GNS3 (2)







- 4 end-systems implemented as Docker containers from the: gns3/ubuntu:xenial Docker image
- 1 Linux-based IP router implemented as a Docker container with an image derived from the: kathara/base:debian10 Docker image
- 2 Open-vSwitch based VTEPs implemented as Docker containers from the: gns3/openvswitch:latest Docker image

Configuration of VTEPs



Scripts to be executed to activate the two VTEPs

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ovs-vsctl	add-br ovs0
ovs-vsctl	add-port ovs0 eth1 tag=10
ovs-vsctl	add-port ovs0 vxlan1 tag=10 set interface vxlan1 type=vxlan \
	<pre>options:key=10 options:remote_ip=192.168.1.2</pre>
ovs-vsctl	add-port ovs0 eth2 tag=20
ovs-vsctl	add-port ovs0 vxlan2 tag=20 set interface vxlan2 type=vxlan \
	<pre>options:key=20 options:remote_ip=192.168.1.2</pre>





Demo: analysis of packets with Wireshark

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	3 7.304699	02:2b:16:d5:1f:86	ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	ARP	92 Who has 10.0.0.2? Tell 10.0.0.1				
	4 7.305010	da:dd:4c:36:a2:14	02:2b:16:d5:1f:86	ARP	92 10.0.0.2 is at da:dd:4c:36:a2:14				
	5 7.305156	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.2	ICMP	148 Echo (ping) request id=0x0044, seq=1/256, ttl=64 (reply in 6)				
	6 7.305332	10.0.0.2	10.0.0.1	ICMP	148 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0044, seq=1/256, ttl=64 (request in 5)				
	7 8.305165	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.2	ICMP	148 Echo (ping) request id=0x0044, seq=2/512, ttl=64 (reply in 8)	~			
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>	Source: 1a:a6:ca	:45:7e:0d							
Type: IPv4 (0x0800)									
> I	> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.2, Dst: 192.168.2.2								
> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 51220, Dst Port: 4789									
> V	> Virtual eXtensible Local Area Network								
✓ Ethernet II, Src: a6:18:a1:de:b2:1f, Dst: 86:40:c4:e1:e9:5f									
> Destination: 86:40:c4:e1:e9:5f									
> Source: a6:18:a1:de:b2:1f									
Type: IPv4 (0x0800)									
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.0.1, Dst: 10.0.0.2									
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- Containers in GNS3 series: Advanced OpenVswitch switching <u>https://gns3.com/community/blog/containers-in-gns3-series-advanc</u>
- Connecting VMs Using Tunnels (Userspace) <u>https://docs.openvswitch.org/en/latest/howto/userspace-tunneling/</u>

