



P4 Developer Day Tutorial Exercises



Introduction

- Let's put what you've learned into practice by doing on a set of “hands-on” programming exercises.
- We've prepared a VM image with all the software you need.
If you did not already download the VM, let us know.
- Work at your own pace. If you need help, ask one of the instructors or one of your neighbors.



Getting Started

- **The VM username is p4 and password is p4.**
- **Open a terminal and type the following commands:**

```
$ cd p4_tutorial/P4D2_2017/exercises  
$ git pull
```

- **Start Mozilla. The tutorial README is the home page.**



Overview

- **There are four exercises:**
 - **L3 Forwarding:** *forwarding for IPv4*
 - **MRI:** *a scaled-down version of In-Band Network Telemetry*
 - **ARP/ICMP Responder:** *the switch responds to ARP/ICMP requests*
 - **Calculator:** *the switch will compute basic arithmetic expressions*
- **For each exercise, there is starter code and a test harness.**
- **Step-by-step instructions are in the README.md files.**



Exercise 1

- **Exercise: IPv4 Forwarding**
- **Key tasks:**
 - **Update the source and destination MAC addresses**
 - **Decrement the TTL**
 - **Forward out the correct port**



Exercise 2

- **Exercise: Multi-Hop Route Inspection (MRI)**
- **Key tasks:**
 - Implement custom header that includes a switch ID
 - Add the header to every packet
 - At the destination, the sequence of switch IDs corresponds to the path the packet travelled through the network



Exercise 3

- **Exercise: ARP/ICMP Responder**
- **Key tasks:**
 - **Use the L3 forwarding table as a “database” for ARP/ICMP data**
 - **Add headers and logic to respond to ARP/ICMP requests**
 - **Respond to “pings” on behalf of hosts**



Exercise 4

- **Exercise: Calculator**
- **Key tasks:**
 - **Implement custom header with operator and two operands**
 - **Switch performs the operation and returns the result**
 - **Network acts as a calculator**



Getting Help

- **There are several instructors in the room. If you get stuck, raise your hand.**
- **Feel free to work in pairs or small groups.**
- **Work at your own pace. You don't need to finish all the exercises today.**
- **Have fun!**

