



Wireless Networking and Systems

ns2 tutorial



ns2- Network Simulator

- One of the most popular simulator among networking researchers.
- Discrete event, Packet level simulator
 - Events like 'received an *ack* packet', 'enqueued a data packet'
- Network protocol stack written in C++
- Tcl (Tool Command Language) used for specifying scenarios and events.
- Unix Based. Runs also in windows using *cygwin*
- Simulates both wired and wireless networks.



Goal of this tutorial

- Understand how to write Tcl scripts to simulate simple network topologies and traffic patterns.
- Analyze the trace files and understand the performance of the protocols.



Overview

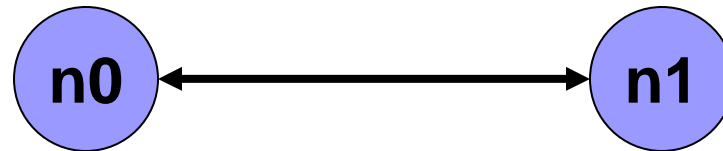
■ Wired

- Creating a simple two node network topology
- Adding traffic to the link
- UDP traffic
- TCP traffic
- Fault injection

■ Wireless

- TCP performance on a linear chain of n nodes

Simple two node wired network



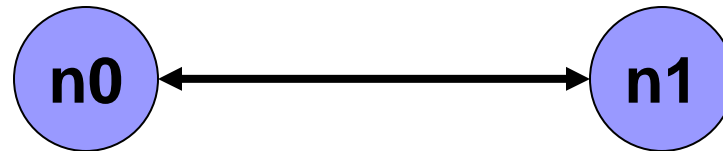
Step 1:

```
#Create a simulator object  
set ns [new Simulator]
```

Step 2:

```
#Open trace files  
set f [open out.tr w]  
$ns trace-all $f
```

Simple two node wired network



Step 3:

```
#Create two nodes  
set n0 [$ns node]  
set n1 [$ns node]
```

Step 4:

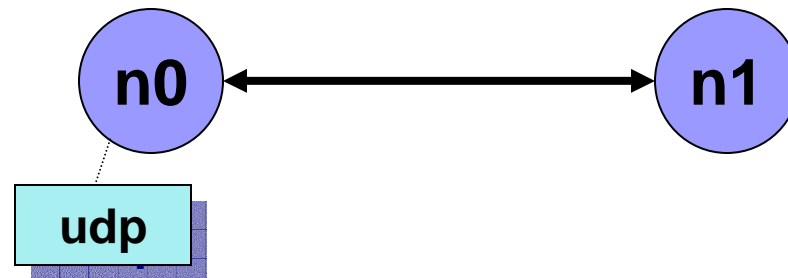
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#Create a duplex link between the nodes  
$ns duplex-link $n0 $n1 1Mb 10ms DropTail
```



Simple two node wired network

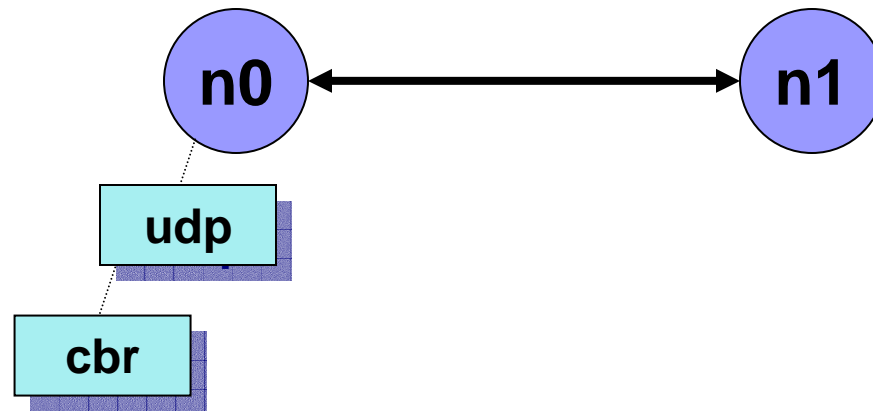
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#Create a simulator object
set ns [new Simulator]
#Open trace files
set f [open out.tr w]
$ns trace-all $f
#Define a 'finish' procedure
proc finish {} {
    global ns
    $ns flush-trace
    exit 0
}
#Create two nodes
set n0 [$ns node]
set n1 [$ns node]
#Create a duplex link between the nodes
$ns duplex-link $n0 $n1 1Mb 10ms DropTail
#Call the finish procedure after 5 seconds of simulation time
$ns at 5.0 "finish"
#Run the simulation
$ns run
```

Adding traffic to the link



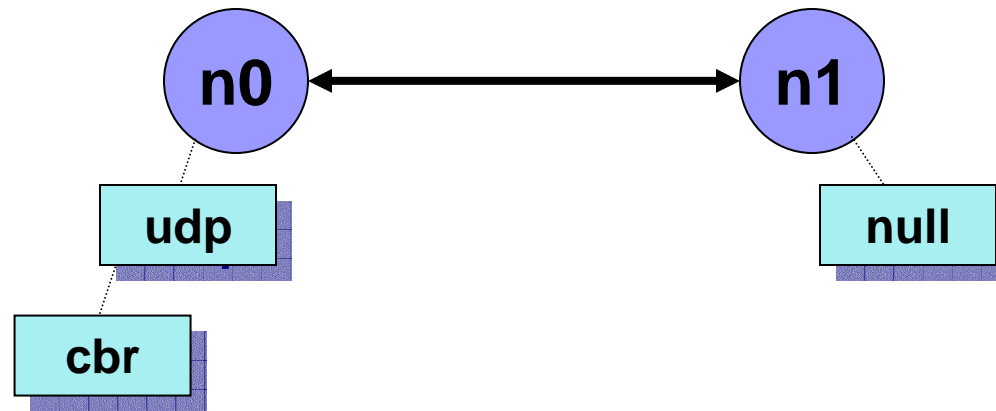
```
#Create a UDP agent and attach it to node n0  
set udp0 [new Agent/UDP]  
$ns attach-agent $n0 $udp0
```


Adding traffic to the link



```
# Create a CBR traffic source and attach it to udp0
set cbr0 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cbr0 set packetSize_ 500
$cbr0 set interval_ 0.005
$cbr0 attach-agent $udp0
```

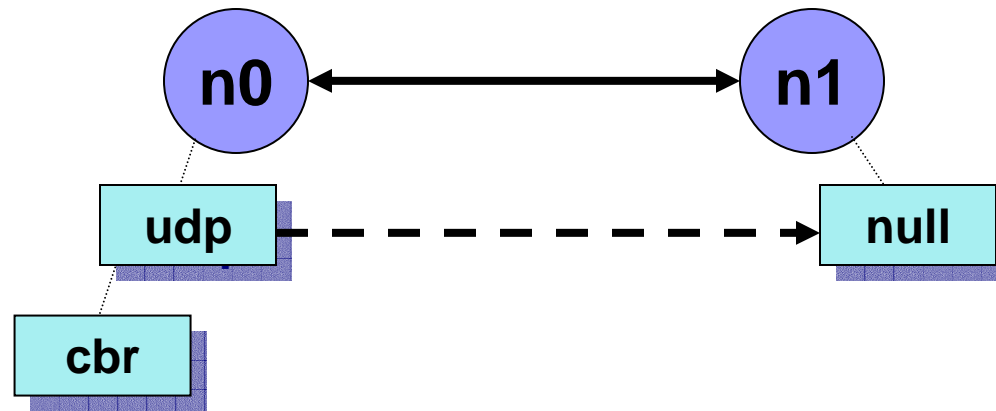
Adding traffic to the link



#Create a Null agent (a traffic sink) and attach it to node n1

```
set null0 [new Agent/Null]  
$ns attach-agent $n1 $null0
```

Adding traffic to the link



#Connect the traffic source with the traffic sink

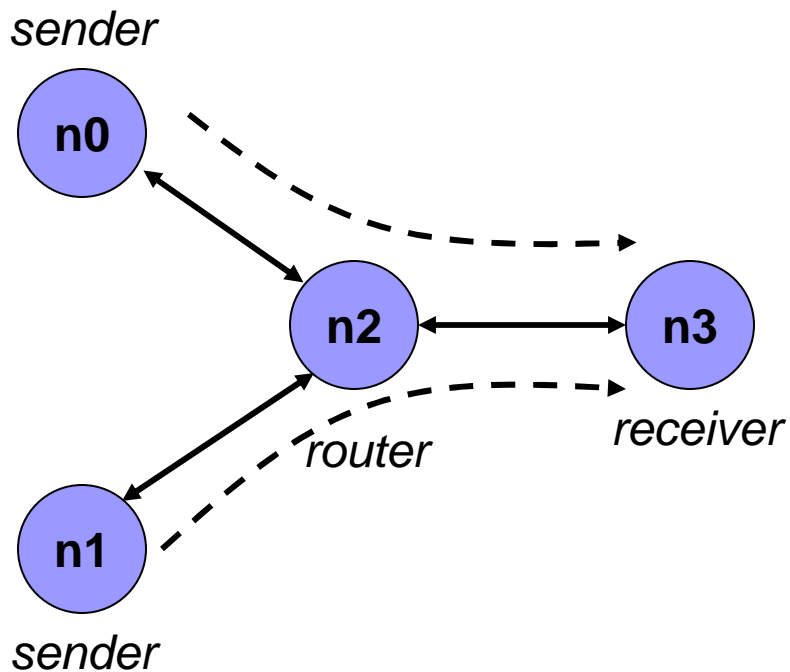
`$ns connect $udp0 $null0`

#Schedule events for the CBR agent

`$ns at 0.5 "$cbr0 start"`

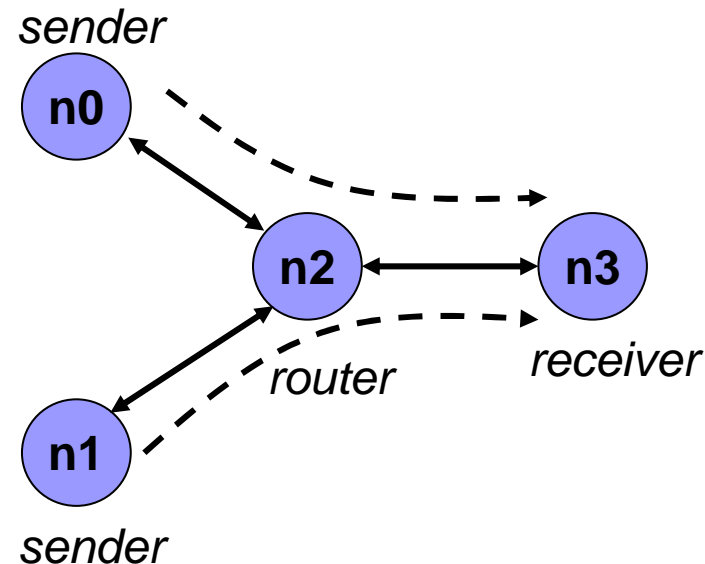
`$ns at 4.5 "$cbr0 stop"`

Simulate a simple topology – UDP Traffic



```
#Create a simulator object  
set ns [new Simulator]  
#Open trace files  
set f [open out.tr w]  
$ns trace-all $f  
#Define a 'finish' procedure  
proc finish {} {  
    global ns  
    $ns flush-trace  
    exit 0  
}  
#Create four nodes  
set n0 [$ns node]  
set n1 [$ns node]  
set n2 [$ns node]  
set n3 [$ns node]
```

Simulate a simple topology – UDP Traffic



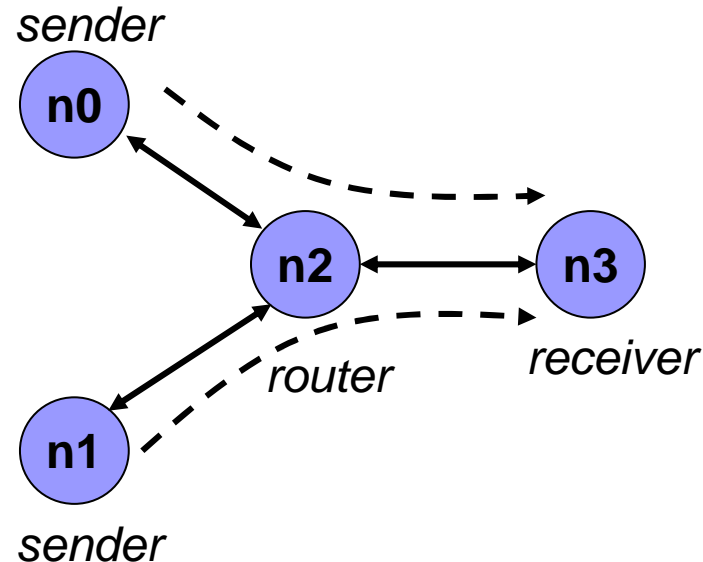
#Create links between the nodes

```
$ns duplex-link $n0 $n2 1Mb 10ms DropTail
```

```
$ns duplex-link $n1 $n2 1Mb 10ms DropTail
```

```
$ns duplex-link $n3 $n2 1Mb 10ms SFQ
```

Simulate a simple topology – UDP Traffic



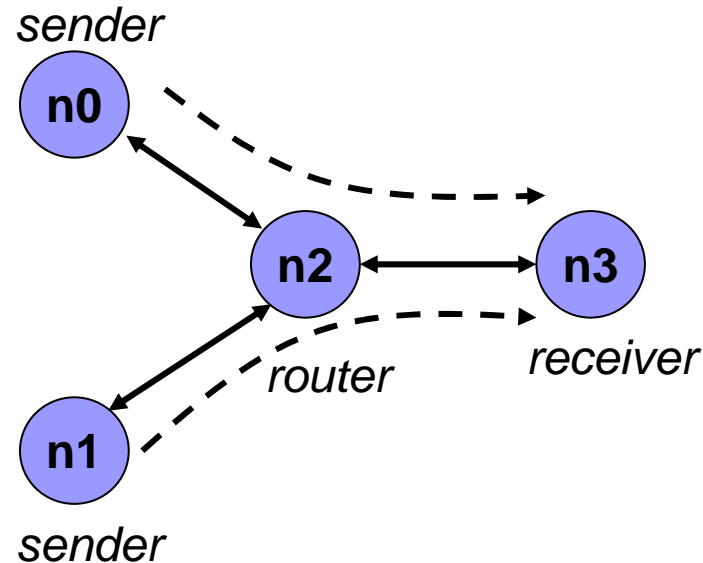
#Create a UDP agent and attach it to node n0

```
set udp0 [new Agent/UDP]
```

```
$udp0 set class_ 1
```

```
$ns attach-agent $n0 $udp0
```

Simulate a simple topology – UDP Traffic



Create a CBR traffic source and attach it to udp0

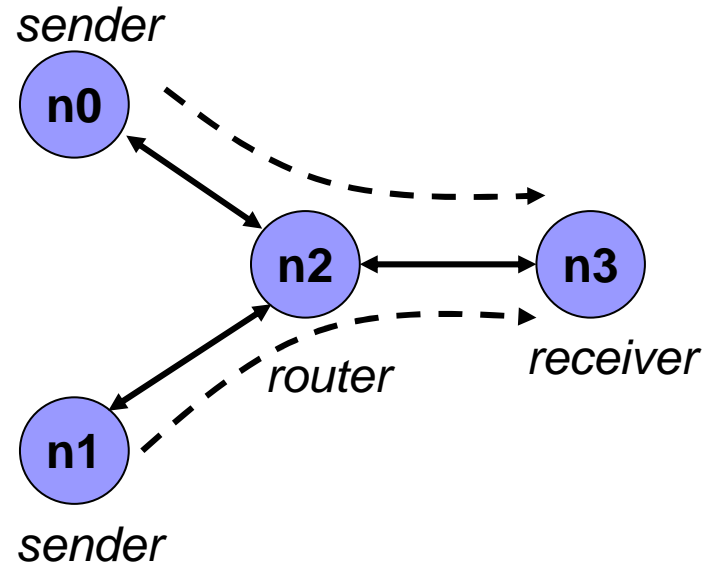
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set cbr0 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
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$cbr0 set packetSize_ 500
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$cbr0 set interval_ 0.005
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```
$cbr0 attach-agent $udp0
```

Simulate a simple topology – UDP Traffic



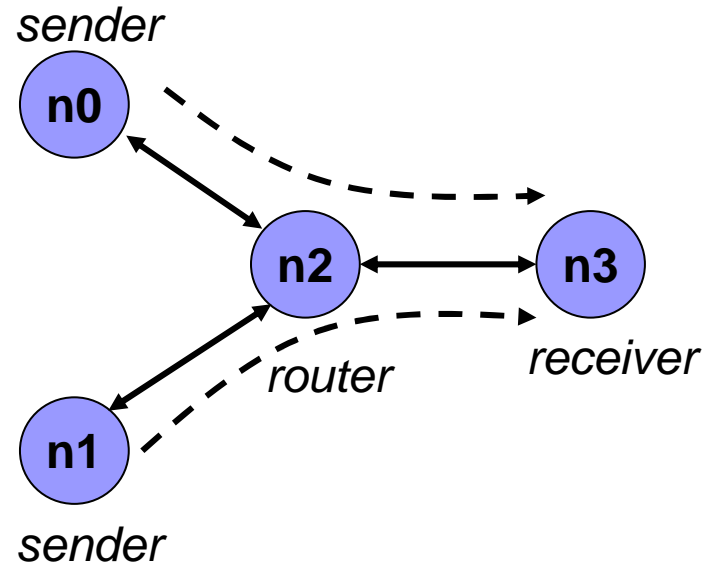
#Create a UDP agent and attach it to node n1

```
set udp1 [new Agent/UDP]
```

```
$udp1 set class_ 2
```

```
$ns attach-agent $n1 $udp1
```


Simulate a simple topology – UDP Traffic



Create a CBR traffic source and attach it to udp1

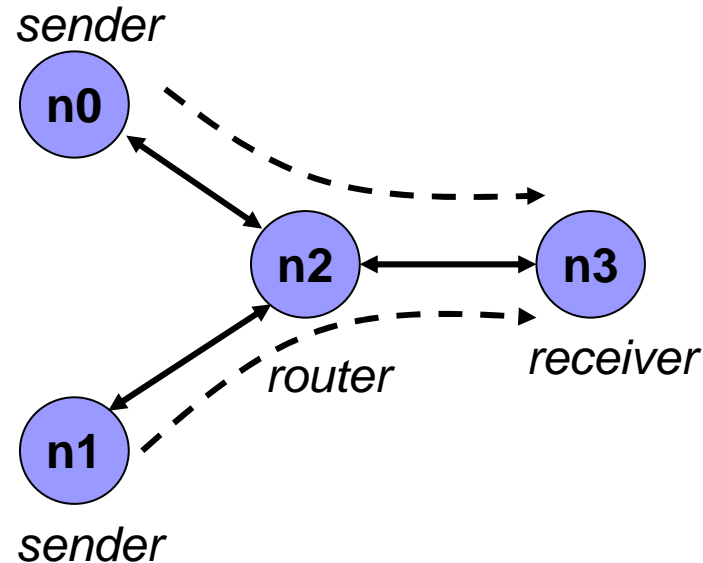
```
set cbr1 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
```

```
$cbr1 set packetSize_ 500
```

```
$cbr1 set interval_ 0.005
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```
$cbr1 attach-agent $udp1
```

Simulate a simple topology – UDP Traffic

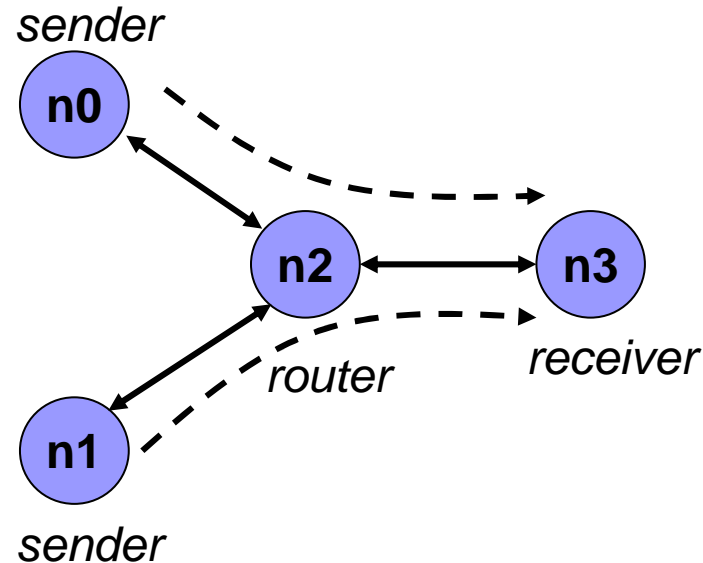


#Create a Null agent (a traffic sink) and attach it to node n3

```
set null0 [new Agent/Null]
```

```
$ns attach-agent $n3 $null0
```

Simulate a simple topology – UDP Traffic



#Connect the traffic sources with the traffic sink

```
$ns connect $udp0 $null0
```

```
$ns connect $udp1 $null0
```



Simulate a simple topology – UDP Traffic

#Schedule events for the CBR agents

\$ns at 0.5 "\$cbr0 start"

\$ns at 1.0 "\$cbr1 start"

\$ns at 4.0 "\$cbr1 stop"

\$ns at 4.5 "\$cbr0 stop"

#Call the finish procedure after 5 seconds of simulation time

\$ns at 5.0 "finish"

#Run the simulation

\$ns run

Trace Analysis

http://nslam.isi.edu/nslam/index.php/NS-2_Trace_Formats

| event | time | from node | to node | pkt type | pkt size | flags | fid | src addr | dst addr | seq num | pkt id |
|-------|------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|-------|-----|----------|----------|---------|--------|
|-------|------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|-------|-----|----------|----------|---------|--------|

r : receive (at to_node)

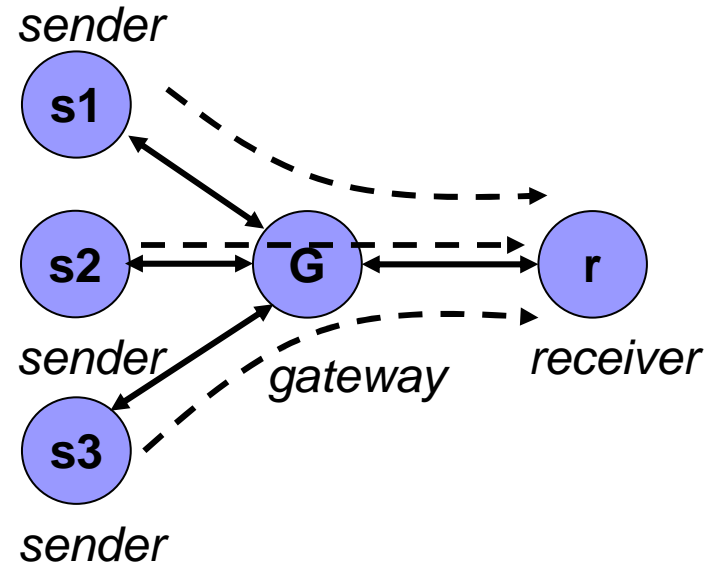
+ : enqueue (at queue) src_addr : node.port (3.0)

- : dequeue (at queue) dst_addr : node.port (0.0)

d : drop (at queue)

```
r 1.3556 3 2 ack 40 ----- 1 3.0 0.0 15 201
+ 1.3556 2 0 ack 40 ----- 1 3.0 0.0 15 201
- 1.3556 2 0 ack 40 ----- 1 3.0 0.0 15 201
r 1.35576 0 2 tcp 1000 ----- 1 0.0 3.0 29 199
+ 1.35576 2 3 tcp 1000 ----- 1 0.0 3.0 29 199
d 1.35576 2 3 tcp 1000 ----- 1 0.0 3.0 29 199
+ 1.356 1 2 cbr 1000 ----- 2 1.0 3.1 157 207
- 1.356 1 2 cbr 1000 ----- 2 1.0 3.1 157 207
```

TCP Traffic



- 0, 1, 2 are senders
- 3 is a Gateway
- 4 receiver



TCP Traffic

- **#Create a TCP agent and attach it to node s1**
- set tcp1 [new Agent/TCP/Reno]
- \$ns attach-agent \$s1 \$tcp1
- \$tcp1 set window_ 8
- \$tcp1 set fid_ 1



TCP Traffic

- **#Create a TCP agent and attach it to node s2**
- set tcp2 [new Agent/TCP/Reno]
- \$ns attach-agent \$s2 \$tcp2
- \$tcp2 set window_ 8
- \$tcp2 set fid_ 2

- **#Create a TCP agent and attach it to node s3**
- set tcp3 [new Agent/TCP/Reno]
- \$ns attach-agent \$s3 \$tcp3
- \$tcp3 set window_ 4
- \$tcp3 set fid_ 3



TCP Traffic

- #Create TCP sink agents and attach them to node r
- set sink1 [new Agent/TCPSink]
- set sink2 [new Agent/TCPSink]
- set sink3 [new Agent/TCPSink]

- \$ns attach-agent \$r \$sink1
- \$ns attach-agent \$r \$sink2
- \$ns attach-agent \$r \$sink3



TCP Traffic

- **#Connect the traffic sources with the traffic sinks**
- \$ns connect \$tcp1 \$sink1
- \$ns connect \$tcp2 \$sink2
- \$ns connect \$tcp3 \$sink3



TCP Traffic

- #Create FTP applications and attach them to agents
- set ftp1 [new Application/FTP]
- \$ftp1 attach-agent \$tcp1
- set ftp2 [new Application/FTP]
- \$ftp2 attach-agent \$tcp2
- set ftp3 [new Application/FTP]
- \$ftp3 attach-agent \$tcp3



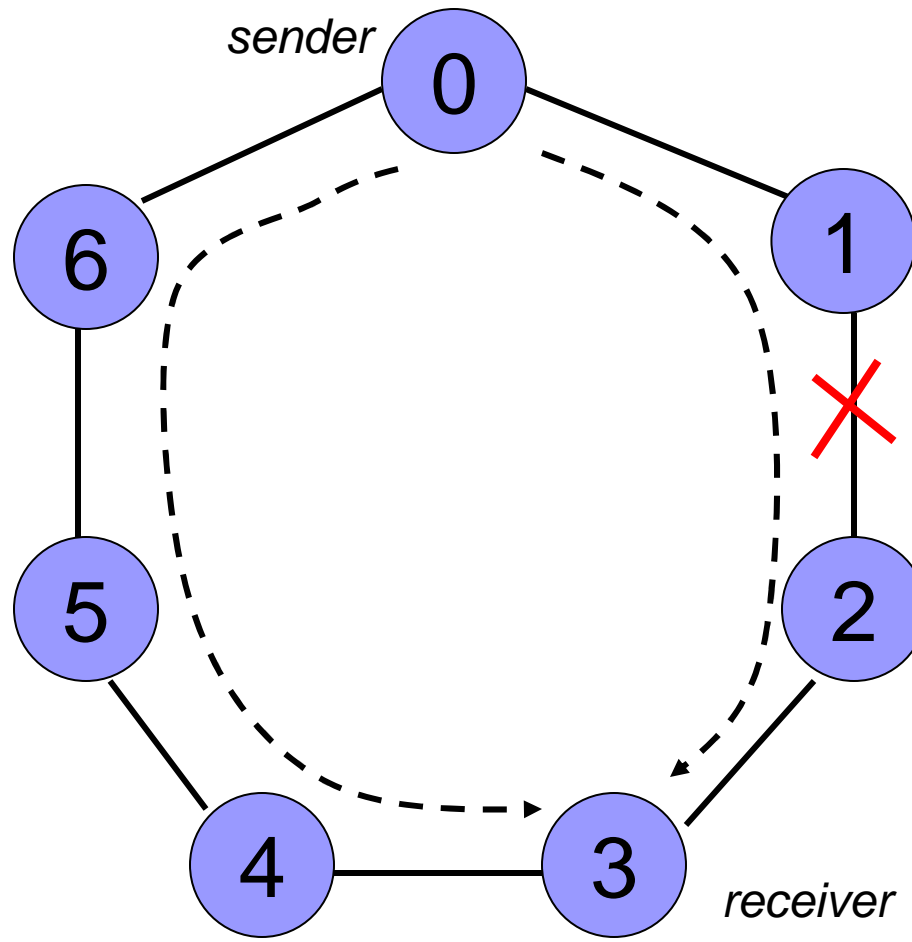
TCP Traffic

#Define a 'finish' procedure

```
proc finish {} {  
    global ns  
    $ns flush-trace  
    exit 0  
}
```

```
$ns at 0.1 "$ftp1 start"  
$ns at 0.1 "$ftp2 start"  
$ns at 0.1 "$ftp3 start"  
$ns at 5.0 "$ftp1 stop"  
$ns at 5.0 "$ftp2 stop"  
$ns at 5.0 "$ftp3 stop"  
$ns at 5.25 "finish"  
$ns run
```

Complex topology and link failure





Complex topology and link failure

#Create a simulator object

```
set ns [new Simulator]
```

#Tell the simulator to use dynamic routing

```
$ns rtproto DV
```

#Define a 'finish' procedure

```
proc finish {} {  
    global ns  
    $ns flush-trace  
    exit 0  
}
```



Complex topology and link failure

#Create seven nodes

```
for {set i 0} {$i < 7} {incr i} {  
  set n($i) [$ns node]  
}
```

#Create links between the nodes

```
for {set i 0} {$i < 7} {incr i} {  
  $ns duplex-link $n($i) $n([expr ($i+1)%7]) 1Mb  
    10ms DropTail  
}
```



Complex topology and link failure

- #Create a UDP agent and attach it to node n(0)
- # Create a CBR traffic source and attach it to udp0
- #Create a Null agent (a traffic sink) and attach it to node n(3)
- #Connect the traffic source with the traffic sink

#Schedule events for the CBR agent and the network dynamics

\$ns at 0.5 "\$cbr0 start"

\$ns rtmodel-at 1.0 down \$n(1) \$n(2)

\$ns rtmodel-at 2.0 up \$n(1) \$n(2)

\$ns at 4.5 "\$cbr0 stop"

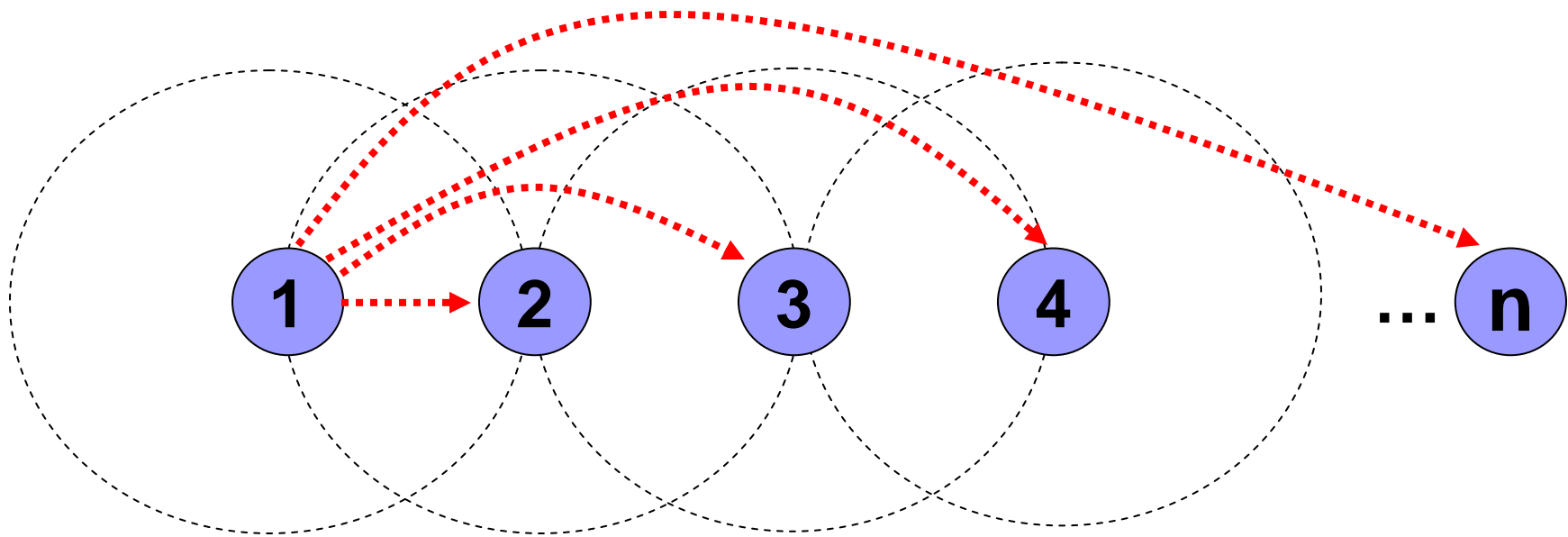
#Call the finish procedure after 5 seconds of simulation time

\$ns at 5.0 "finish"

#Run the simulation

\$ns run

Wireless Linear Topology



Run Wireless TCP for each connection separately and look how the TCP congestion window changes.



- Refer:

[http://www.cs.sunysb.edu/~samir/cse590/
ns-simulator.htm](http://www.cs.sunysb.edu/~samir/cse590/ns-simulator.htm)