

## Update of Forwarding Rules in Software-Defined Networks

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### Abstract

In software-defined networks (SDN) data and control planes are logically separated and communicated through a standard interface. Thus, the control plane can collect data plane information and perform centralized decision-making. This centralization improves the performance of many network functions that traditionally are implemented in a distributed manner. In this scenario, data plane functions (or applications) instruct the switches on how to handle traffic, and the data plane (network switches) focuses on the efficient forwarding of data packets. Control plane functions run on top of an entity called controller which handles the communication with network switches. Through the controller, control functions constantly monitor the network and change the network configuration to achieve a desirable network state. As traffic changes and control functions change their behavior through the change of installed rules in the memory of switches, it is crucial to ensure that all packets meet destined switches in the network to receive the required function. Previous studies showed that without proper scheduling of control messages between the controller and switches, some packets may bypass important switches along their path during transient periods of network configuration change. In this talk, I will discuss several solutions for this problem.

### Biography

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