Campus network Throughput improvement through metric modification of OSPF routing mechanism

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Abstract. OSPF (Open Shortest Path First) is routing protocol that are widely used in computer networks. Selection of routing protocols is very important in improving network performance. Calculation of OSPF metrics will determine the performance of data packet delivery. It based on Shortest Path Tree. To find the best route from source to destination, it must determine the shortest path between itself and each router in the network. The router creates this perspective by taking the information in the LSDB and transforming it into a shortest path first tree or SPF tree. It is an algorithmic calculation to construct logical network view performed by the computer within the router. To speed the construction of network tree, buffer on next hop, distance (RTT – round trip time), and direction of next hop (getting closer or away) variable is proposed to increase the speed of data packet communication among routers. This research was using OPNet modeler software, simulations were made on a campus network whose PDU variables were modified to obtain the optimum network tree with OSPF routing protocol. The weighted testing parameters in this study is time delay values. Hopefully, the value of redistribution delay is 1% better depending on traffic density. Main route retrieval and alternative package delivery are based on the smallest cost and metric values in the OSPF protocol.

1. Introduction
Campus Network means Wireless (Ad-Hoc) Mesh Networks in this research. One characteristic is topology of the network changes (all of the nodes move in time) [1-3].

Ideal mesh network is self-configuring network (the concept of no stable infrastructure takes a place). Each node should help relaying packets of neighboring nodes using multi-hop routing mechanism (in order to reach far destination nodes; to solve problem of dead communication) to form multiple traffic "hops". It can extend the coverage area, but the repeatedly relayed traffic will exhaust the radio resource. In some scenarios, network become increasingly vulnerable to energy degradation and rapid increasing of overhead packets [4-7].

To increase the speed of data packet communication among routers, changing the packets is expected to minimize hop or relay as alternative solution. The weighted testing parameters in this Wireless (Ad-Hoc) Mesh Networks is time delay values, especially HELLO packet improvement.

The expected result is comparison between normal network (without routing packet improvement) and improved network (with routing packet improvement/HELLO improvement). Voice and live streaming packet considered to be covered in this simulation.
2. Simulation

The simulation image is presented below.

![Simulation Scenario](image_url)

Figure 1. Simulation scenario.

Figure 1 can be viewed as follow: when nodes do communicate with others, they will use other node as relay (if destination located far away). Number of relays will determine hops. Transmission will follow sequential process (from node to node until destination). Each relay node will receive, examine, and then transmit/drop packet. Each relay node will also calculate the best route to next relay/node [8-10].

Packet is the object and subject of simulation. As object: packet contains information about “what”, whereas as subject: packet is lead to proper node’s actions [11]. Every packet’s group type will responsible for topology creation and DATA transmission. Packet’s structure illustration is given as follow:

```java
static HEADER_SIZE: int = 20 [source] [sedeh byte "pembungkus DATA"]
static FLAG.DO NOT_FRAGMENT: int = 1
static FLAG_MORE_FRAGMENTS: int = 2
static OPTION_SECURITY: int = 2
static OPTION_LOOSE_SOURCE_ROUTING: int = 3
static OPTION_RECORD_ROUTE: int = 7
static OPTION STRICT_SOURCE_ROUTING: int = 9
static OPTION_TIMESTAMP: int = 68
version int = 4 [jenis IP, sudah FIX]
source: IPAdder = 192.168.0.1 [address Interface Node pengirim]
destination: IPAdder = 192.168.0.2 [address Interface Node penerima akhir]
precedence: int = 0 [Priority (0-7, 7 highest), diast FIX]
requested_service: int = 0
[requested_service represents the bits (D,T,R), It is 1 for ‘low delay’, 2 for ‘high throughput’ and 4 for ‘reliability’, diast FIX]
length: int = 25 [Length of the complete packet, 25 bytes long as 3 BYTE DATA chunk + 20 BYTE HEADER_SIZE]
ttl: int = 255 [Will decrement minimum 255 dan akan decrement setiap kali melewati relay]
protocol int = 1 [menggunakan protoal TCP]
crc: boolean = TRUE [packet dilengkapi dengan CRC]
copy_options: boolean = FALSE [diast FIX]
option: int = 0 [diast FIX]
data: Object = {0,1,2,3} [DATA yg "dikirimkan" dikirimkan]
source_hop: IPAdder = 0.0.0.0 [berisi node relay pengirim]
destination_hop: IPAdder = 0.0.0.0 [berisi node relay penerima]
[sources hop dan destination hop di “update” diperpanjang path menuju node tujuan akhir]
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Figure 2. Packet container.
The scenario takes following sequences. When sending packet, process at Network Layer: if packet is larger than MTU, then it will be fragmented. When receiving packet, process at Network Layer is different for fragmented packets and single packet. Because of fragmentation scheme, without selective path mechanism, there will be packet flood from source to destination!

The modification of packets determines ‘control’ of propagation. Only packet destined to “node” that will be proceed by this “node”. If there are several “destined nodes”, selection criteria must be used! This will be done by improved HELLO packet. The HELLO packet used 3 criteria: buffer on next hop, distance (*RTT), and direction of next hop (getting closer or away) [12,13].

As shown in the following Fig. 3, when packet reach RELAY, it will do tasks: either packets will be transmitted selectively (without re-transmit duplicate packets) or be transmitted “immediately” (with re-transmit duplicate packets).

![Figure 3. Packet route’s path.](image)

Simulation view is shown in the Fig. 4 below.

![Figure 4. Proposed simulation (left), OPNet modeler simulation (right).](image)
3. Results and discussion
The following result was from data transmission from node 13 (source) to node 0 (destination).

![Simulation of data transmission in Wireless Mesh Network](image)

**Figure 5.** The simulation of data transmission in Wireless Mesh Network.

It can be analyzed from figure 5, there are two paths to reach destination. Path 1 is 13-4-23-0. Path 2 is 13-1-25-0. Time delay data is shown in figure 6.

![Time delay as packets travel through relay node](image)

**Figure 6.** Time delay as packets travel through relay node.
Path 1 is faster than path 2 with difference of almost 1%.

**Figure 7.** Throughput results, as part of (a) packets’ successful rate, from (b) packets’ flooded to the network.

During data transmission, some of overhead packets flood the network. Only 23.28% “true” packets transmitted to network from source (node 13) to destination (node 0), as shown in figure 7 (a). Only 11.85% “true” packets successfully delivered from source (node 13) to destination (node 0), as shown in figure 7 (b). The analysis data was done at Network Layer only.

4. Conclusion

Evaluation of wireless network routing packets (used existing results) shown that #packets in the network is dominant of non-DATA transmission. There will be Flood of packet without improvement of Routing and HELLO packets. Among the packets, there is 1% delay reduction using HELLO packet modification.

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