Intrusion detection system in NetSim

Software Recommended: NetSim Standard v13.0 32-bit/ 64-bit, Visual Studio 2019

Project Download Link:
https://github.com/NetSim-TETCOS/Intrusion_Detection_Systems_for_MANETs_v13.0/archive/refs/heads/main.zip

Follow the instructions specified in the following link to download and setup the Project in NetSim:

https://support.tetcos.com/en/support/solutions/articles/14000128666-downloading-and-setting-up-netsim-file-exchange-projects

The following steps show how a user can run the IDS in NetSim to detect a malicious node, and then setup a new route to the destination avoiding the malicious node

- Creating Malicious nodes for a particular network scenario is explained in Malicious.c file
- To detect the intruder and to send data via a new route, the following files are added in DSR and IEEE802_11:
  - **Pathrater.c** :

    This file contains code for avoiding the malicious node and finding a new route (once the IDS detects the malicious node) in networks running DSR in Layer 3. Note that this system would work only for UDP and not for TCP, since TCP involves receiving ack's from the destination

    If _NETSIM_PATHRATER_ is defined, the code is used to validate routes. When the
    Node is a Malicious Node and a Route Reply is processed, the Function
    verifies the route reply in the route cache and checks for the black listed
    node
    i.e.,malicious node. When a malicious node is found, that route entry is deleted from the
    cache.

  - **Watchdog.c**

    This file contains code for the IDS and is added in IEEE802_11 operating in Layer 2.

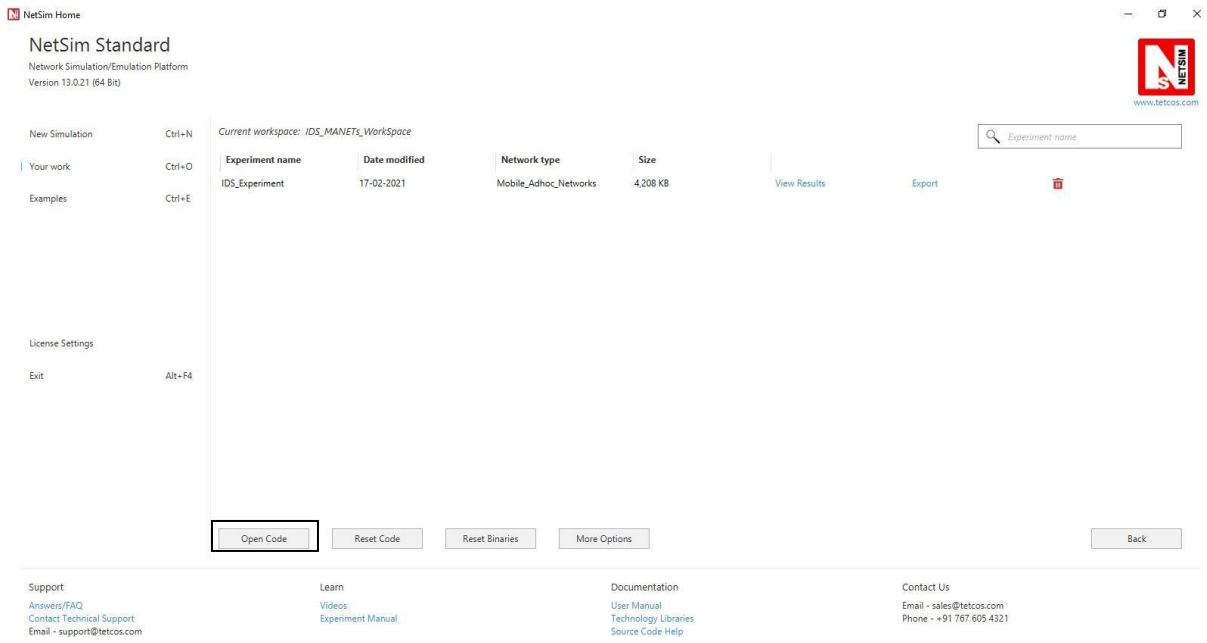
    If _NETSIM_WATCHDOG_ is defined, a watchdog timer starts the moment a packet is sent. Once a packet is forwarded to next hop node, the current node checks for watchdog timer duration if the packet is getting forwarded further on to destination node or not.

    The malicious node doesn't forward packets that it receives. The watchdog timer in the node (which forwarded the packet to the malicious node) expires. A counter is

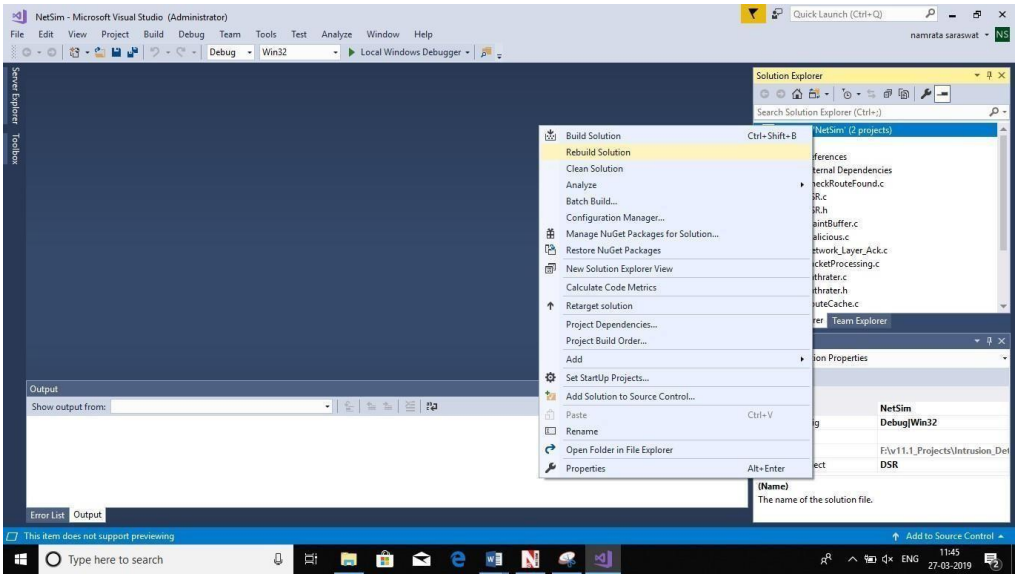
present which measures the number of times the watchdog timer expires (in other words the number of packets sent out but not forwarded by the next hop node). Once this counter's value reaches the failure threshold the next hope is marked by the current node as a malicious node.

Steps:

1. Open the Source codes in Visual Studio by going to Open Simulation-> Workspace Options and Clicking on Open code button as shown below:



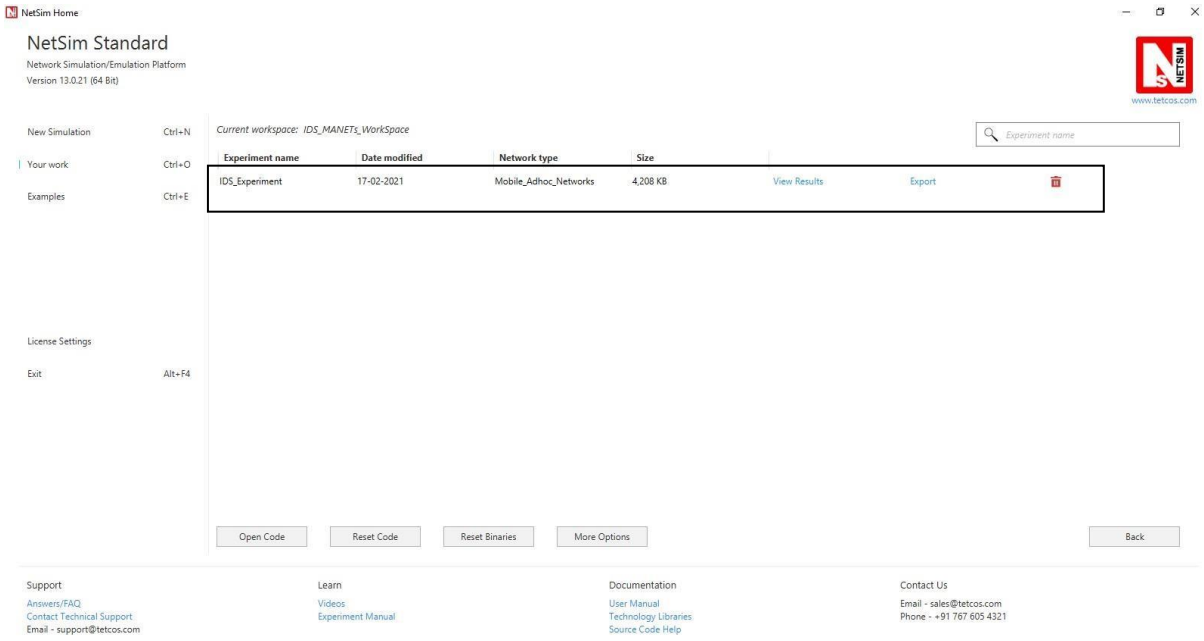
- Right click on the solution and select rebuild.

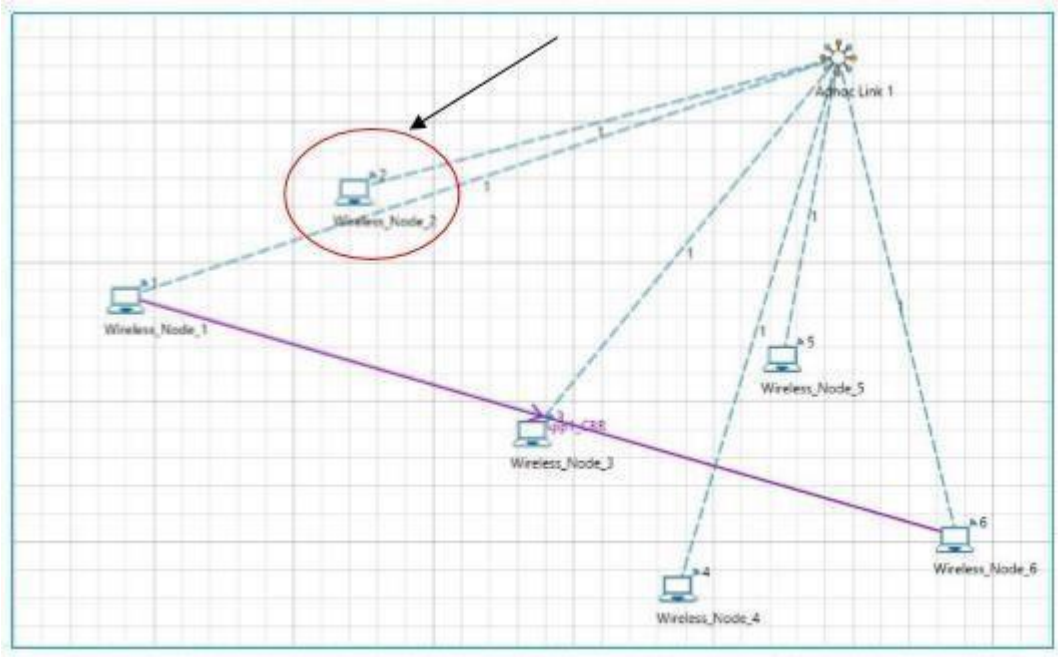


- Upon rebuilding, **libIEEE802_11.dll** and **libDSR.dll** will automatically get updated in the respective bin folder of the current workspace. **Note:**

Next, to run the IDS code, follow these steps:

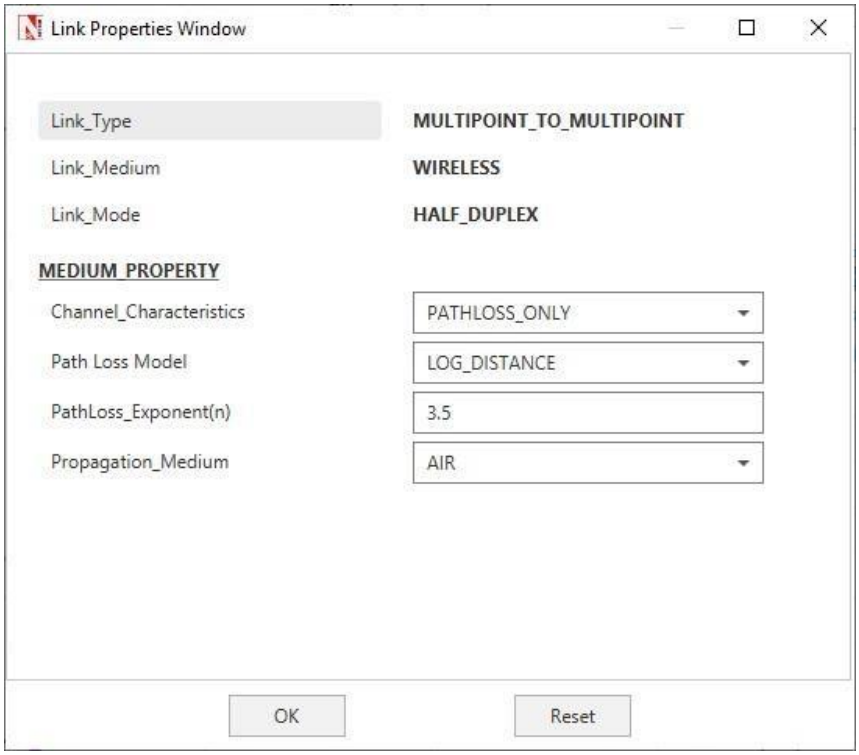
Step 1: Go to NetSim home page, click on **Open Simulation**, Click on **IDS_Experiment**.



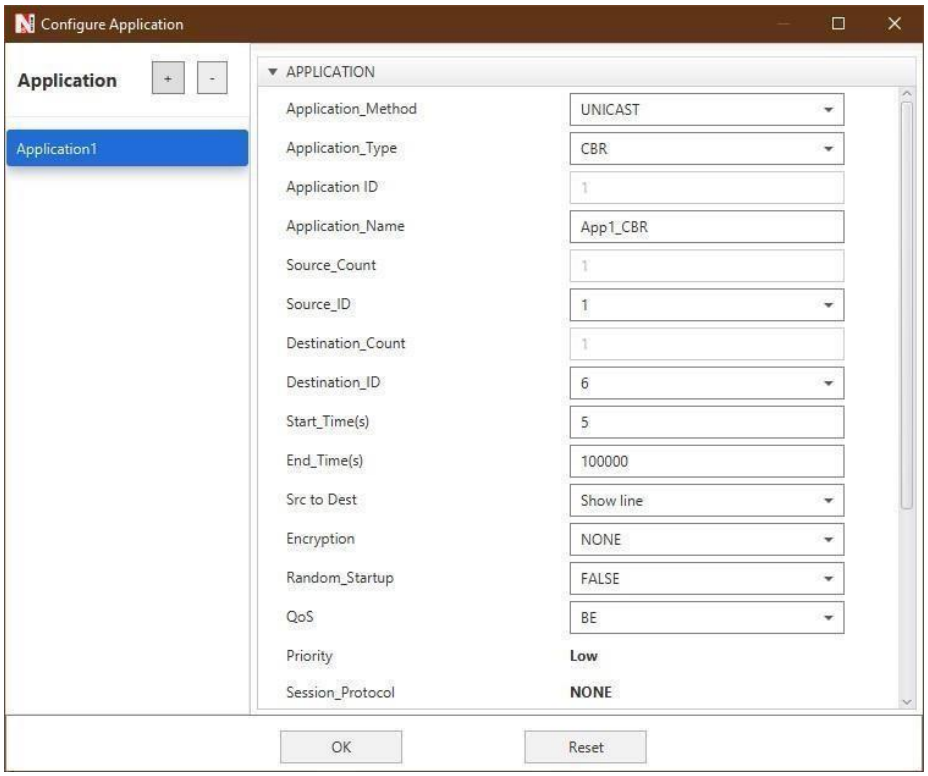


Step 2: Channel Characteristics is set to Pathloss only with LOG_DISTANCE as the path loss model.

Path loss exponent is set to a high value 3.5 Example:

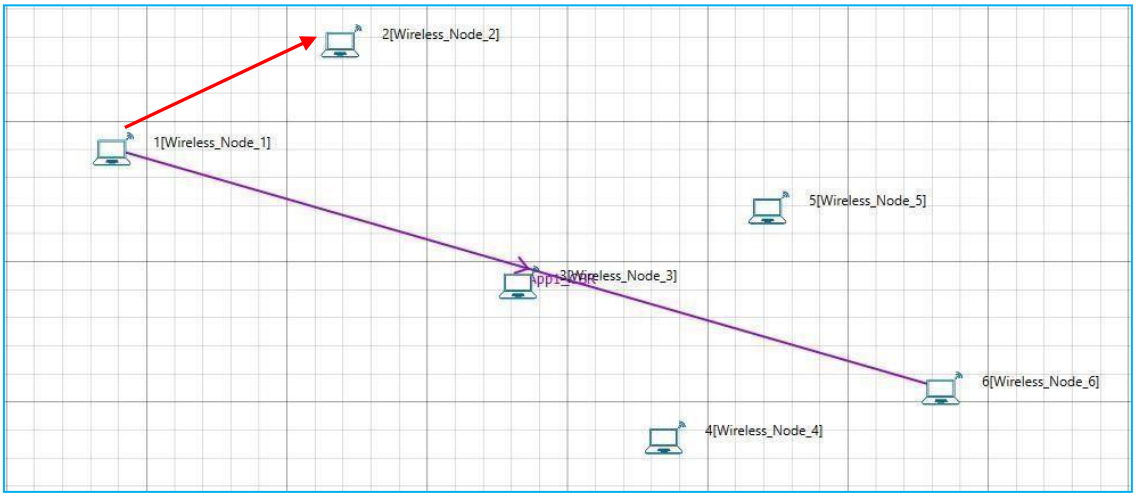


Step 3: An application is set between node 1 and node 6



Step 4: Run the simulation

Step 5: View packet animation. Here you would notice initially all traffic would flow to the malicious nodes. Per the original code setting the Watchdog timer is set to 2 seconds and the failure threshold is set to 20 packets. So you would notice that around 7.39 seconds, the malicious node is detected and the route to destination would change in the subsequent route discovery process.



Initial flow of packets till node 2 detected as malicious

Flow of packets after node 2 is detected as malicious

The time at which a malicious node is detected can be obtained from the CUSTOM METRICS (IDS METRICS) in the results window where the start time - time from which a node becomes malicious, detection time - time at which the node was added to blacklist can be obtained.

IDS_METRICS_Table

IDS_Custom_Metrics — Detailed View

DeviceID	Start Time (micro sec)	Detection Time (micro sec)
2	500000.000000	7386986.020000

Dedicated Metrics for IDS