

# NDN Codebase and Tools

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Introduction and getting started info

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# Starting Point: <https://named-data.net/> ➡ Codebase

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [named-data.net](https://named-data.net/). The page features the NAMED DATA NETWORKING logo and a navigation menu with options: Project, Architecture, Codebase, Testbed, Publications, and Discussion. The Codebase menu is open, listing various libraries and tools such as ndn-cxx, NFD, NLSR, Mini-NDN, ndnSIM, and Tools and Applications. Below the menu, there are sections for 'NDN RETREAT 2016 / HACKATHON' and 'TUTORIAL VIDEOS'. A search bar is visible at the bottom right of the page.

**NAMED DATA NETWORKING**

Project Architecture **Codebase** Testbed Publications Discussion

**Libraries/NDN Platform**

- ndn-cxx: C++ library
- NFD: Forwarding Daemon
- NLSR: Link-state routing protocol
- Mini-NDN
- ndnSIM: NDN simulator
- Tools and Applications
- Documentation
- Github Source
- Redmine Issue Tracking System

NDN-CCL: Common Client Libraries

ChronoSync

ndnrct: Real Time Conferencing

Consumer/Producer API

**NDN RETREAT 2016 / HACKATHON**

See presentation slides and the project results from the 6th NDN Retreat and 2nd NDN Hackathon in March 2016.

[Read More](#)

**TUTORIAL VIDEOS**

Watch tutorial videos about the NDN project and NDN technologies.

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Events

# NDN Codebase Overview

## Infrastructure Software

NFD

NFD-  
android

NDN-  
RIOT

μNFD

NDN  
Tools

NLSR

Repo-ng,  
repo-sql

NDN  
Control  
Center

## NDN Libraries

ndn-  
cxx

NDN-  
CPP

NDN-  
JS

PyNDN

jNDN

Chrono  
Sync

PSync

Vector  
Sync

NDN-  
RTC

## Apps

ChronoChat

ndns

ndncert

ndn-  
flow

NdnCon

ndn-fs

ndn-  
atmos

Many  
others

## Evaluation Frameworks

ndnSIM

miniNDN

NDN Testbed

# Where to Find Source Code for NDN Codebase

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- Most linked from <https://named-data.net> → Codebase
- Github organizations
  - <https://github.com/named-data>
    - NFD, core libraries, and other general use software
  - <https://github.com/named-data-mobile>
    - Android and related software
  - <https://github.com/named-data-iot>
    - IoT related software
  - <https://github.com/named-data-ndnsim>
    - ndnSIM core, example and real simulation scenarios

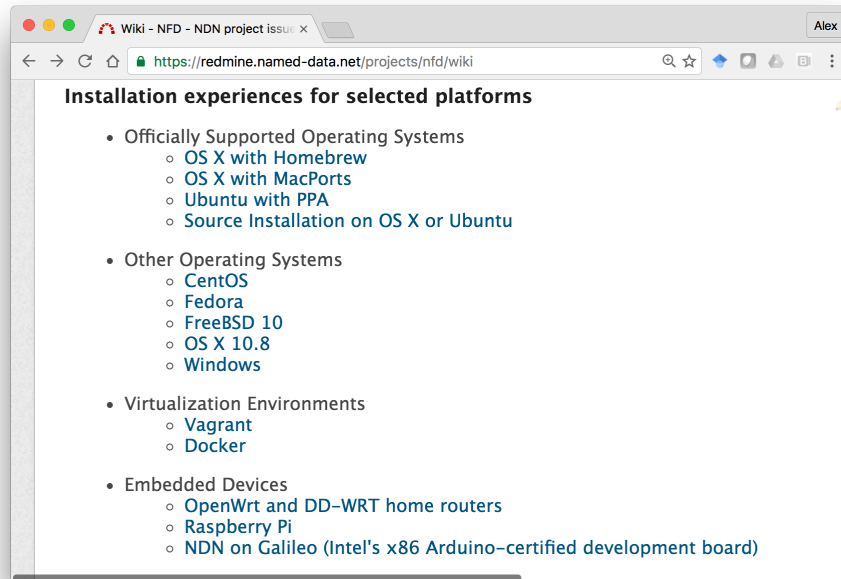


# Supported Platforms

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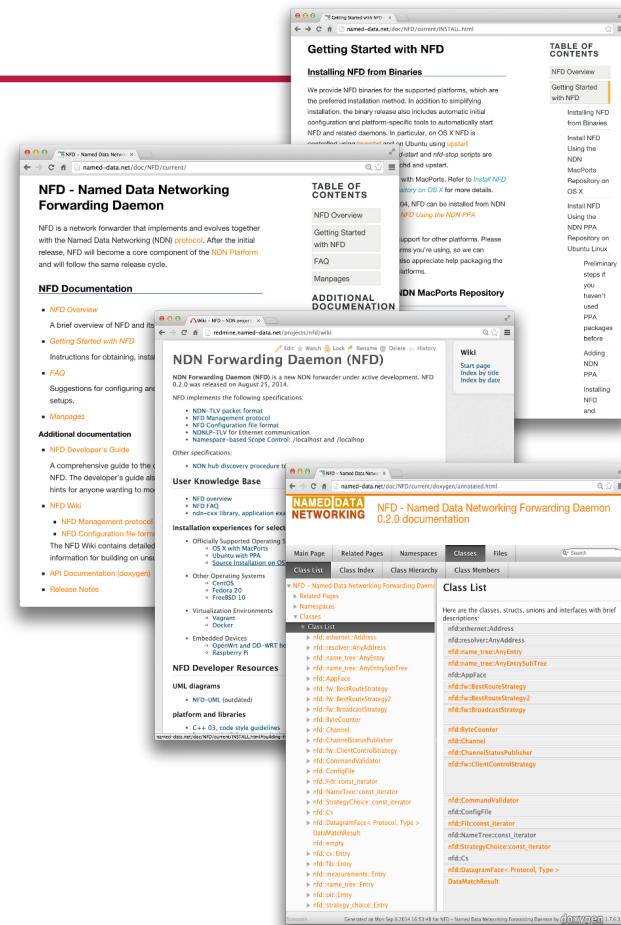
- Desktop Systems
  - Ubuntu, OSX, FreeBSD and other Linux distributions
- Home routers
  - OpenWRT, DD-WRT
- Mobile:
  - Android
  - iOS (library only)
- IoT:
  - Arduino, ESP8266
  - RIOT-OS
  - Raspberry Pi (runs NFD, available binary packages)
- Web browser
  - NDN-JS library + microforwarder
  - Firefox extension to support ndn:// URLs

<https://redmine.named-data.net/projects/nfd/wiki>



# NDN Forwarding Daemon (NFD)

- The reference implementation of NDN forwarder
- <https://named-data.net/doc/NFD/current/>
  - Overview
  - Getting started
  - NFD Developer's Guide
  - Manpages
  - Wiki
  - API documentation (doxygen)
- **Feedback, suggestions, and contributions are welcome.**



# Getting Started with NFD

- To enable NDN communication in Ubuntu Linux:
  - `sudo add-apt-repository ppa:named-data/ppa`
  - `sudo apt-get update`
  - `sudo apt-get install nfd`
- Done. Now you have enabled new generation of networking on your machine
- Next required steps
  - Managing Identities for mandatory data-centric security
    - Self-signed certificate for local trust operations (home networking)
    - Authority-based
  - <https://yoursunny.com/t/2016/ndncert/>

```
vps3 $ ndnsec list -c
* /ndn/edu/arizona/cs/shijunxiao
+->* /ndn/edu/arizona/cs/shijunxiao/ksk-1457557007329
+->* /ndn/edu/arizona/KEY/cs/shijunxiao/ksk-1457557007329/ID-CERT/%FD%00%00%01S%5D+%B3
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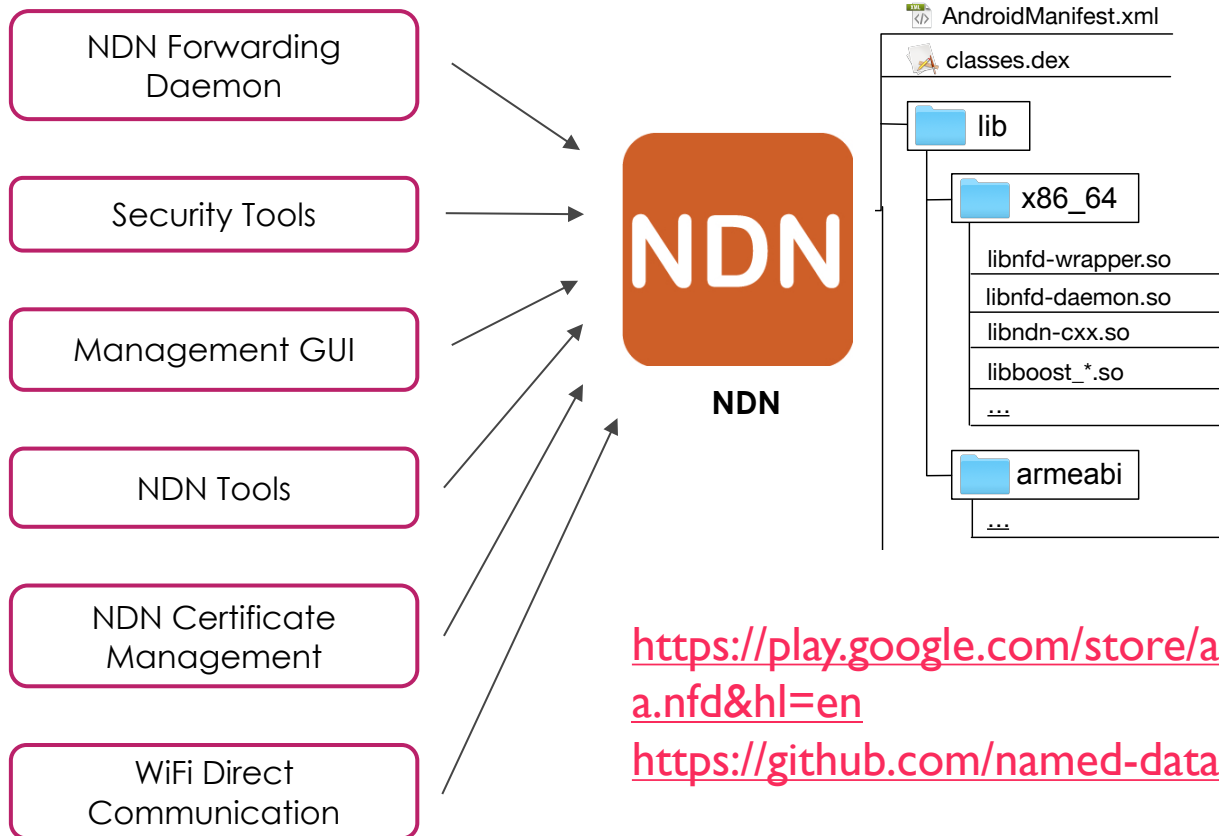
I want to issue a certificate to my other machine, sunnyq. To do that, I first generate a certificate request on sunnyq:

```
sunnyq $ ndnsec key-gen -tr /ndn/edu/arizona/cs/shijunxiao/sunnyq > sunnyq.ndncertreq
```

Then I copy the certificate request file to vps3, and issue the certificate by signing it with my existing trusted certificate:

```
vps3 $ ndnsec cert-gen -N '' -s /ndn/edu/arizona/cs/shijunxiao - < sunnyq.ndncertreq > sunnyq
```

# NDN-Android: NDN Stack for Android



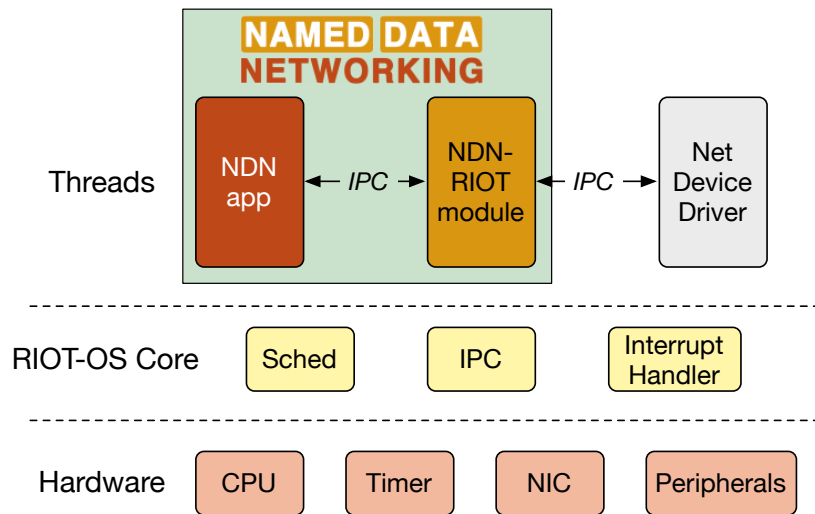
- Embeds actual NFD, compiled using NDK
- Works with all (non-rooted) Android devices

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.named\\_data.nfd&hl=en](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.named_data.nfd&hl=en)

<https://github.com/named-data-mobile>

# NDN-RIOT: NDN for RIOT-OS

- Optimized for IoT apps
- Support
  - Data-centric security
  - Stateful NDN packet forwarding
  - Replaceable forwarding strategies
  - 802.15.4 and Ethernet
- Simple application APIs
- Several simple examples to get started



<https://github.com/named-data-iot>

# Getting Started with NDN-RIOT Examples

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- Downloading
  - `mkdir riot`
  - `cd riot`
  - `git clone https://github.com/named-data-iot/RIOT`
  - `git clone https://github.com/named-data-iot/ndn-riot`
  - `git clone https://github.com/named-data-iot/ndn-riot-examples`
- Compiling an example
  - `cd ndn-riot-examples/<APP>`
  - For host architecture (for debugging)
    - `make`
  - For a specific RIOT board
    - `make BOARD=samr21-xpro`
    - `make flash BOARD=samr21-xpro # to flash firmware`
    - `make term BOARD=samr21-xpro # to access board via serial interface`

[ndn-benchmark](#)

[ndn-consumer](#)

[ndn-ping](#)

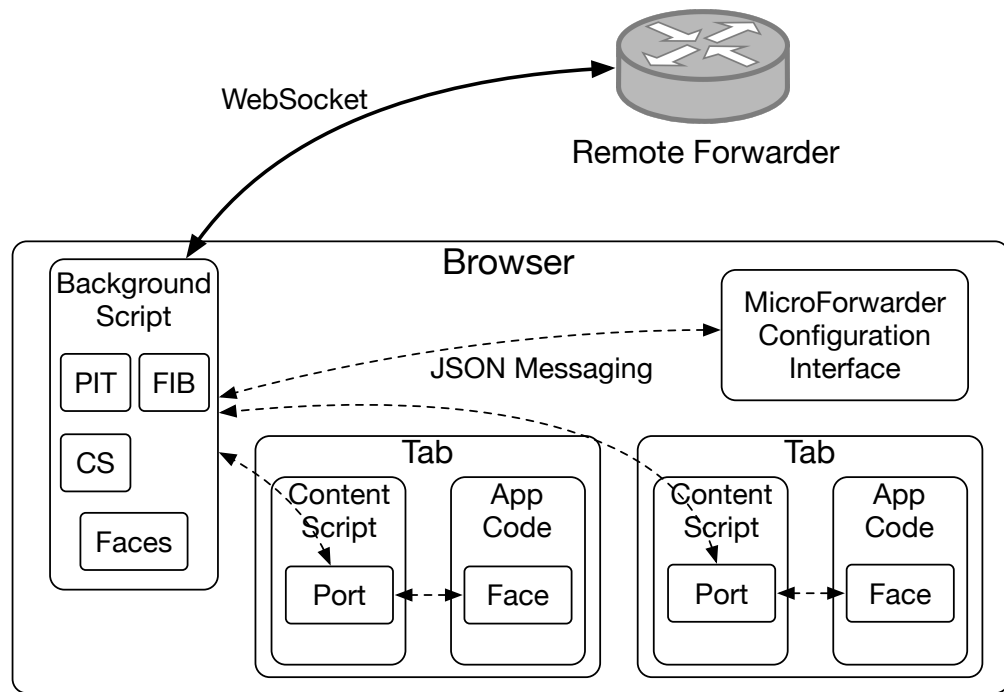
[ndn-producer](#)

[ndn-rtt](#)

[ndn-template](#)

# NDN Micro Forwarder in browsers

- NDN forwarder as a Firefox/Chrome extension, written in JavaScript
- The cross-browser plugin (built upon NDN.JS and the WebExtensions API) provides shared connectivity to remote forwarders and enables shared data cache
- Allows browser tabs to communicate with each other through a local channel even when remote connectivity is lost



<https://github.com/named-data/ndn-js/tree/master/tools/micro-forwarder>

# NDN Tools

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- ndnping, ndnpingserver
  - Reliability testing tools
- ndncatchunks, ndnputchunks
  - Segmented file transfer between a consumer and producer
- ndnpeek, ndnpoke
  - Transmit a single packet between a consumer and a producer
- ndndump, dissect, wireshark-dissect
  - Debug NDN packet flow
- repo-ng, repo-sql: NDN repositories providing managed persistent storage

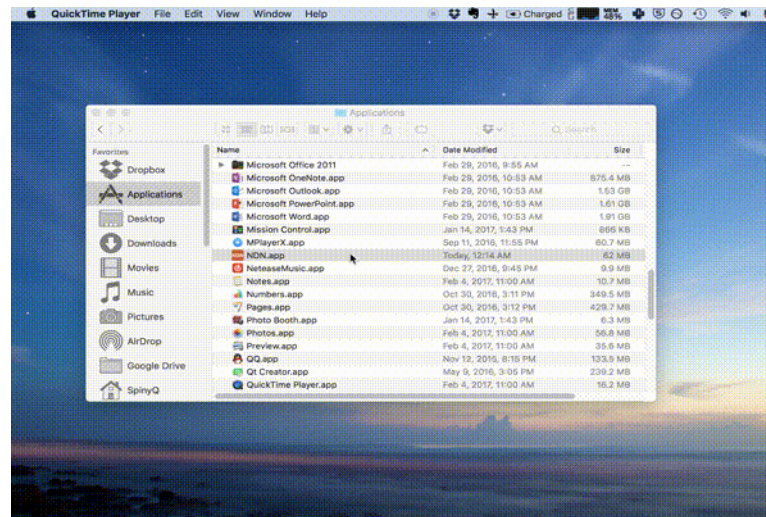
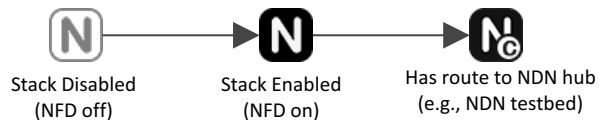
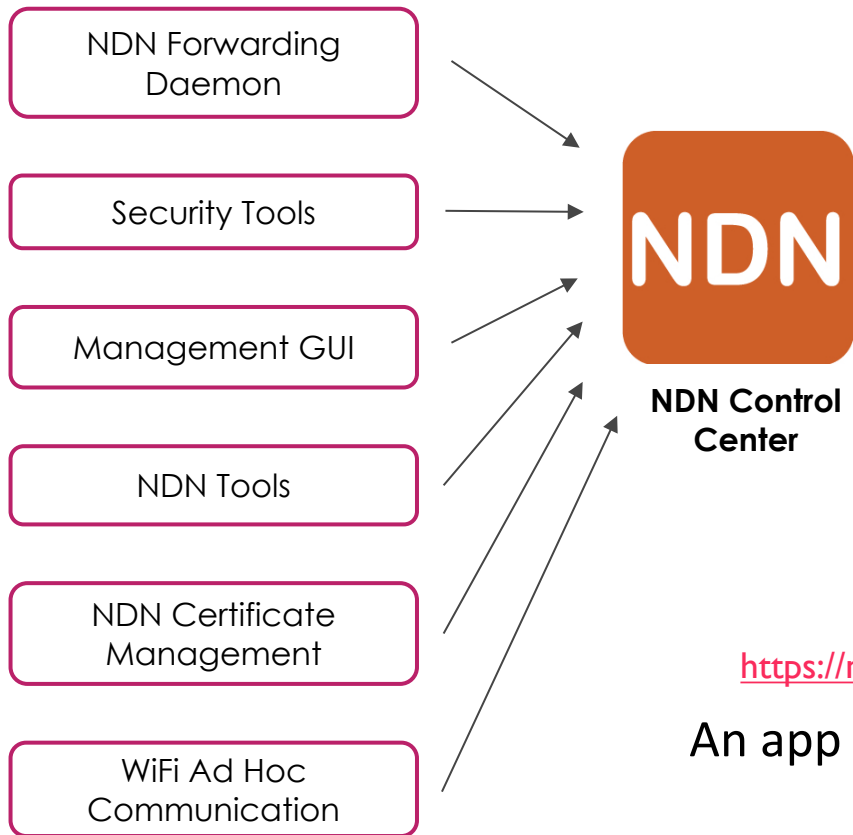
TCPDUMP

WIRESHARK





# NDN Control Center (macOS, Linux)



<https://named-data.net/codebase/applications/ndn-control-center/>

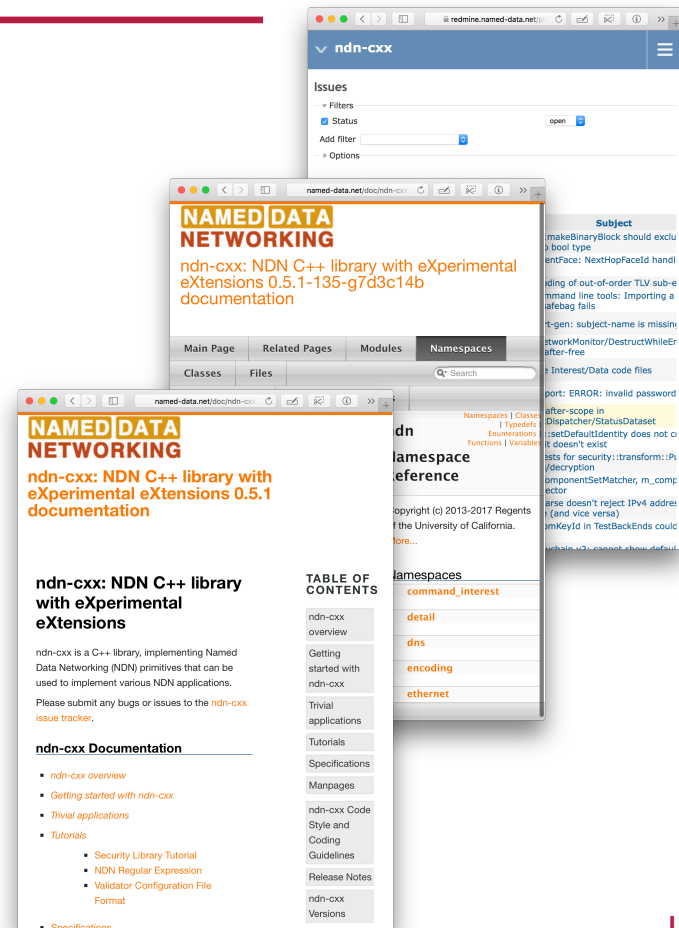
An app that provides a simple way to start playing with NDN apps

# Libraries

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# ndn-cxx: NDN C++ library with eXperimental eXtensions

- C++11
- The reference library and security library implementation
- Used in: NFD, NLSR, ndn-tools, ChronoChat, etc.
- <https://named-data.net/doc/ndn-cxx/current/>
  - Overview
  - Getting started
  - Trivial applications
  - Tutorials
  - Specifications
  - Manpages
  - API documentation (doxygen)
- Feedback, suggestions, and contributions are welcome.





- NDN protocol stack
  - NFD as NDN packet mux/demuxer
  - Name prefixes / interface (routing) configuration
  - (Discovery of local hub & prefixes)
  - (Local data prefixes propagation)
- **Identity/Certificate**
  - To ensure data-centric security

## • Client

- `ndn::Face face;`
  - `// start async`
  - `face.expressInterest(ndn::Interest("/some/name").setMustBeFresh(true), onData, onNack, onTimeout);`
- `face.processEvents();`
- `// async onData`
- `// async onNack`
- `// async onTimeout`

## • Server

- `ndn::Face face;`
  - `// start async`
  - `face.setInterestFilter("/some/name", onInterest, onSuccess, onFailure);`
- `face.processEvents();`
- `// async onInterest`
  - `ndn::Data("/some/name");`
  - `data.setContent(...);`
  - **`keyChain.sign(data);`**
  - `face.put(data);`

# NDN Common Client Libraries (NDN-CPP, NDN-JS, jNDN, PyNDN)

- C++, Java, Python, JavaScript, C#, Squirrel
- Used in: NDN-RTC, NdnCon, NFD-Android, etc.
- <https://named-data.net/codebase/platform/ndn-ccl/>
  - NDN Common Client Libraries API
  - NDN-CPP API
  - PyNDN API
  - NDN-JS API
  - jNDN API

The NDN Common Client Libraries (NDN-CCL) are written in C++, Python, JavaScript and Java and provide a common API for client applications to use NDN. Any library in NDN-CCL suite allows an application to send interests to and receive data from an NDN forwarding daemon (NFD) and provide a large set of other functions necessary for any NDN application.

Libraries implementing the **NDN Common Client Libraries API**:

- C++ – **NDN-CPP**, [language-specific issues]
- Python – **PyNDN**
- JavaScript – **NDN-JS**
- Java – **jNDN**

Function and class documentation: **NDN-CPP**, **PyNDN**, **NDN-JS**, **jNDN**.

Potential contributors to the NDN-CCL should review the **NDN-CCL Development Guidelines**.

**Supported Features**

Feature	NDN-CPP	PyNDN	NDN-JS	jNDN	Notes
MemoryContentCache	✓	✓	✓	✓	
ChronoSync2013	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Name.Component.from*	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Name.Component.is*	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Name.Component.to*	✓	✓	✓	✓	
ImplicitSha256DigestComponent	✓	✓	✓	✓	
ProtobuffIv	✓ API	✓ API	✓ API	✓ API	
SegmentFetcher	✓ API	✓ API	✓ API	✓ API	

## • Client

- `loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()`
- `face = ThreadsafeFace(loop, None)`
  - `// start async`
  - `face.expressInterest(ndn.Interest(ndn.Name("/some/name")), onData, onNack, onTimeout)`
- `loop.run_forever()`
- `face.shutdown()`
- `// async onData`
- `// async onNack`
- `// async onTimeout`

## • Server

- `loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()`
- `face = ThreadsafeFace(loop, None)`
- `// start async`
  - `face.registerPrefix(ndn.Name("/some/name"), onInterest, onFailure)`
- `loop.run_forever()`
- `face.shutdown()`
- `// async onInterest`
  - `data = ndn.Data("/some/name");`
  - `data.setContent(...);`
  - **`keyChain.sign(data, ...);`**
  - `face.putData(data);`

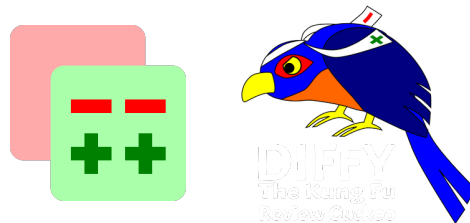




# Main collaboration tools

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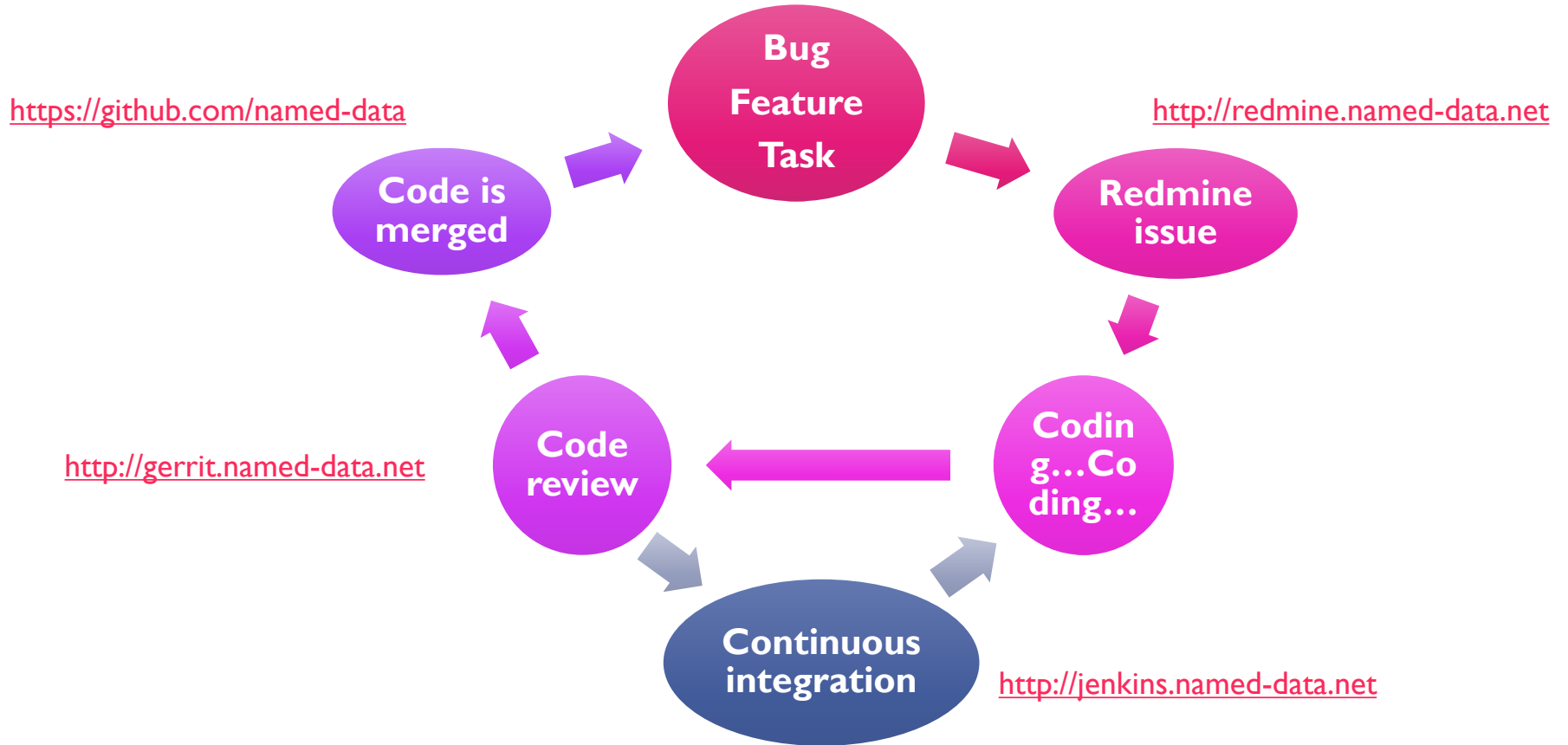
- **Redmine** – issue tracking, wiki
  - Coordination of NDN code development across the world
  - > 3100 issues (>2400 closed)
- **Gerrit** – code review
  - Ensuring code quality and high-quality coding training
  - > 4100 changes
- **Mailing lists** – wider discussions, announcements



<https://named-data.net/codebase/platform/support/mailling-lists/>

# Development Model

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# Evaluation at Different Scales

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# Open Network Lab (ONL)

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- Remotely accessible network testbed
  - Operated and maintained by Applied Research Lab in Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis
  - Real Hardware for running repeatable network experiments with trusted results. (NOT simulations)
- Use for NDN
  - NDN installed on each host/VM
  - NFD performance study
  - NDN Testbed Emulation to test new releases
- How to join?
  - <https://onl.wustl.edu/>
    - And “Get an account”



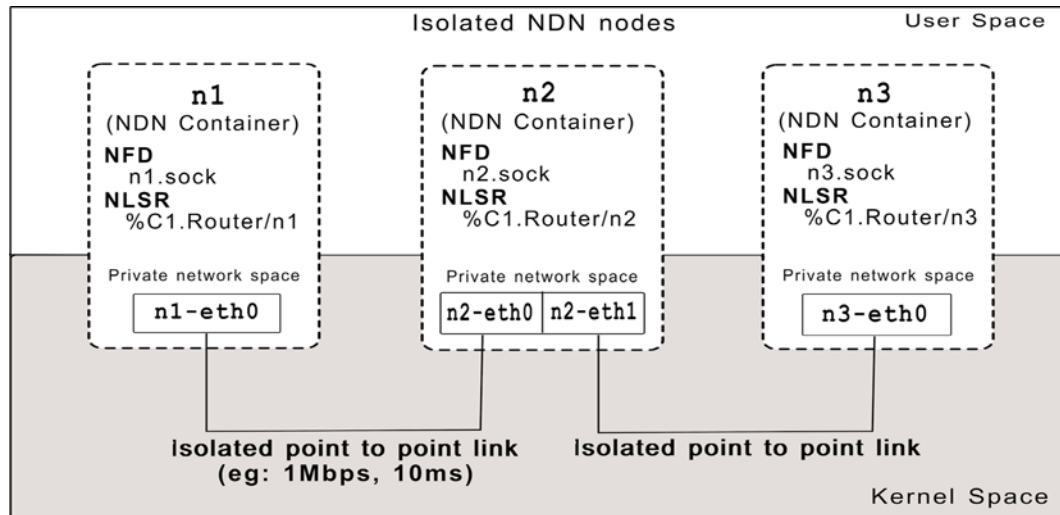
# MiniNDN: NDN Emulation Framework (Based on MiniNet)

<https://github.com/named-data/mini-ndn>

## Runs actual instances of NFD, NLSR

### Medium-scale evaluations

- Easy to configure network emulation
- Runs any real application
- Number of emulated nodes  $\propto$  CPU power
- Cluster edition can be used to scale emulations



Mini-NDN Demo

MORE VIDEOS

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YouTube

Settings, HD, Comments, Full Screen icons

The image shows a YouTube video player interface. The video title is "Mini-NDN Demo". Below the video area, there is a "MORE VIDEOS" section. The video player controls at the bottom show a play button, a volume icon, and a progress bar indicating 0:00 / 32:19. To the right of the progress bar are icons for settings, HD quality, the YouTube logo, comments, and full screen.

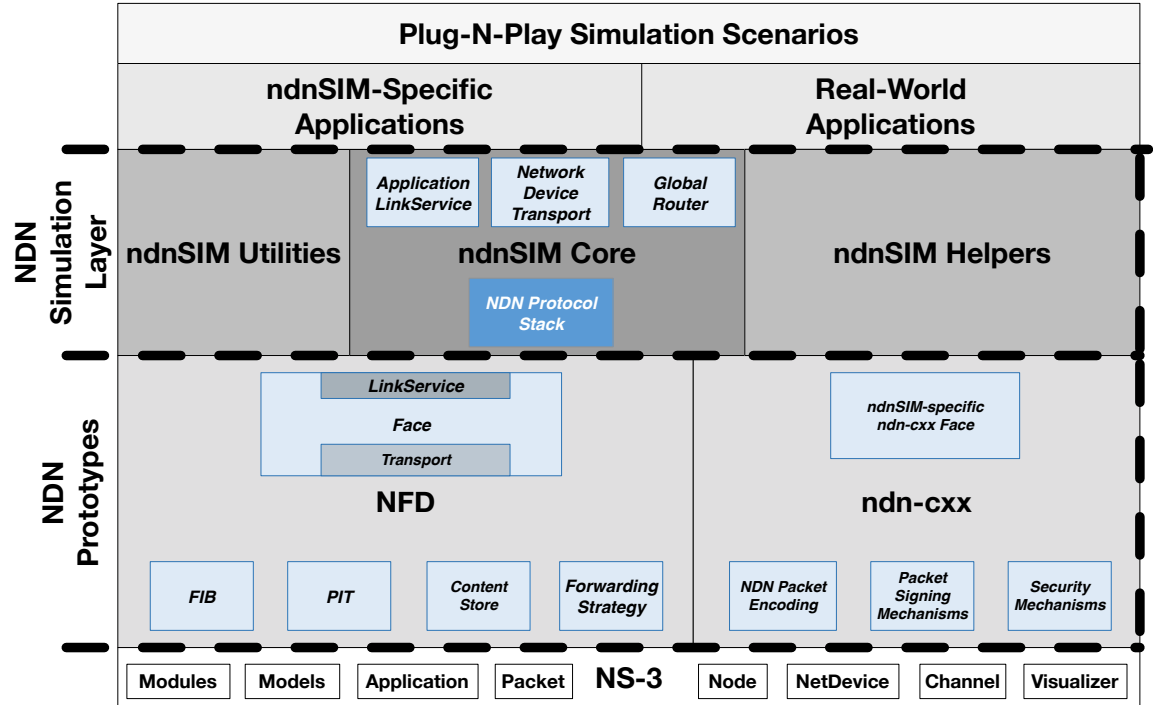
# ndnSIM: NDN Simulation Framework (Based on NS-3)

<https://ndnsim.net/>

**Fully integrated with NDN**  
**prototype implementations: NFD &**  
**ndn-cxx**

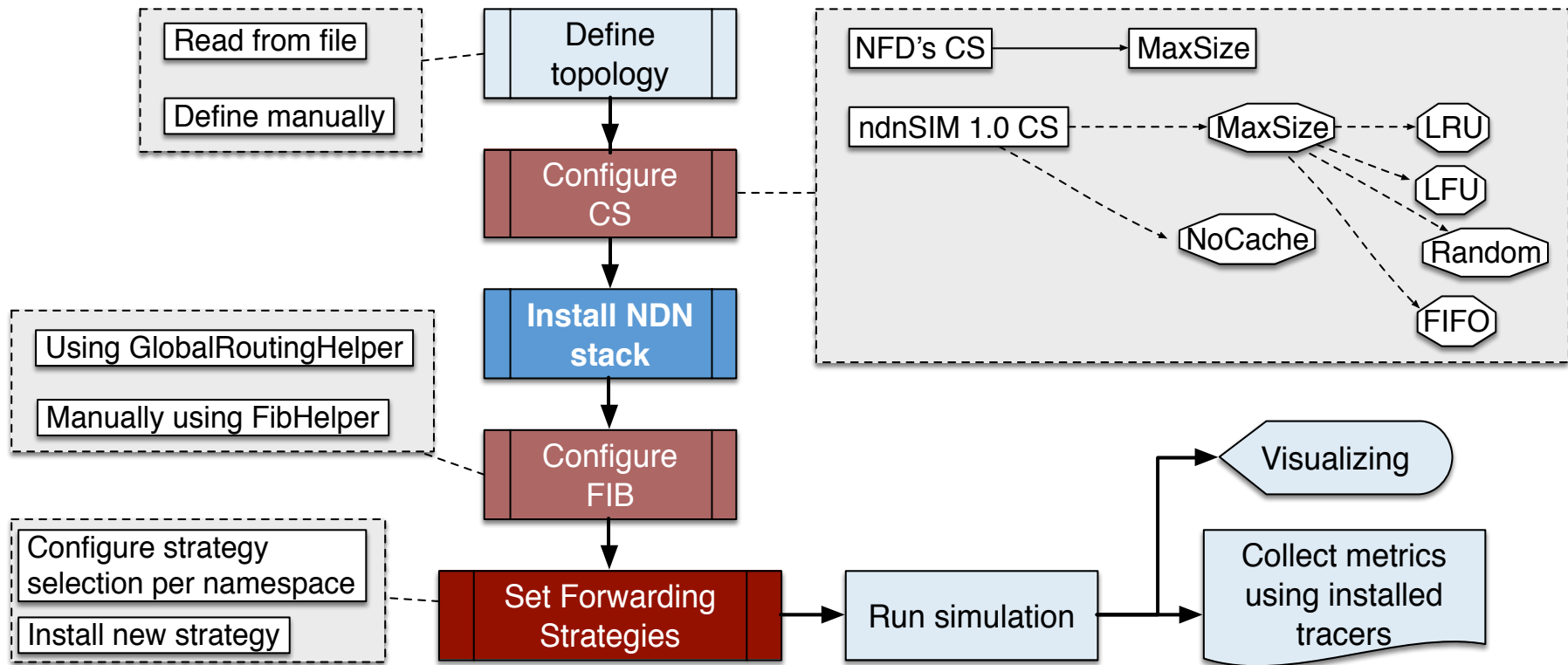
Large scale evaluations

- Provide interoperability between simulation and prototyping
- Enable a two-way of experimentation and evaluation
- Enable high-fidelity NDN simulations
- 1500+ nodes with WiFi channels in the evaluation of NDN for vehicular networking





# Typical Workflow with ndnSIM



## Install NDN stack

```
ndn::StackHelper ndnHelper;  
ndnHelper.InstallAll();
```

## Install consumer app(s)

```
NodeContainer consumerNodes;  
consumerNodes.Add(grid.GetNode(0,0));  
ndn::AppHelper cHelper("ns3::ndn::ConsumerCbr");  
cHelper.SetPrefix("/prefix");  
cHelper.SetAttribute("Frequency",  
                    StringValue("10"));  
cHelper.Install(consumerNodes);
```

## Install producer app(s)

```
Ptr<Node> producer = grid.GetNode(2, 2);  
ndn::AppHelper pHelper("ns3::ndn::Producer");  
pHelper.SetPrefix("/prefix");  
pHelper.SetAttribute("PayloadSize",  
                    StringValue("1024"));  
pHelper.Install(producer);
```

## Configure FIB (manually or like here using the helper)

```
ndn::GlobalRoutingHelper ndnGlobalRoutingHelper;  
ndnGlobalRoutingHelper.InstallAll();  
ndnGlobalRoutingHelper.AddOrigins("/prefix", producer);  
ndnGlobalRoutingHelper.CalculateRoutes();
```