

# Ahmed El-Hassany

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Research Interests

Networks, Software-Defined Networks, Networks Programmability, Systems , Distributed Systems, High Performance Computing.

### Education

- 2015–present **PhD student**, *ETH Zürich*, Switzerland.  
*Advised by:* Prof. Laurent Vanbever
- 2009–2011 **M.S. Computer Science**, *University of Delaware*, Newark, DE.
- 2003–2008 **B.Sc. Computer Engineering**, *Islamic University of Gaza*, Gaza, Palestine.

### Awards

- Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarship for Master's program, 2009-2011.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner team at IEEE/ACM Supercomputer Conference 2009 High Performance Computing Contest.
- Google Summer of Code, 2008.
- Palestinian Prime Minister's special award for undergraduate achievements, 2008

### Publications

#### Conferences

- [1] **A. El-Hassany**, J. Miserez, P. Bielik, M. Vechev, and L. Vanbever, "SDNRacer: Concurrency Analysis for Software-Defined Networks," in *PLDI 2016*.
- [2] E. Z. Yang, G. Campagna, O. S. Ağacan, **A. El-Hassany**, A. Kulkarni, and R. R. Newton, "Efficient Communication and Collection with Compact Normal Forms," in *ICFP 2015*.
- [3] J. Miserez, P. Bielik, **A. El-Hassany**, L. Vanbever, and M. Vechev, "SDNRacer: Detecting Concurrency Violations in Software-defined Networks," in *SOSR 2015*.
- [4] C. Scott, A. Wundsam, B. Raghavan, A. Panda, A. Or, J. Lai, E. Huang, Z. Liu, **A. El-Hassany**, S. Whitlock, H. Acharya, K. Zarifis, and S. Shenker, "Troubleshooting Blackbox SDN Control Software with Minimal Causal Sequences," in *SIGCOMM 2014*.
- [5] **A. El-Hassany**, E. Kissel, D. Gunter, and M. Swany, "Design and Implementation of a Unified Network Information Service," in *IEEE International Conference on Services Computing (SCC)*, June 2013.

## Workshops

- [6] E. Kissel, **A. El-Hassany**, G. Fernandes, M. Swany, D. Gunter, T. Samak, and J. M. Schopf, "Scalable Integrated Performance Analysis of Multi-Gigabit Networks," in *IEEE Network Operations and Management Symposium (NOMS)*, 2012.

## Demos

- [7] **A. El-Hassany**, E. Kissel, and J. Griffioen, "GEMINI Tutorial: Measuring and instrumenting GENI experiment. GEC 13-16, 2012–2013."
- [8] **A. El-Hassany**, E. Pouyoul, V. Singh, B. Tierney, I. Monga, S. Ganguly, M. Ikeda, M. Swany, and E. Kissel, "Using Periscope to monitor End-to-End Circuit Service at Layer 2 (ECSEL). SC'11."

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## Professional Experience

- June 2015–Present **Research Assistant**, *ETH Zürich*, Switzerland.
- Network Programmability.
  - SDN Verification <http://sdnracer.ethz.ch>. Published in [1, 3].
- Spring 2015 **Research Associate**, *Indiana University*, Bloomington, IN.
- Measured garbage collector and data serialization overhead for unstructured data.
  - Worked on developing efficient methods for representing data in Haskell's runtime system. Published in [2].
- July 2013– Nov 2014 **Research Scientist**, *International Computer Science Institute*, Berkeley, CA.
- Worked designing and building next generation SDN architecture (SDNv2).
  - Work on integrating STS project with ONOS; an open source SDN controller <http://onosproject.org/> and our work is published in [4].
  - Help ONOS QA team adopt parts of STS in their testing infrastructure.
- Summer '13 **Summer Student**, *Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory*, Berkeley, CA.
- Worked with the Energy Sciences Network (ESnet) team.
  - Designed and developed scalable multi-domain Topology Service for dynamic multi-domain network circuits' setup.
  - *Technology used*: Java, Python, Tornado, MongoDB.
- 2011–2013 **Research Associate**, *Indiana University*, Bloomington, IN.
- Designed and developed a RESTful Unified Network Information Services (UNIS) to represent topologies for large-scale multi-domain networks.
  - Designed and developed instrumentation and monitoring APIs and tools for GENI experiments and physical infrastructure.
  - *Technology used*: Java, Python, Tornado, MongoDB.
- Summer '10 **Summer Student**, *Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory*, Berkeley, CA.
- Worked at the Center for Enabling Distributed Petascale Computing (CEDPS) project.
  - Worked on designing and building system to collect, represent and analyze large scale monitoring data for high-speed data transfers in DOE networks.
  - *Technology used*: Java, Python, Tornado, MongoDB.
- Feb '09–July '09 **Software Engineer**, *Municipality of Gaza*, Gaza, Palestine.
- Designed a system to extract information, categorize and archive old, from late 1800s, building permits.
  - Designed new business process and the required software for issuing building permits in Gaza.
  - Lead a team of 50 civil engineers and 20 data entry persons to implement the project.
  - *Technology used*: Oracle RDBMS, Visual Basic .NET, Delphi.

- Dec '08–Mar. '09 **Independent Consultant**, *Palestinian National Internet Naming Authority (PNINA)*, Gaza, Palestine.
- Software quality assurance of in house built system for registering managing all .ps domain names; PNINA is the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) for Palestine.
  - Consulting on deployment and integration for new domain registration system.
  - *Technology used*: PHP, Perl, PostgreSQL, MySQL, BIND, Apache.
- Summer '08 **Student Developer**, *Google Inc. & Internet2*, Google Summer of Code 2008.
- This project is sponsored by Google and administrated by Internet2.
  - Designed and developed open source web based configuration tools for perfSONAR-PS.
  - *Technology used*: Perl, JavaScript, Apache, HTML, CSS.
- Sep. '07 – Mar. '08 **Software Engineer**, *AfkarIT*, Gaza, Palestine.
- Designed and developed operating system level virtual machines monitoring system for VMWare ESX Infrastructure.
  - *Technology used*: Python, C#.
- Sep. '04–Oct. '05 **Contractor Software Engineer**, *Ard El-Insan*, Gaza, Palestine.
- Designed and developed patients follow-up management system in four clinics for a project sponsored by European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO).
  - *Technology used*: Visual Basic. NET, Microsoft SQL Server.

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## Activities and Services

- Attended Par Lab Boot Camp – short course on parallel programming, UC Berkeley 2010.
- SCinet student volunteer, Supercomputing Conference 2010, 2011, 2012.
- President of Graduate Students Association for Computer and Information Science Department at University of Delaware, (Fall 2010 – Spring 2011)
- Attended From Lab to Market, Fulbright Enrichment Seminar, Austin TX, June 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 2009.