

# Alemnew Sheferaw Asrese

## Research Interest

**Network Measurement, Quality of Experience (QoE), QoE Modelling, Web Performance, Network Management, Distributed & Networked Systems, Cloud Computing, Machine Learning for Networking.**

## Education

2014 – expected 2020 **Doctoral Candidate in Networking Technology**, *Aalto University, Finland*.  
Dissertation: Quality of Experience (QoE) Inference for Web Applications based upon Active Network Measurement  
Advisors: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Jörg Ott and Dr. Pasi Sarolahti

2011 – 2014 **M.Sc. in Computer Science**, *University of Trento, Italy*, GPA – 99/110.  
Thesis: Design and Development of Dynamic Fleet Management System Prototype  
Advisor: Prof. Alberto Montresor

2007 – 2010 **B.Sc. in Information Science**, *Adama University, Ethiopia*, GPA: 3.9/4.0.  
Thesis: Online Voting System for National Electoral Board of Ethiopia.  
Advisor: Belayneh Mengistu

## Work Experience

2020 – **Senior Developer**, ERICSSON, Finland.  
- Working on cloud automation using Kubernetes.  
- Software defined storage for cloud native applications.

2014 – 2019 **Doctoral Candidate & Researcher**, AALTO UNIVERSITY, Finland.  
- Researched the factors affecting Web Performance and Quality of Experience.  
- Developed Web Performance and QoE measurement tool.  
- Instructed and assisted laboratory lessons of two master level courses.  
- Performed technical presentations at international conferences and seminars.

2013 – 2014 **Software Developer – Intern**, NEC LABORATORIES EUROPE, Germany.  
- Designed and implemented a dynamic fleet management system prototype by using the Vehicle Routing Problem algorithms.  
- Designed and implemented a communication platform for electric vehicles by extending the C2X-sdk functionality for vehicle to vehicle and vehicle to infrastructure communication.

Mar – Jul 2012 **Web Developer & Programmer**, GREENPREFAB, Italy.  
- Designed and implemented a cloud-based solution and web portal for civil engineers and architects to perform green-building rendering and energy efficiency simulation.

2010 – 2011 **Graduate Assistant**, ADAMA SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY, Ethiopia.  
- Instructed both theoretical and laboratory lessons for bachelor students.  
- Designed and implemented a Malaria Expert System.

- 2008 – 2010 **Laboratory Technician, Librarian, & Intern**, ADAMA UNIVERSITY, Ethiopia.
- Troubleshooting & installing personal computers.
  - Member of Library automation team.
  - Configured the KOHA library integrated management system.
  - Managing the library users and resources.
  - Converted more than 500,000 e-books to PDF from different formats.

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## Research Visit

- May – Jul **Visiting PhD Researcher**, TU MUNICH, Germany.  
2018 Mentor: Dr. Vaibhav Bajpai  
Topic: Measuring Web QoE in Cellular Networks
- Jun – Aug **Visiting PhD Researcher**, TU MUNICH, Germany.  
2017 Mentor: Dr. Vaibhav Bajpai  
Topic: Measuring Web Latency & Rendering Performance
- Mar – May **Visiting PhD Researcher**, INRIA OF PARIS, MUSE RESEARCH GROUP, France.  
2017 Mentor: Dr. Vassilis Christofidis & Dr. Renata Cruz Teixeira  
Topic: Analysis of Quality of Service (QoS) metrics for Web QoE modeling
- Mar – Jul **Visiting PhD Student**, SIMULA RESEACH LABORATORY, Norway.  
2016 Mentor: Dr. Özgü Alay  
Topic: Measuring and modelling Web performance and QoE on mobile broadband networks under different mobility scenarios using MONROE platform.

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## Teaching Experience

### Aalto University

- 2015 **Teaching Assistant**, *Network Programming (M.Sc. level course)*.  
Responsibility: Instructed and graded the software project.
- 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, *Communication Networks (M.Sc. level course)*.  
Responsibility: Instructed and graded the laboratories exercises.

### Adama Science & Technology University

- 2011 **Instructor**, *Introduction to Information Technology*.  
**Teaching Assistant**, *Web programming with HTML, CSS, JavaScript & PHP*.
- 2010 **Teaching Assistant**, *Fundamentals of Programming with C++, and Object Oriented Programming with Java*.

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## Technical Skills

- **Programming languages:** Java/JEE, Python, JavaScript, Shell, Android, C++, PHP
- **Data analysis & visualization tools:** Python, R
- **Database:** MySQL, SQL
- **Networking tools:** Mininet, Wireshark
- **Operating systems:** OS X, Linux, Windows
- **Utilities:** vim, git,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

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## Trainings

- June 2016 **Strategic Management, Leading & Coaching**, *IE Business school / IE University*, Madrid, Spain.
- July 2015 **Cyber Security**, *Tallinn University of Technology*, Tallinn, Estonia.

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## Awards and Grants

- 2016 ACM student travel grant to SIGCOMM conference, Florianopolis, Brazil.
- 2015 ACM student travel grant for CoNEXT conference, Heidelberg, Germany.
- 2015 ACM travel grant for Internet Measurement Conference, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2015 Award of Excellence for the year 2014 from University of Trento, Italy.
- 2014 Marie-Curie Initial Training Network grant for three years of PhD study.
- 2011 University of Trento Opera Universitaria Scholarship for a two years Master's study.

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## Publications

- [1] **A. S. Asrese**, E. A. Walelgne, V. Bajpai, and J. Ott. "Above The Fold: Measuring Quality of Experience for the Modern Web". In: *IEEE COMMAG* (). (Under review).
- [2] M. Isah, A. Phokeer, J. Chavula, A. Elmokashfi, and **A. S. Asrese**. "State of Internet Measurement in Africa – A Survey". In: *AFRICOMM 2019*. (To appear).
- [3] E. A. Walelgne, **A. S. Asrese**, J. Manner, V. Bajpai, and J. Ott. "A Clustering Model to Predict the Data Usage Patterns of Geographically Diverse Mobile Users". In: *IEEE JSAC* (). (Under review).
- [4] **A. S. Asrese**, S. J. Eravuchira, V. Bajpai, P. Sarolahti, and J. Ott. "Measuring Web Latency and Rendering Performance: Method, Tools & Longitudinal Dataset". In: *IEEE TNSM* 16.2 (June 2019). [Impact Factor: 4.682]. DOI: 10.1109/TNSM.2019.2896710.
- [5] **A. S. Asrese**, E. A. Walelgne, V. Bajpai, A. Lutu, Ö. Alay, and J. Ott. "Measuring Web Quality of Experience in Cellular Networks". In: *ACM PAM'19. Puerto Varas, Chile*. [26.6%, 20/75]. Mar. 2019. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-15986-3\_2.
- [6] D. N. da Hora, **A. S. Asrese**, V. Christophides, R. Teixeira, and D. Rossi. "Narrowing the Gap Between QoS Metrics and Web QoE Using Above-the-fold Metrics". In: *ACM PAM'18. Berlin, Germany*. [40%, 20/50] **Best Dataset Award**. Mar. 2018. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-76481-8\_3.
- [7] **A. S. Asrese**, P. Sarolahti, M. Boye, and J. Ott. "WePR: A Tool for Automated Web Performance Measurement". In: *IEEE Globecom'16 Workshops. Washington, DC, USA*. Dec. 2016. DOI: 10.1109/GLOCOMW.2016.7849082.
- [8] P. Reichl, S. Egger, S. Möller, K. Kilkki, M. Fiedler, T. Hoßfeld, C. Tsiaras, and **A. Asrese**. "Towards a Comprehensive Framework for QoE and User Behavior Modelling". In: *IEEE QoMEX'15. Pilos, Messinia, Greece*. May 2015. DOI: 10.1109/QoMEX.2015.7148138.

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## Theses

- [1] A. S. Asrese. "Design and Development of Dynamic Fleet Management System". Master thesis. University of Trento, Italy, 2014.
- [2] A. S. Asrese. "Online Voting System for National Electoral Board of Ethiopia". Bachelor thesis. Adama University, Ethiopia, 2010.

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## Posters and Demos

- [1] A. Phokeer, M. Isah, J. Chavula, **A. S. Asrese**, and A. Elmukashfi. "Characterizing RIPE Atlas Platform Deployment in Africa". In: *2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on Computing & Sustainable Societies*. 2019.
- [2] **A. S. Asrese**, E. A. Walelgne, A. Lutu, Ö. Alay, and J. Ott. "Poster abstract: Measuring Web Latency in Cellular Networks". In: *IEEE INFOCOM'18. Honolulu, HI, USA*. Apr. 2018. DOI: 10.1109/INFOCOMW.2018.8406855.
- [3] E. A. Walelgne, **A. S. Asrese**, V. Bajpai, J. Ott, and J. Manner. "Using Crowdsourcing Data for Adaptive Video Streaming in Cellular Network". In: *ACM MobiSys'18. Munich, Germany*. June 2018. DOI: 10.1145/3210240.3210804.
- [4] **A. S. Asrese**, P. Sarolahti, and J. Ott. "Web QoE Inference from Large-scale Measurement". In: *5<sup>th</sup> TMA PhD School. Barcelona, Spain*. Apr. 2015.

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## Talks

- July 2019 Measuring Web QoE in Operational MBB Networks. *Simula Metropolitan Center for Data Engineering*. Oslo, Norway.
- June 2019 Measuring Web Latency: Observations from Large-scale Measurement. *Internet Measurement Workshop in Africa*. Kampala, Uganda.
- April 2019 Measuring Web QoE in Cellular Networks. *Doctoral Seminar of Connected Mobility Chair at Technical University of Munich*. Salzburg, Austria.
- October 2016 Web QoE and Performance in Mobile Broadband Networks. *Doctoral Seminar of Connected Mobility Chair at Technical University of Munich*. Burghausen, Germany.
- November 2014 Netradar – Measuring mobile networks. *ACM SIGCOMM IMC'14 Conference*. Vancouver, Canada

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## Selected Software Projects

- WebLAR: Measuring Web Latency, ATF, and Rendering (using py, sh, java, js, docker)
- WePR: Web performance and rendering measurement system (using c, py, java, sh)
- Bilingual Malaria Expert System (using Java and HTML)
- Tewahedo Android App
- Library Management System (using HTML and JEE framework)

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## Research Projects

- 2014 – 2017 **METRICS**, *Measurement for Europe: Training and Research for Internet Communications Science*, FP7-PEOPLE – Contract no. 607728.
  - Worked on WP 1 and contributed for deliverable 1.1, 1.2, 1.3.
- 2012 – 2015 **LEONE**, *From global measurements to local management*, EU FP7 ICT2011.1.1 – contract no. 317647.
  - Contributed for deliverable 4.3.
- 2010 – 2012 **VENUS-C**, *Virtual multidisciplinary environments using cloud computing*, EU FP7 Research Infrastructure – contract no. 261565.
  - Designed and implemented a cloud-based solution for architects and civil engineers to render green building architecture and energy efficiency simulations.

- 2010 – 2011 **Malaria Expert System**, *Grant from Ethiopian Ministry of ICT*, a collaboration project with Dr. Dereje Yohaness.
- Designed and implemented a multilingual web-based expert system which takes malaria symptoms as an input and gives information about the situation of the patient.

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## Professional Services

### Technical Program Committee

- 2018 AFRICOMM Workshop on Internet measurements research in Africa

### Shadow TPC

- 2017 – 2019 ACM Internet Measurement Conference  
2018 IFIP Traffic Measurement and Analysis Conference

### Reviewer

- 2019 ELSEVIER Future Generation Computer Systems  
2019 IEEE Transactions on Network & Service Management (TNSM)  
2019 IEEE/IFIP Symposium on Integrated Network Management  
2019 The Ethiopian Journal of Science and Technology (EJST)  
2018 IFIP Networking Conference

### Organizer

- 2017 – 2018 International Conference on Ethiopian Church Studies

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## References

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