

# Anastassios Nanos

SYSTEMS RESEARCHER

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## Research Interests

Hypervisor technologies, Systems Software, Unikernel Frameworks, Lightweight workload deployment, I/O Virtualization.

## Skills

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| <b>Programming</b>                 | C, python, bash, C++, C, PHP, perl, JS, Java                                                       |
| <b>Linux Kernel Programming</b>    | Device Drivers (Block/Network), DMA API, Virtual Memory Management, x86 and ARMv7/8, SoC bootstrap |
| <b>Unikernels</b>                  | rumpkernels, unikraft, LKL, OSv                                                                    |
| <b>Virtualization</b>              | Xen (extensive experience with MM, scheduling, device/drivers integration), KVM (MM, virtio)       |
| <b>Embedded systems:</b>           | Exynos (5422, 7420), Zynq-7000/Ultrascale+, KU3, LanaiXP, ARM XScale, custom FPGA boards           |
| <b>Interconnects</b>               | 10GbE, Infiniband, Myrinet/GM (advanced) – Myrinet/MX, Open-MX (advanced)                          |
| <b>Database Management Systems</b> | MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB                                                                         |

## Technical & Language Skills

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| <b>Operating Systems</b>      | Linux, Unix, Free/Net/OpenBSD, MS Windows<br>Extensive experience setting up various Data Center related services such as: DNS (bind), WWW (apache, nginx), Mail (sendmail & postfix, dovecot), DBMS (MySQL/Postgres, MongoDB), Auth and Directory services (openLDAP & Heimdal Kerberos), VoIP (Asterisk), Networking (CISCO IOS, iptables, openVPN), Monitoring (collectd, graphite, munin & mrtg). Familiar with setup and deployment of Cloud Computing platforms (OpenStack). |
| <b>Systems Administration</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Typesetting</b>            | ℒ <sub>A</sub> T <sub>E</sub> X, MS Word                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Languages</b>              | English (Fluent), French (Moderate), Greek (Native)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## Experience

### Nubificus Ltd

Athens, GR / Sheffield, UK

DIRECTOR

Aug. 2018 -

- Nubificus Ltd is a software consultancy tackling complex virtualization problems. We explore lightweight virtualization solutions for edge, low-power devices, aiming to bring Serverless / FaaS at the Edge.

### Sunlight.IO Limited

Cambridge, UK

RESEARCHER | SYSTEMS ENGINEER

Jul. 2018 - Apr. 2020

- Span out from the Emerging Technologies department of OnApp Limited
- Architected, implemented, and optimized a state-of-the-art hyperconverged hypervisor stack that achieves extreme storage and network performance.

### OnApp Limited

Cambridge, UK

RESEARCHER | SYSTEMS ENGINEER

Feb. 2015 - Jun. 2018

- Conducted research in emerging, power-efficient micro-server architectures on scalable network and storage I/O, and energy-driven resource management in cloud architectures.
- Additionally, I was involved in architecting and implementing low-level hypervisor and OS mechanisms in the context of EU-funded projects (EUROSERVER, SHARCS, ACTICLOUD, SUPERFLUIDITY, NGPaaS).

### Up2Metric S.A.

Athens, GR / Sheffield, UK

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

May. 2016 - Sep. 2016

- Ported a computer vision algorithm to provide Augmented Reality annotation to staircases for Otolift's core products.

### Mist.io Inc

Athens, GR

COFOUNDER & SYSTEMS ENGINEER

Jan. 2012 - Jan. 2015

- Design, develop, deploy and maintain the company's product. Mist.io is about cloud server management, monitoring and automation across multiple cloud providers from any web device. Mostly develop in python, Javascript and bash.

### Unweb.me Ltd

Athens, GR

SYSTEMS ENGINEER

Jan. 2011 - Dec. 2013

- Served as a systems engineer, deploying, administering and maintaining the company's infrastructure both on bare-metal servers (co-located) as well as cloud servers (mostly Amazon EC2).

## Computing Systems Lab, NTUA

Athens, GR

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW

Jan. 2014 - Jan. 2015

- Worked on I/O Virtualization, systems software for high-performance I/O in virtualized environments, communication architectures for clusters, and scalable storage architectures based on clusters.

JUNIOR RESEARCHER

Apr. 2007 - Dec. 2013

- For the purpose of my PhD thesis, I worked on scalable block-level storage systems, communication architectures for clusters, custom 10GigE interconnection frameworks and I/O Virtualization.

SENIOR UNIX/LINUX ADMINISTRATOR

Apr. 2007 - Dec. 2013

- Maintained, administered and supported the lab (10-20 grad students, faculty members and visiting staff) providing services such as: DNS, WWW, Mail, VoIP and DBMS. From Sept 2011, my role was mostly advising the systems administration team.

## Maxeler Technologies Ltd

London, UK

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Sep. 2011 - Mar. 2012

- Worked on porting the company's custom FPGA boards to virtualized environments. As my task was completed quickly, I joined the hardware group working on the company's new product line (MPCX), doing performance evaluation at first as well as kernel developing for the board's interface driver and the networking stack (Infiniband).

## Computer Center, ECE, NTUA

Athens, GR

SENIOR UNIX/LINUX ADMINISTRATOR

Oct. 2005 - Sep. 2010

- Setup the entire lab (25-30 workstations, 5 servers), migrated from Solaris/SunOS 4.3 to Debian GNU/Linux, and maintained the lab which featured a fully autonomous setup, able to provide the necessary software for students to work on ECE school's projects.

## PC Systems S.A.

Athens, GR

UNIX SUPPORT ENGINEER

May 2004 - Sep. 2004

- Served as backend support for the company's clients mostly Solaris and some Linux-based setups.

## Small accounting business

Athens, GR

LINUX/WINDOWS ADMINISTRATOR

Sep. 2001 - Sep. 2006

- Maintained all workstations (5) based on Windows 95/98/XP, migrated the server from Novel Netware to Windows server and finally Linux. Provided support for the integration of commercial software suites specific to the business (accounting) as well as general purpose software (network file sharing, scanning/printing etc.).

## Freelance

Athens, GR

WEB DEVELOPER

Sep. 2002 - Sep. 2005

- Built small sites (static/dynamic) using HTML, PHP and MySQL.

# Education

## NTUA (National Technical University of Athens)

Athens, GR

PH.D. IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Dec. 2013

- Thesis title: Efficient I/O Device Sharing in Virtualized Environments

## NTUA (National Technical University of Athens)

Athens, GR

DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Sep. 2006

- Thesis title: Design and implementation of a mechanism transferring data from storage devices to Myrinet networks bypassing the memory hierarchy

# Publications

## Extending storage support for unikernel containers

WOSC 19, MIDDLEWARE 19

O. LAGKAS-NIKOLOS, K. PAPAZAFIROPOULOS, S. PSOMADAKIS, A. NANOS, AND N. KOZIRIS.

UC Davis, CA, USA 2019

- DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3366623.3368138>

## V4VSockets: low-overhead intra-node communication in Xen

CloudDP 15, EuroSys 15

A. NANOS, S. GERANGELOS, I. ALIFIERAKI, AND N. KOZIRIS

Bordeaux, France

- DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1145/2744210.2744215>

## I/O Performance Modeling for Big Data Applications over Cloud Infrastructures

IC2E 2015

I. MYTILINIS, D. TSOU MAKOS, V. KANTERE, A. NANOS AND N. KOZIRIS

Tempe, AZ, USA

- DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/IC2E.2015.29>

## Xen2MX: High-performance communication in Virtualized Environments

Journal of Systems and Software

A. NANOS AND N. KOZIRIS

2014

- DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jss.2014.04.036>

## **Xen2MX: Towards High-performance communication in the Cloud**

A. NANOS AND N. KOZIRIS

• DOI: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-36949-0\\_64](http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-36949-0_64)

*VHPC 2012, EuroPar 2012*

*Rhodes, Greece*

## **A Smart HPC interconnect for clusters of Virtual Machines**

A. NANOS, N. NIKOLERIS, S. PSOMADAKIS, E. KOZYRI AND N. KOZIRIS

• DOI: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-29740-3\\_45](http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-29740-3_45)

*VHPC 2011, EuroPar 2011*

*Bordeaux, France*

## **Coexisting Scheduling Policies boosting I/O Virtual Machines**

D. ARAGIORGIS, A. NANOS, AND N. KOZIRIS

• DOI: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-29740-3\\_46](http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-29740-3_46)

*VHPC 2011, EuroPar 2011*

*Bordeaux, France*

## **Exploring I/O Virtualization Data paths for MPI Applications in a Cluster of VMs: A Networking Perspective**

A. NANOS, G. GOUMAS AND N. KOZIRIS

• DOI: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-21878-1\\_82](http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-21878-1_82)

*VHPC 2010, EuroPar 2010*

*Ischia, Italy*

## **MyriXen: Message Passing in Xen Virtual Machines over Myrinet and Ethernet**

A. NANOS AND N. KOZIRIS

• DOI: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-14122-5\\_45](http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-14122-5_45)

*VHPC 2009, EuroPar 2009*

*Delft, Netherlands*

## **GMBlock: Optimizing Data Movement in a Block-level Storage Sharing System over Myrinet**

E. KOUKIS, A. NANOS AND N. KOZIRIS

• DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10586-009-0106-y>

*Journal of Cluster Computing*

*2010*

## **Synchronized Send Operations for Efficient Streaming Block I/O over Myrinet**

E. KOUKIS, A. NANOS AND N. KOZIRIS

• DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/IPDPS.2008.4536142>

*CAC 2008, IPDPS 2008*

*Miami, FL, USA*

# **Presentations & Posters**

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## **Lightweight Hypervisors in the Cloud and at the Edge**

VIRTUALIZATION AND IAAS DEVROOM, FOSDEM

*Brussels, Belgium*

*Feb. 2-3th 2020*

## **Unikernel Support for NFV-like Applications on Xen ARM 64bit**

DESIGN SESSION, XEN SUMMIT

*Budapest, Hungary*

*Jul. 2017*

## **Hypervisor support for emerging scale-out/scale-up architectures**

VHPC 17, ISC-HPC 2017

*Frankfurt, Germany*

*Jun 22nd, 2017*

## **High-performance I/O in Virtualized environments**

INVITED TALK, CARV GROUP, FORTH-ICS

*Heraklion, Greece*

*Nov. 2013*

## **I/O in Virtualized environments**

INVITED TALK, WBI SEMINAR, HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN

*Berlin, Germany*

*Jun. 2013*

## **Experimenting with I/O data paths in Virtualized Environments**

ASPLOS 2012 DOCTORAL WORKSHOP

*London, UK*

*Mar. 2012*

## **High-Performance I/O in Virtualized Environments: A Networking Perspective**

EUROSYS 2010 DOCTORAL WORKSHOP

*Paris, France*

*Apr. 2010*

## **System-level Support for Heterogeneous Architectures**

POSTER IN ARM RESEARCH SUMMIT

*Cambridge, UK*

*Sep. 11-13th 2017*

## **Towards an HPC I/O framework for clusters of Virtual Machines**

POSTER IN ACACES 2011, HIPEAC SUMMER SCHOOL

*Fiuggi, Italy*

*July 10-16, 2011*

## Deploying MPI applications in a cluster of Xen VMs: A Networking Perspective

POSTER IN ACACES 2010, HIPEAC SUMMER SCHOOL

Terrassa (near Barcelona), Spain

July 11-17, 2010

## Message Passing in Xen VMs

POSTER, CLUSTER 2009

New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

September 2, 2009

## Program Committees

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|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2012-2020   | <b>Co-chair</b> , Workshop on Virtualization for High-Performance Cloud Computing                | <i>VHPC @ EuroPar, SC, ISC</i> |
| 2015        | <b>Co-chair</b> , Workshop on Dependable Parallel, Distributed and Network-Centric Systems       | <i>DPDNS @ IPDPS</i>           |
| 2013        | <b>Co-chair</b> , Workshop on Middleware on HPC and Big Data systems                             | <i>MHPC @ EuroPar</i>          |
| 2019        | <b>TPC Member</b> , IEEE/ACM International Symposium in Cluster, Cloud, and Grid Computing       | <i>CCGrid</i>                  |
| 2015 – 2016 | <b>TPC Member</b> , Workshop on Dependable Parallel, Distributed and Network-Centric Systems     | <i>DPDNS @ IPDPS</i>           |
| 2015        | <b>TPC Member</b> , IEEE 4th Symposium on Network Cloud Computing and Applications               | <i>NCCA</i>                    |
| 2015 – 2017 | <b>Shadow PC member</b> , European Conference on Computer Systems                                | <i>EuroSys</i>                 |
| 2008 – 2010 | <b>External Referee</b> , Workshop on Communication Architecture for Clusters                    | <i>CAC @ IPDPS</i>             |
| 2008        | <b>External Referee</b> , International Conference on Parallel Processing                        | <i>ICPP</i>                    |
| 2008        | <b>External Referee</b> , International Forum on Next-Generation Multicore/Manycore Technologies | <i>IFMT</i>                    |

## Honors, Grants & Awards

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| 2019 – 2022 | <b>EU H2020 project</b> , "5G-COMPLETE", Funding: €6M, NBFC: €280k, PI-100%        |
| 2010 – 2013 | <b>PhD thesis Scholarship</b> , EU "IRAKLITOS II", Funding: €45k                   |
| 2007 – 2010 | <b>PhD thesis Scholarship</b> , Greek State Scholarships Foundation, Funding: €16k |