Waleed Reda

Curriculum Vitae

My research focuses on achieving latency reductions in distributed storage systems.

Education

2014–Current **PhD in Computer Science (Dual Degree)**,
Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)
Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL).

- Thesis: *Accelerating Distributed Storage in Heterogeneous Settings*

2012–2014 **M.Sc. in Software Engineering**, *Nile University*.

- Class Valedictorian (Ranked 1st out of 31)

2006–2011 **Bachelor of Computer Engineering**, *Cairo University*.

Research Experience

2014–Present **Research Assistant**, *Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm, Sweden*.

» *RedN*: Developed a framework that unlocks the Turing power of commodity RDMA NICs, allowing them to run arbitrary offloads—including common tasks such as hash lookups. We showed that this significantly reduces latencies for real applications like memcached. RedN will appear at NSDI'22.

» *Rambler*: Performed a measurements study on latency unpredictability in cloud provider networks and its implications for tenant applications. The findings were published at SIGCOMM CCR 2020.

» *Rein*: Developed a scheduling framework for distributed key-value stores to tame tail latency for multi-query scatter-gather requests. The proposed scheduling policies were prototyped inside Cassandra — a widely-used key-value store. The resulting work was published in EuroSys'17.

2018 **Research Intern**, *The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)), TX, USA*.

» *Assise*: Designed and developed a distributed filesystem that leverages Non-Volatile Memory (NVM) and RDMA to provide low latency and high availability. The resulting work was published at OSDI'20. A follow-up project (called LineFS) focused on offloading Assise to SmartNICs and was published at SOSP'21.

Awards

2021 Best paper award at SOSP'21.

2014 Erasmus Mundus Joint PhD Fellowship in Distributed Computing.

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Teaching Experience

Fall 2014 **Cloud Computing, Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL)**.
- Cloud service scalability
- Apache Hadoop MapReduce & Apache Spark
- Large-scale computations in the cloud (AWS EC2)

Fall 2013 **Advanced Software Engineering, Nile University**.
- Software as a Service (SaaS) and Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)
- Refactoring and working with legacy code

Technical Skills

Programming C/C++, JAVA, Python, C#, VHDL
Miscellaneous Matlab, OPNET, RapidMiner, LaTeX

References

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