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Education

- Ph.D.** Computer Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, August 1995.
Advisor: Professor Danny Dolev.
- M.Sc.** Computer Science, The Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, October 1990.
Advisor: Dr. Zvi Rosberg.
- B.Sc.** Information Systems Engineering, Computer Science, The Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, June 1985, *Summa Cum Laude*.

Academic Appointments

Professor, Johns Hopkins University, July 2004 – Present.

Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins University, July 2000 – June 2004.

Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University, September 1995 – June 2000.

Building high performance, robust and secure distributed systems that make a difference.
Director of the Distributed Systems and Networks lab (DSN) (www.dsn.jhu.edu).

Research interests:

- Survivable, secure, highly available, high performance distributed systems.
- Wireless mesh networks, overlay networks, Internet protocols.
- Distributed algorithms, fault tolerant and intrusion tolerant wide area replication.

Teaching

Professor in the Department of Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University. **All** courses consistently ranked by students above 4 out of possible 5 in **all** of the evaluation categories according to the Johns Hopkins Academic Course Evaluation Guide:

- Intermediate Programming, Fall 05, Spring 06. An undergraduate level course, 30 students.
- Distributed Systems, Fall of 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 02, 03, 04, Fall 06. A graduate and undergraduate level course with 20-50 students.
- Advanced Distributed Systems and Networks, Spring of 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 03, 04, 05, Spring 07. Research course with 5-15 students.
- Operating Systems, Fall 99, Fall 00. A graduate and undergraduate course with 30-40 students.

Instructor and Teaching Assistant in the Institute of Computer Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel:

- Instructor of the Operating Systems course, Fall 93, Fall 94, Teaching Assistant Fall 91, 92.
- Teaching Assistant of the Distributed Algorithms course, Fall 93, Fall 94.

Publications

Released Software

- S-9** The SMesh seamless wireless mesh network. Y. Amir, C. Danilov, R. Musaloiu-Elefteri and N. Rivera. (www.smesh.org). First released on January 2006. A completely transparent mesh system that offers seamless, fast handoff, supporting VoIP and other real-time application traffic for any unmodified 802.11 device. Internet and peer-to-peer communication take advantage of a multi-home routing algorithm that makes effective use of available wired and wireless connectivity. Related papers: C-24, C-26.
- S-8** The Spines overlay network platform. Y. Amir and C. Danilov. (www.spines.org). First released on February 2003. A platform that allows experimentation and deployment of overlay networks in the Internet to achieve additional services not available in the current networking infrastructure as well as improved performance for existing services. By exploiting information not available for Internet protocols (due to unlimited scale requirements) Spines optimizes performance for overlay networks that scale up to one thousand nodes. Spines is currently used by a few academic and industrial labs and had over **500** distinct downloads from DSN. Related papers: J-9, C-24, C-23, C-21, I-2.
- S-7** JMS4Spread – A Robust Java Messaging Service (JMS) Without a Single Point of Failure. Y. Amir and A. Munjal. (www.spread.org/JMS4Spread). First released on November 2002. Based on the Spread Toolkit, JMS4Spread had over **700** distinct downloads from DSN and was used by Boeing in a government related project.
- S-6** Wackamole – N-way Fail-over Infrastructure for Clusters and Routers. Y. Amir, R. Caudy, A. Munjal and T. Schlossnagle. (www.backhand.org/wackamole). First released on August 2001. Wackamole ensures continued operation of clusters and routers by managing a set of virtual IP addresses, ensuring their exactly-once availability to the outside world at all times. It powers some popular web sites and had over **2700** distinct downloads from DSN. Related papers: C-20.
- S-5** Secure Spread – A High Performance Secure Group Communication System. Y. Amir, Y. Kim, C. Nita-Rotaru, J. Schultz, J. Stanton and G. Tsudik. (www.dsn.jhu.edu/securespread). First released on January 2001. An experimental system based on the Spread Toolkit and on robust key agreement protocols. One of 12 technologies selected by DARPA to appear on a DVD summarizing the accomplishments of 6 DARPA programs. Went through a DARPA red-team effort. Selected to JWID 2004. Secure Spread had over **1000** distinct downloads from DSN. Related papers: J-7, J-6, J-5, C-19, C-17, C-14, C-12.
- S-4** Backhand – A Load Balancing Module for the Apache Web Server. Y. Amir and T. Schlossnagle. (www.backhand.org). First released on July 1999. A standard package in several Linux distributions and available for Solaris and other operating systems. Invited presentations in several Apache Conferences (apachecon.com). Used by about 10,000 domains on the Internet by April 2001. It had over **7800** distinct downloads from DSN. Related papers: J-4, J-3, C-10, C-9.
- S-3** Spread – A Wide and Local Area Message Bus and Group Communication Toolkit. Y. Amir, M. Miskin-Amir, J. Stanton and J. Schultz. (www.spread.org). First released on October 1997. Spread encapsulates a new paradigm for building high performance, highly available distributed systems. Spread is believed to have thousands of installations in commercial and research environments, and is used in teaching by several universities around the world. It is used by several popular open source applications as well as

- operating under the hood of several commercial products. Spread's mailing list includes over 400 developers and users from around the world. It had over **22,000** distinct downloads from DSN. Related papers: J-8, J-7, C-16, C-15, C-13, TR-4, TR-2.
- S-2** Totem – one of the main developers of the Totem single-ring group communication system under Professors P. M. Melliar-Smith and L. Moser, and with D. Agrawal and P. Ciarfella at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Part of my PhD research (beta.ece.ucsb.edu/totem.html). Related papers: Th-2, J-1, C-4, C-3.
- S-1** Transis – one of the initiators and main developers of the Transis group communication system under Professor Danny Dolev and with S. Kramer and D. Malki at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Transis was the first group communication system to handle network partitions and merges. Part of my PhD research (1991-1995). (www.cs.huji.ac.il/labs/transis/transis.html). Related papers: Th-2, C-7, C-6, C-2, C-1, I-1, TR-1.

Journals

- J-9** An Overlay Architecture for High Quality VoIP Streams. Y. Amir, C. Danilov, S. Goose, D. Hedqvist and A. Terzis. The *IEEE Transactions on Multimedia (TOM)*, 8(6), pages 1250-1262, December 2006. Related paper: C-23.
- J-8** A Cost-Benefit Flow Control for Application Level Multicast and Unicast in Overlay Networks. Y. Amir, B. Awerbuch, C. Danilov and J. Stanton. The *ACM/IEEE Transactions on Networking (TON)*, 13(5), pages 1094-1106, October 2005. Related paper: C-16.
- J-7** Secure Spread: An Integrated Architecture for Secure Group Communication. Y. Amir, C. Nita-Rotaru, J. Stanton and G. Tsudik. The *IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (TDSC)*, 2(3), pages 248-261, September 2005. Related paper: C-19.
- J-6** On the Performance of Group Key Agreement Protocols. Y. Amir, Y. Kim, C. Nita-Rotaru and G. Tsudik. The *ACM Transactions on Information and Systems Security (TISSEC)*, 7(3), pages 1-32, August 2004. Related papers: C-17, C-12.
- J-5** Secure Group Communication Using Robust Contributory Key Agreement. Y. Amir, Y. Kim, C. Nita-Rotaru, J. Schultz, J. Stanton and G. Tsudik. The *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS)*, 15(5), pages 468-480, May 2004. Related paper: C-14.
- J-4** An Opportunity Cost Approach for Job Assignment and Reassignment. Y. Amir, B. Awerbuch, A. Barak, R. S. Borgstrom and A. Keren. The *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS)*, 11(7), pages 760-768, July 2000. Related paper: C-10.
- J-3** A Cost-Benefit Framework for Online Management of Metacomputing Systems. Y. Amir, B. Awerbuch and R. S. Borgstrom. *The International Journal for Decision Support Systems*, Elsevier Science, 28(1-2), pages 155-164, April 2000. Related paper: C-9.
- J-2** Optimal Availability Quorum Systems: Theory and Practice. Y. Amir and A. Wool. *Information Processing Letters*, 65, pages 223-228, April 1998.
- J-1** The Totem Single-Ring Ordering and Membership Protocol. Y. Amir, L. E. Moser, P. M. Melliar-Smith, D. A. Agarwal and P. Ciarfella. The *ACM Transactions On Computer Systems (TOCS)*, 13(4), pages 311-342, November 1995. Related paper: C-3.

Refereed Conferences

- C-27** Customizable Fault Tolerance for Wide Area Replication. Y. Amir, B. Coan, J. Kirsch, J. Lane. In *Proceedings of the International Symposium on Reliable Distributed Systems (SRDS07)*, Beijing, China, October 2007, to appear.
- C-26** An Inter-domain Routing Protocol for Multi-homed Wireless Mesh Networks. Y. Amir, C. Danilov, R. Musaloiu-Elefteri and N. Rivera. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Symposium on a World of Wireless, Mobile and Multimedia Networks (WoWMoM07)*, Helsinki, Finland, June 2007.
- C-25** Scaling Byzantine Fault-Tolerant Replication to Wide Area Networks. Y. Amir, C. Danilov, D. Dolev, J. Kirsch, J. Lane, C. Nita-Rotaru, J. Olsen and D. Zage. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN06)*, pages 105-114, Philadelphia PA, June 2006. **Award paper.**
- C-24** Fast Handoff for Seamless Wireless Mesh Networks. Y. Amir, C. Danilov, M. Hilsdale, R. Musaloiu-Elefteri and N. Rivera. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Mobile Systems, Applications, and Services (MobiSys06)*, pages 83-95, Uppsala, Sweden, June 2006.
- C-23** 1-800-OVERLAYS: Using Overlay Networks to Improve VoIP Quality. Y. Amir, C. Danilov, S. Goose, D. Hedqvist and A. Terzis. In *Proceedings of the International Workshop on Network and Operating Systems Support for Digital Audio and Video (NOSSDAV 2005)*, pages 51-56, Stevenson WA, June 2005.
- C-22** Coping with the Insider Threat in Scalable Distributed Information Systems. Y. Amir and C. Nita-Rotaru. In *International Workshop on Future Directions in Distributed Systems (FuDiCo2004)*, Bertinoro, Italy, June 2004.
- C-21** Reliable Communication in Overlay Networks. Y. Amir and C. Danilov. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN03)*, pages 511-520, San Francisco CA, June 2003.
- C-20** N-Way Fail-Over Infrastructure for Reliable Servers and Routers. Y. Amir, R. Caudy, A. Munjal, T. Schlossnagle and C. Tutu. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN03)*, pages 403-412, San Francisco CA, June 2003.
- C-19** Scaling Secure Group Communication: Beyond Peer-to-Peer. Y. Amir, C. Nita-Rotaru, J. Stanton and G. Tsudik. In *Proceedings of DISCEX III*, pages 226-237, Washington DC, April 2003.
- C-18** From Total Order to Database Replication. Y. Amir and C. Tutu. In *Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS02)*, pages 494-503, Vienna, Austria, July 2002.
- C-17** On the Performance of Group Key Agreement Protocols. Y. Amir, Y. Kim, C. Nita-Rotaru and G. Tsudik. In *Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS02)*, short paper, pages 463-464, Vienna, Austria, July 2002.
- C-16** Global Flow Control for Wide Area Overlay Networks: A Cost-Benefit Approach. Y. Amir, B. Awerbuch, C. Danilov and J. Stanton. In *Proceedings of IEEE Conference on Open Architectures and Network Programming (OpenArch02)*, pages 155-166, New York, NY, June 2002.

- C-15** Framework for Authentication and Access Control of Client-Server Group Communication Systems. Y. Amir, C. Nita-Rotaru and J. Stanton. In *Third International Workshop on Networked Group Communications (NGC01)*, LNCS 2233, pages 120-128, London, November 2001.
- C-14** Exploring Robustness in Group Key Agreement. Y. Amir, Y. Kim, C. Nita-Rotaru, J. Schultz, J. Stanton and G. Tsudik. In *Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS01)*, pages 399-408, April 2001. **Nominated for best paper.**
- C-13** A Low Latency, Loss Tolerant Architecture and Protocol for Wide Area Group Communication. Y. Amir, C. Danilov and J. Stanton. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN00) formerly FTCS*, pages 327-336, June 2000.
- C-12** Secure Group Communication with Asynchronous Networks with Failures: Integration and Experiments. Y. Amir, G. Ateniese, D. Hasse, Y. Kim, C. Nita-Rotaru, T. Schlossnagle, J. Schultz, J. Stanton and G. Tsudik. In *Proceedings of the 20th IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS00)*, pages 330-343 April 2000.
- C-11** Walrus – a Low Latency, High Throughput Web Service Using Internet-wide Replication. Y. Amir and D. Shaw. In *Proceedings of the 19th IEEE ICDCS Workshop on Electronic Commerce and Web-Based Applications*, pages 31-40, Austin, May 1999.
- C-10** An Opportunity Cost Approach for Job Assignment and Reassignment in a Scalable Computing Cluster. Y. Amir, B. Awerbuch, A. Barak, R. S. Borgstrom and A. Keren. In *Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Parallel and Distributed Computing and Systems (PDCS'98)*, pages 639-645, Las Vegas, October 1998
- C-9** A Cost-Benefit Framework for Online Management of Metacomputing Systems. Yair Amir, Baruch Awerbuch and R. Sean Borgstrom. *The 1st International Conference on Information and Computing Economies (ICE-98)*, pages 140-147, Charleston, October 1998.
- C-8** Seamlessly Selecting the Best Copy from Internet-Wide Replicated Web Servers. Y. Amir, A. Peterson and D. Shaw. In *Proceedings of the 12th International Symposium on Distributed Computing (DISC98, formerly WDAG)*, LNCS 1499, pages 22-33 Andros, Greece, September 1998.
- C-7** Efficient State Transfer in Partitionable Environments. Y. Amir, G. V. Chockler, D. Dolev and R. Vitenberg. *The European Research Seminar on Advances in Distributed Systems (ERSADS97)*, pages 183-191, Valais, Switzerland, March 1997.
- C-6** Group Communication as an Infrastructure for Distributed System Management. Y. Amir, D. Breitgand, G. V. Chockler and D. Dolev. In *Proceedings of the International Workshop on Services in Distributed and Networked Environment (SDNE96)*, pages 84-91, July 1996.
- C-5** Evaluating Quorum Systems Over the Internet. Y. Amir and A. Wool. In *Proceedings of the Annual International Symposium on Fault-Tolerant Computing Systems (FTCS96)*, pages 26-35, June 1996.
- C-4** Extended Virtual Synchrony. L. E. Moser, Y. Amir, P. M. Melliar-Smith and D. A. Agarwal. In *Proceedings of the 14th IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS94)*, pages 56-65, Poznan, Poland, June 1994.

- C-3** Fast Message Ordering and Membership Using a Logical Token-passing Ring. Y. Amir, L. E. Moser, P. M. Melliar-Smith, D. A. Agarwal and P. Ciarfella. In *Proceedings of the 13th IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS93)*, pages 551-560, Pittsburgh, May 1993.
- C-2** Membership Algorithms for Multicast Communication Groups. Y. Amir, D. Dolev, S. Kramer and D. Malki. In *Proceedings of the 6th International Workshop on Distributed Algorithms (WDAG92)*, LNCS 647, pages 292-312, Jerusalem, November 1992.
- C-1** Transis: A Communication Sub-System for High Availability. Y. Amir, D. Dolev, S. Kramer and D. Malki. In *Proceedings of the 22nd Annual International Symposium on Fault-Tolerant Computing Systems (FTCS92)*, pages 76-84, Boston, July 1992.

Invited Papers

- I-2** High Performance, Secure, Robust and Transparent Messaging service. Y. Amir, C. Danilov and C. Nita-Rotaru. In *International Workshop on Future Directions in Distributed Systems (FuDiCo2002)*, Bertinoro, Italy, June 2002.
- I-1** Highly Available Application in the Transis Environment. O. Amir, Y. Amir and D. Dolev. In *Proceedings of the Hardware and Software Architectures for Fault Tolerance Workshop (FTA93)*, LNCS 774, pages 125-139, Le Mont Saint-Michel, France, June 1993.

Thesis

- Th-2** Replication Using Group Communication Over a Partitioned Network. Ph.D. Thesis, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, August 1995.
- Th-1** Customer Scheduling under Queuing and Delay Constraints. M.Sc. Thesis, The Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, June 1990.

Patents

- P-1** Relevant Search Rankings Using High Refresh-Rate Distributed Crawling. J. Green, J. Schultz, Y. Amir and M. Goodrich. Patent pending US 10/257,255.

Additional Technical Reports

- TR-4** The Spread Toolkit: Architecture and Performance. Y. Amir, C. Danilov, M. Miskin-Amir, J. Schultz and J. Stanton. Technical Report CNDS-2004-1, The Distributed Systems and Networks Lab, Johns Hopkins University, April 2004.
- TR-3** Practical Wide-Area Database Replication. Y. Amir, C. Danilov, M. Miskin-Amir, J. Stanton and C. Tutu. Technical Report CNDS-2002-1, The Distributed Systems and Networks Lab, Johns Hopkins University, February 2002.
- TR-2** The Spread Wide Area Group Communication System. Y. Amir and J. Stanton. Technical Report CNDS-98-4, The Distributed Systems and Networks Lab, Johns Hopkins University, October 1998.
- TR-1** The Transis Approach to High Availability Cluster Communication. D. Malki, Y. Amir, D. Dolev and S. Kramer. Technical Report CS94-14, Institute of Computer Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, October 1994.

Students

Current students conducting graduate research under my supervision:

- John Lane. Forth year Ph.D. candidate. Intrusion tolerant wide area distributed systems, overlay networks.
- Nilo Rivera. Forth year Ph.D. candidate. Wireless mesh networks.
- Jonathan Kirsch. Third year Ph.D. candidate. Distributed algorithms, intrusion tolerant wide area distributed systems.
- Raluca Musaloiu-Elefteri. Third year Ph.D. candidate. Wireless mesh networks.

Students that completed graduate research under my supervision:

- Ciprian Tutu. Ph.D. December 2004. Thesis: “Distributed Algorithms for Consistent Replicated State”.
- Claudiu Danilov. Ph.D. September 2004. Thesis: “Performance and Functionality in Overlay Networks”. Creator of the Spines overlay network.
- Cristina Nita-Rotaru. Ph.D. June 2003. Thesis: “High Performance Secure Group Communication”. Architect of the Secure Spread toolkit.
- Jonathan R. Stanton. Ph.D. February 2002. Thesis: “Practical Wide Area Group Communication”. Architect of the Spread toolkit.
- R. Sean Borgstrom. Ph.D. September 2000. Thesis: “A Cost-Benefit Approach to Resource Allocation in Scalable Metacomputers”.

- Michael Kaplan. M.S.E. June 2006. Study: “Low-Overhead Routing for High-Performance Wireless Mesh Networks”.
- Ryan Caudy. M.S.E. October 2004. Project: “Scalable Process Group Membership for the Spread Toolkit”. Creator of Wackamole.
- Michael Hilsdale. M.S.E. May 2004. Study: “Toward a Practical and Seamless Wireless Backbone”.
- Ashima Munjal. M.S.E. February 2004. Project: “A Highly Available Message Queue”. Creator of Wackamole and JMS4Spread.
- John L. Schultz. M.S.E. February 2001. Thesis: “Partitionable Virtual Synchrony Using Extended Virtual Synchrony”.
- Jacob Green. M.S.E. October 2000. Project: “Hyperdog: Up To Date Web Monitoring Through Metacomputers”.
- David Shaw. M.S.E. August 1998. Thesis: “Walrus – A Low Latency, High Throughput Web Service Using Internet-wide Replication”.

Additional students that conducted research under my supervision:

- Theo Schlossnagle. (1997-2001). Practical distributed information systems infrastructure. Creator of the widely used Backhand and Wackamole.
- Alec Peterson. (1997-1998). Replicated Web service.

External Grants

- Principal Investigator on an NSF grant (Cyber Trust program) titled “Scalable Byzantine Replication Under Attack”, August 2007 – July 2010, \$500,000.
- Principal Investigator (with subcontract PI Brian Coan (Telcordia), PI Cristina Nita-Rotaru (Purdue) and PI Rafail Ostrovsky (UCLA)) on an NSF grant (Cyber Trust program) titled “A Survivable Information Infrastructure for National Civilian BioDefense”, September 2004 – August 2008, \$1,499,864.
- Principal Investigator (with Cristina Nita-Rotaru as subcontract PI from Purdue University) on a DARPA grant (Self Regenerative Systems program) titled “Scalability, Accountability and Instant Information Access for Network-Centric Warfare”, June 2004 – January 2006, \$1,048,478.
- CO-PI (with PI William Ball from Environmental Engineering and CO-PI Randal Burns from Computer Science at Johns Hopkins, and with PI Dominic Di Toro from U. Delaware, PI Michael Kemp from U. Maryland, and PI Tom Gross from Chesapeake Research Consortium) on NSF proposal titled “Concept Development toward a Collaborative Large-scale Engineering Analysis Network for Environmental Research (CLEANER) with a Focus on the Chesapeake Bay”, June 2004 – May 2006, \$70,000.
- Principal Investigator (with PI Baruch Awerbuch and CO-PI Jonathan Stanton) on a DARPA grant (Fault Tolerant Networks program) titled “A Cost-Benefit Approach to Fault Tolerant Communication and Information Access”, May 2000 - September 2003, \$944,015.
- Principal Investigator (with CO-PIs Baruch Awerbuch and Jonathan Stanton, and with Gene Tsudik as a subcontractor from UC Irvine) on a DARPA grant (Dynamic Coalitions program) titled “Efficient, Robust and Secure Group Communication for Dynamic Coalitions”, (co-funded by the NSA) May 2000 – September 2003, \$1,350,824.
- CO-PI (with PI Larry Wolff, and CO-PIs Michael Goodrich, Rao Kosaraju, Subodh Kumar, Russel Taylor, and David Yarowsky) on an NSF grant (CISE program) titled “A Networked Computing Environment for the Manipulation and Visualization of Geometric Data“, September 1997 – August 2003, \$1,226,381.
- Principal Investigator (with PI Baruch Awerbuch) on NSA grant (LUCITE program) titled “Alternative Approaches to Secure Multicast Routing”, June 1998– June 2000, \$239,557.
- CO-PI (with PI Baruch Awerbuch) on a DARPA grant (Quorum program), titled “End-to-End Resource Management for Metacomputers”, August 1996 - May 2000, \$999,953.
- Participant in the Intel equipment grant (led by Theodore Poehler), 1998 – 2000, \$2,000,000 in equipment.
- Participant in the NSF vBNS grant (led by Theodore Poehler), titled “vBNS Connectivity for the Johns Hopkins University”, September 1997 – August 1999, \$350,000.
- Principal Investigator on a NASA/CESDIS grant, titled “Combining Satellite Communication in Commedia”, July 1996 – June 1998, \$57,563.

Awards and Honors

- Award paper for “Scaling Byzantine Fault-Tolerant Replication to Wide Area Networks”. Y. Amir, C. Danilov, D. Dolev, J. Kirsch, J. Lane, C. Nita-Rotaru, J. Olsen and D. Zage. International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN), 2006.
- Nominated to the DARPA “Performer with Significant Technical Achievement” award, 2004. From the notification message: “This is an annual award, made to the DARPA researcher who made the most significant technical contributions to the DARPA research goals and the Defense Department.”
- Johns Hopkins School of Engineering \$10,000 equipment award for the Advanced Distributed Systems class, 2004.
- Secure Spread selected by DARPA as one of 12 technologies appearing on a DVD summarizing the accomplishments of 6 DAPRA programs (Cyber Panel, Dynamic Coalitions, Chats, OASIS, Fault Tolerant Networks, and IA OPX), 2003.
- Recipient of the DARPA Dynamic Coalitions program “Bytes for Buck” trophy, 2002.
- Best paper nomination for “Exploring Robustness in Group Key Agreement”. Y. Amir, Y. Kim, C. Nita-Rotaru, J. Schultz, J. Stanton and G. Tsudik, IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS), 2001.
- Unrestricted gift of \$10,000 awarded by Mr. Kwok Li, Linsang Computing LLC, 1999.
- The Technion President’s Honor List, 1985.
- The Technion Dean’s Honor List, 1983, 1984.

External Professional Service

- Program Committee member for the *IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems* (ICDCS07), Toronto, Canada, June 2007.
- Panelist for NASA Applied Information Systems Research (AISR) program in 2007.
- Program Committee member for the *IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems* (ICDCS06), Lisbon, Portugal, July 2006.
- Program Committee member for the ACM Workshop on Wireless Security (WiSe05), September 2005.
- Program Committee member for the *IEEE International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks* (DSN05), Yokohama Japan, June 2005.
- Program Committee member for the *IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems* (ICDCS05), Columbus OH, June 2005.
- Program Committee member for the ACM Workshop on Wireless Security (WiSe04), Philadelphia PA, September 2004.
- Program Committee member for the ACM Workshop on Wireless Security (WiSe03), San Diego CA, September 2003.
- Program Committee member for the *IEEE International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks* (DSN03), San Francisco, June 2003.

- Program Committee member for the DARPA Information Survivability Conference and Exposition (DISEX03), Washington DC, April 2003.
- Panelist for two NSF Small ITR programs in 2003.
- Program Committee member for the ACM Workshop on Wireless Security (WiSe02), Atlanta GA, September 2002.
- Program Committee Vice Chair, Network Protocols, for the *IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems* (ICDCS02), Vienna Austria, July 2002.
- Local Arrangements Chair for the *IEEE International Conference on Dependable Systems and Network* (DSN02), Washington DC, June 2002.
- Member of the EU-NSF panel on Middleware for Mobile Systems, organized by the European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics (ERCIM) with support of the US National Science Foundation to discuss future collaborative R&D directions, 2002.
- Panelist for NSF Medium ITR program in 2002.
- Program Committee member for the *ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing* (PODC01), Newport RI, August 2001.
- Program Committee member for the *IEEE International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks* (DSN01), Goteborg, Sweden, July 2001.
- Program Committee member for the *IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems* (ICDCS99), Austin, June 1999.
- Panelist for two DARPA Information Assurance and Survivability programs, 1999.
- Program Committee member for the *International Conference on Distributed Computing* (DISC98), Andros, Greece, October 1998.
- Local Arrangements Chair for the *IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems* (ICDCS97), Baltimore, June 1997.
- Reviewer for numerous journals and conferences including, among others, IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, IEEE Transactions on Networks, IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering, Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing, DSN, ICDCS, DISC, INFOCOM, SRDS.

Internal Service

- Director, the Distributed Systems and Networks lab (DSN) at the Whiting School of Engineering, Johns Hopkins University (www.dsn.jhu.edu).
- Chair, Johns Hopkins Engineering Faculty Assembly (9/04 – Present).
- Committee Member, Johns Hopkins Computer Engineering Program (9/97 – Present).
- Committee Member, Computer Science Faculty Hiring (1/96 – 6/99, 10/05 – 10/06).
- Committee Member, Computer Science Graduate Admission (12/98 – 4/01).

Additional Experience

Founder, Spread Concepts LLC, March 2000 - Present.

Formed Spread Concepts LLC to bridge the gap and create cross-fertilization between the real world and academic research and technologies (www.spreadconcepts.com).

Staff Scientist, CESDIS NASA, September 1995 – August 1997.

Staff Scientist at the Center of Excellence in Space Data and Information Sciences, The Goddard Space Flight Center, NASA, Greenbelt Maryland.

Consultant, June 1991 – August 1995.

Consultant in the areas of Distributed Systems, *C3I* systems, communication systems, operating systems and database systems. Clients included the Israel Aircraft Industries, E&M Computing (Sun Microsystems exclusive representative in Israel), and Applicom Systems (Informix exclusive representative in Israel).

Director of Development for a *C3I* system, IDF, May 1989 – May 1991.

In charge of the design, implementation, and deployment of a large and geographically distributed *C3I* system, for the Israeli Defense Force (IDF). The system's main goal was information dissemination (graphics and text) and data replication over an unreliable communication medium in a dynamic environment. The position involved heading three software development groups and a system support group. My six years (see immediately below) at the IDF culminated in the delivery of a fully operational system to the customer.

Project Leader, IDF, July 1985 – May 1989.

Project leader, in charge of research and development for the above *C3I* system.