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Research Interests

My current interests revolve around distributed systems and networking. In particular, my current focus is on Internet measurements, on utility computing for Web applications, on content delivery networks and Web hosting platforms, and on reducing spam and other unwanted traffic on the Internet.

Education

PhD in Computer Science:	University of Washington (Seattle), 1994.
MS in Computer Science:	University of Washington (Seattle), 1991.
Dipl. Eng. in Comp. Eng. (equiv. to MS)	Leningrad Electrotechnical Institute (Russia), 1979, With Distinction.
Dipl. in Piano Ed. and Accompaniment	College of Music of Leningrad State Conservatory, 1976.

Appointments

- 2005 – present. EECS Department, Case Western Reserve University. Professor.
- 1994 – 2005. AT&T Bell Labs; AT&T Labs – Research. Tech. Staff Mem.; Sr. Tech. Staff Mem.; Principal Tech. Staff Mem.; Technology Consultant.
- 9/89 - 94. University of Washington, Seattle.
  Graduate student, Research Assistant.
  - Summer 1993. Matsushita Information Technology Lab, Princeton, NJ.
    Summer Intern.
  - Summer 1990. DEC Systems Research Center, Palo Alto, CA.
    Research Intern.
- 1979-1989. A software engineer, various firms in Russia and the US.

Publications (Refereed and Invited)

- **Book:**

  [59] M. Rabinovich and O. Spatscheck. *Web Caching and Replication*, 370pp. Addison Wesley, December 2001.

- **Web and Internet:**

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[48] T. Ouyang and M. Rabinovich. Weeding Spammers at the Root: A Precise Approach to Spam Reduction. *The 11th IEEE Global Internet Symp.,* April 2008.

[47] Z. Wen, S. Triukose, and M. Rabinovich. Facilitating Focused Internet Measurements. *ACM SIGMETRICS*, June 2007.

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[45] Y.-F. Chen, Y. Huang, R. Jana, H. Jiang, M. Rabinovich, B. Wei, and Z. Xiao. When is P2P Technology Beneficial for IPTV Services? *The 17th ACM Int. Workshop on Network and Operating Systems Support for Digital Audio & Video (NOSSDAV)*, June 2007 **Best paper award**.

[44] Y. Huang, Y.-F. Chen, R. Jana, H. Jiang, M. Rabinovich, A. Reibman, B. Wei, and Z. Xiao. Capacity Analysis of MediaGrid: a P2P IPTV Platform for Fiber to the Node (FTTN) Networks. *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications*, Vol. 25, No. 1, January 2007.

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- **Distributed Protocols**

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[10] M. Rabinovich, N. Gehani, and A. Kononov. Efficient update propagation in epidemic replicated databases. *5th Int. Conf. on Extending Database technology,* pp.207–222, 1996.

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Patents

Eliding Web Page Content (with F. Douglis, S. Jain, and J. Klensin). Patent #7,216,297; May 8, 2007

Method for content distribution in a network supporting a security protocol (with F. Douglis, A. Rubin, and O. Spatscheck). patent #7,149,803; December 12, 2006

Cache invalidation technique with spurious resource change indications (with B. Krishnamurthy). Patent #6,912,562; June 28, 2005

Method for transferring and displaying data pages on a data network (with G. Banga, F. Douglis, H. V. Jagadish, K.-Ph. Vo). Patent #6,910,073; June 21, 2005

Methods for dynamically predicting workflow completion times and workflow escalations (with E. Panagos). Patent #6,601,035; July 29, 2003

Method and apparatrus for asynchronous version advancement in a three version database (with H. V. Jagadish and I.S. Mumick). Patent #6,351,753; February 26, 2002

System and Method for allocating requests for objects and managing replicas of objects on a network. Patents #6,256,675 (July 3, 2001) and 6,484,204 (November 19, 2002)

Replication service system and method for directing the replication of information servers based on selected plurality of servers load (with I. Rabinovich). Patent #6,167,427; December 26, 2000.

Computer System Having A Plurality Of Resources And Utilizing A Selection Mechanism To Select The Resources Based Upon Historical Loading. Patent #6125394; September 26, 2000.

Method for reducing perceived delay between a time data is requested and a time data is available for display (with G. Banga, F. Douglis, and H. V. Jagadish) Patents #6,240,447 (May 29, 2001) and #5,931,904 (September 3, 1999).

Method and Apparatus for Dynamic Data Transfer (with A. Haro and F. Douglis). Patent #6021426; February 01, 2000.

Maintaining consistency of database replicas (with N. Gehani and A. Kononov); Patents #6,098,078 (August 1, 2000) and #5,765,171 (June 9, 1998).

Network with shared caching (with J. Chase and S. Gadde). Patent #5,944,780; August 31, 1999.

Preventing conflicts in distributed systems (with N. Gehani and A. Kononov). #5,802,062; September 1, 1998.

External Funding

- M. Rabinovich (PI) and L. Wang (co-PI). The Internet Measurements Marketplace. NSF Grant CNS-0551605. 08/2005-07/2007. $200,000.

- M. Rabinovich (PI) and C. Wills (co-PI). Virtual Machines Meet Application Clusters: A Highly Responsive Global Utility Computing Platform for Internet Applications. NSF Grant CNS-0615190. 08/2006-07/2009. $256,524 (Award total for both PIs is $494,904).

- J. Yang (PI), J. Li (co-PI), G. Ozoyoglu (co-PI), Z. M. Ozsoyoglu (co-PI), M. Rabinovich (co-PI), M. C. Cavusoglu, S. Jin, V. Liberatore, K. Loparo. CRI: Infrastructure for Managing and Analyzing Large Scale Biological Data via Utility Computing. NSF Grant CNS-0551603. 09/2006-09/2009. $313,053 (Award total; Rabinovich's share is 1/9).

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- M. Rabinovich (PI). An unrestricted gift to support networking research. AT&T. 11/2008. $35,000.

- M. Rabinovich (PI). Dipzoom: A Global Ecosystem for Internet Measurements. NSF Grant CNS-0721890. 08/2007-07/2010. $400,000.
- M. Allman (PI for ICSI), N. Weaver (Co-PI for ICSI), M. Rabinovich (PI for Case). Collaborative Research: Relationship-Oriented Networking. 01/01/2009-12/31/2012. $449,236 (Rabinovich's share; award total is $899,969).
- M. Rabinovich (PI). Understanding the Roots of the Spam Problem – Email Address Trafficking. 08/01/2009-07/31/2011. $146,252.

Awards

- Research Excellence Award. AT&T Labs - Research, November 2002.
- Research Excellence Award. EECS Department, CWRU. 2006.
- Best Paper Award. NOSSDAV'2007.
- Best Student Paper Award (on the account of Leeann Bent, a student co-author). WWW'2004.

Professional Service

- Editorial Boards:
  - Associate Editor for ACM Trans. on the Web
  - Associate Editor-in-Chief for IEEE Internet Computing.
- Chair of Program Committees:
  - Area Co-Chair for 2010 Int. World-Wide Web Conf. (Performance, Scalability, and Availability Area)
  - Vice Chair for 2006 Int. World-Wide Web Conf. (Performance Track)
  - 3d IEEE Workshop on Internet Applications (WIAPP), 2003.
  - 6th Int. Workshop on Web Caching and Content Distribution (WCW), 2001. (Co-Chair with A. Bestavros).
- General Chair of the 9th Passive and Active Measurements Conference (PAM), 2008.
- An Industrial Program Co-Chair: ACM SIGMOD Conference, 1999.
- Member of Program Committees:
  - Int. World-Wide Web Conf., 2000, 2004, 2005 (Deputy Vice-Chair), 2007, 2008, 2009;
  - ACM/IFIP/USENIX Int. Middleware Conf., 2006;
  - IEEE Int. Conf. on Distr. Computing Sys. (ICDCS), 1999, 2004;
  - IEEE Int. Perf. and Computer Communication Conf. (IPCCC), 2000, 2001;
  - ACM SIGMOD Int. Conf. on Management of Data, 2002, 2003, 2005;
  - Annual Conf. on Very large Databases (VLDB), 2000, 2007;
  - IEEE Int. Conf. on Data Engineering (ICDE), 1998, 2002, 2006;

  - Int. Conf. on Advanced Information Systems Engineering (CAiSE), 2003;
  - ACM Int. Conf. on Inf. and Knowledge Management (CIKM), 2000;
  - The 16th IEEE Workshop of Local and Metropolitan Area Networks, 2008.
  - Int. Workshop on Advanced Architectures and Algorithms for Internet Delivery and Applications (AAA-IDEA), 2005, 2006;
  - Workshop on Internet Server performance (WISP), 1999;
  - Int. Workshop on Web Caching and Content Distribution (WCW), 1999, 2002;
  - Int. Workshop on Advanced Issues of E-Commerce and Web-based Information Systems (WECWIS), 2000;
  - IEEE Workshop on Internet Applications (WIAPP), 2001.

- Reviewing:
  - NSF panelist.
  - University Tenure Reviews: Duke, Kansas State, U. of Pittsburgh, Northeastern U, North Carolina State U., Wayne State U.
  - External Member of Doctoral Thesis Committees: Georgia Tech (for Richard Liston and Pradnya Karbhari), UCDS (for Leeann Bent).
  - Reviewer for numerous journals and conferences (2000 and 2001 Outstanding Reviewer Awards from *Internet Computing*).

- Invited talks and tutorials:
  - Tutorial "Web caching and replication"; VLDB'98.
  - Invited talks at Worldnet+Interop'98; ComNet'99; DIMACS Workshop on Resource Management and Scheduling in Next Generation Networks (2001); IEEE Computer Communications Workshop (2001); IEEE Computer Communications Workshop (2005).
  - Keynote talk at the 9th Int. Workshop for Web Caching and Content Delivery (2004).

- Panel chairing:
  - "Do we need more Web performance research?" (WWW'2005)
  - "The future of the Web infrastructure industry and research" (WWW'2003)
  - "WWW and the Internet - did we (the database community) miss the boat?" (ICDE'98);
  - "Workflow research and workflow products - anything in common?" (CAiSE'98), co-chair.

- University Service:
  - Chair of the EECS Graduate Studies Committee