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Dr. Ken Christensen is Professor and Director of the Undergraduate Program in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of South Florida.

He received the Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from North Carolina State University in 1991, M.S. from North Carolina State University in 1983, and B.S. from the University of Florida in 1981. His research and teaching interest is in performance evaluation of computer networks.

From 1983 to 1995, he was at IBM Research Triangle Park and held positions in verification and validation of Token Ring LAN and advanced development of future LAN/WAN technologies. He has over eighty journal and conference publications and thirteen U.S. patents, all in the areas of computer networks and performance modeling. He was awarded a University of South Florida 1996/1997 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award and a 1998 State of Florida Teaching Incentive Program award.

In 1998 and 1999, he was a NASA Summer Faculty Fellow at Kennedy Space Center. In 1999, he was awarded a CAREER grant from the National Science Foundation. In 2000, his M.S. student, Arun Solleti, earned a USF Outstanding Master's Thesis award, and in 2001, his Ph.D. student, Hiroshi Fujinoki, earned a USF Outstanding Dissertation Prize. In 2009, Ken was awarded a USF Excellence in Innovation Award and inducted into the Academy of Inventors.

To date, Ken has advised and graduated twenty M.S. students and six Ph.D. students. The finished M.S. students have gone on to careers in industry (including Cisco and IBM), and five of the Ph.D. students have gone on to tenure-track positions at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, University of North Florida, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Youngstown State University, and Universidad del Norte (Colombia).

In 2004, Ken was a visitor in the Department of Communication Systems at Lund University in Sweden. Ken is the editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Network Management*. He is also a subject area editor for *IEEE IT Professional* magazine, an editorial board member of *Telecommunication Systems*, and a past editorial board member of *Computer Communications*.

He has been a guest co-editor for two special issues of *Computer Communications* and two special issues of *IT Professional*. Ken is on the organizing committee for the IEEE Local Computer Networks (LCN) conference and has hosted the IEEE LCN conference in Tampa in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2004. He was the General Chair of IEEE LCN 2007, held in Dublin, Ireland. Ken is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Florida, a member of ACM and ASEE, and a senior member of IEEE.