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500 MAINE TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS GATHER JUNE 13 IN PORTLAND FOR MAINE’S LARGEST BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY EVENT

Portland, Maine – The Maine Technology Users Group (MTUG) will hold its 32nd Annual Information Technology Summit and Tradeshow on Thursday, June 13th, 2019, 7:30am to 4pm, at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland. An expected 500+ IT professionals will gather to share technology experiences and the latest in techniques, services and products.

The registration fee is \$50 “Early Bird” rate, extended to Wed. 6/5/19; \$55 advanced purchase; and \$60 on the event day. Pre-registered Student rate is \$25. Fee includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch, keynote, workshops, exhibit hall access, afternoon refreshments, and many door prizes. To receive updates via Twitter, follow @MTUG_Maine and search for #MTUG2019. **For complete details or to register, visit the Summit Page online at: <https://www.mtug.org/summit>.**

This year's Keynote Speaker is Ravi Srinivasan, Vice President – Solutions and Platform, at Forcepoint. Mr. Srinivasan will discuss the security implications of modeling user behavior with machine learning. Prior to joining Forcepoint in 2019, Mr. Srinivasan led IBM Security Strategy and Product Management, spearheading many fascinating projects, including teaching IBM's Watson supercomputer the "language of security."

The event features 14 workshops and demonstrations across 5 tracks: IT Infrastructure, IT Career Development, IT Management, Security, and a new track, “Tech Maverick” that tackles some out-of-the-box tech topics. Specific topics include building disaster recovery into network upgrades, Amazon Web Services across the enterprise, secure campus-wide “roaming printing,” IT Risk Frameworks with the InfraGard partner members, a single session on Blockchain and Quantum computing, automating cybersecurity, retaining cybersecurity talent, computer science in Maine schools, and much more. Most workshops will be led or co-led by “end-user” IT professionals at Maine-based organizations; sectors represented include retail, education, biotechnology, government services, and manufacturing.

The exhibit hall of 59 vendor booths will be open all day, with ample time to visit between sessions. Exhibitors include representatives from IT and telecom infrastructure, IT services, technology consulting, and tech education vendors from Maine and across the nation.

The expected 500+ attendees will include IT and telecom professionals and senior business and operations managers from Maine and Northern New England, representing all sectors and industries, including finance, education, government, retail, manufacturing, construction, healthcare, nonprofit organizations and more. With three food events around the sessions, there will be plenty of time to network, share ideas, and ask questions of presenters and vendors.

At the Summit Lunch, the 8th Annual MTUG Co-Sponsored Scholarships Donors and Recipients will be recognized jointly with partnering business donors Connectivity Point, Consolidated Communications, FirstLight, Great Works Internet, IDEXX, Lincolnville Communications, Maine Fiber Company, Norway Savings Bank, Presidio (two scholarships), Systems Engineering, Tyler Technologies (two scholarships), and WEX. These 14 scholarships, with a combined total of \$18,000, will be managed by the University of Maine Foundation, and will benefit 14 students from Maine studying in IT fields at a University of Maine System campus.

MTUG's 2019 IT Summit Sponsors include: Casco Bay Hall Sponsor Avaya; Lunch Sponsor Consolidated Communications; Gold Sponsors: Fortinet and Lincolnville Communications; Silver Sponsors: Carbon Black, Carousel Industries, Extreme Networks, Juniper Networks, New England Communications, PCM, Presidio, Pulse Secure, Sonicwall, Thrive, TPx Communications, Verkada, WEI, and Zerto; and Bronze Sponsor: Headlight Audio Visual.

The Maine Technology Users Group (MTUG) is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to bringing IT professionals and business leaders together to network, educate, and share technology experiences. MTUG holds monthly free or affordable events -- online and in-person -- from roughly August through May. Our Webinars, "Peers & Beers" and annual I.T. Summit cover a broad range of technology topics, including infrastructure / networking, I.T. security / cybersecurity, VoIP and telephony solutions, collaboration tools, devops, video conferencing tools, contact center solutions, technical training / technical education programs and strategies, career and professional development topics, and much more. For additional details, visit MTUG's website at www.mtug.org.

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June 13, 7:30a-4p. Maine's largest IT Summit & Tradeshow. 14 workshops, 59 booths. Holiday Inn, 88 Spring St, Portland. www.mtug.org/summit.

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MAINE TECHNOLOGY USERS GROUP HOLDS STATE'S LARGEST BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE ON JUNE 13, 2019.

The nonprofit Maine Technology Users Group (MTUG) invites IT professionals, managers and technology enthusiasts from all industries and sectors to the 32nd Annual Information Technology Summit and Tradeshow on Thursday, June 13, 2019, 7:30am-4pm, at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, Maine.

The MTUG IT Summit is Maine's largest business technology conference with 14 educational sessions, 59 vendor booths, and ample time to explore a broad range of IT topics, products and services.

Workshop tracks include IT Infrastructure, IT Career Development, IT Management, Security, and "Tech Maverick" (out-of-the-box technology trends) on topics such as disaster recovery, Amazon Web Services, "roaming printing," IT Risk Frameworks, Blockchain, automating cybersecurity, retaining cybersecurity talent, computer science in Maine schools, and much more

Keynote Ravi Srinivasan, Vice President of Solutions and Platform at Forcepoint, will give a presentation on the security implications of modeling user behavior with machine learning.

Admission is \$50 "early bird" rate, extended to 6/5/19, \$55 Advance and \$60 on the event day. Student discount of \$25 available. Fee includes workshops, tradeshow floor access, continental breakfast, lunch,

and door prizes. MTUG is a nonprofit organization focused on bringing educational events and resources to the IT community. Space is limited; please pre-register at the event website:

<https://www.mtug.org/summit>.

Support for MTUG's 2019 Summit and year-round educational programming comes from our Premier/Gold Sponsors Avaya, Consolidated Communications, Fortinet and Lincolnville Communications, and Silver/Bronze sponsors including Carbon Black, Carousel Industries, Extreme Networks, Headlight Audio Visual, Juniper Networks, New England Communications, PCM, Presidio, Pulse Secure, SonicWall, Thrive Networks, TPx Communications, Verkada, WEI, and Zerto.

In addition, MTUG's Co-Sponsored Technology Scholarship Donors will be recognized at the Summit Lunch. 2019 donors include: Connectivity Point, Consolidated Communications, FirstLight, Great Works Internet, IDEXX, Lincolnville Communications, Maine Fiber Company, Norway Savings Bank, Presidio, Systems Engineering, Tyler Technologies, and WEX.

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EVENT ABSTRACT

The 32nd Annual Information Technology Summit and Tradeshow -- Maine's largest business IT conference -- will be hosted by the Maine Technology Users Group on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland. 500 technology and management professionals will enjoy 14 workshops. 50+ exhibitors, and a keynote address on the security implications of modeling user behavior with machine learning by Ravi Srinivasan, VP Solutions and Platform at Forcepoint. Admission is \$50 "Early Bird" (extended to 6/5/19), \$55 advance, \$60 on the event day. Students half off early rate with pre-registration and credentials. Register online at www.mtug.org/summit.

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