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MAINE’S LARGEST BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT AND TRADESHOW FEATURES TECHNOLOGY INNOVATORS, WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITORS

Portland, Maine – The Maine Technology Users Group (MTUG) will hold its 31st Annual Information Technology Summit and Tradeshow on Thursday, May 31st 2018, 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 \$45 “Early Bird” rate by 5/16/18, \$50 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 and afternoon refreshments. To receive updates via Twitter, follow @MTUG_Maine and search for #MTUG2018. **For complete details or to register, visit the Summit Page online at: <https://www.mtug.org/summit>.**

This year’s Keynote Speaker is Dr. Rafael Grossmann, Trauma/General Surgeon and Health Technology Innovator. In his address, *“Mixed Reality & Beyond: The Smart Use of Technology Without Limits!”* Dr. Grossmann will explore current trends and the future of the smart application of Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, and Mixed Reality technologies in healthcare and education. Dr. Grossmann was the first surgeon to pioneer the use of Google Glass during live surgery, and is an ardent telemedicine, global health, and digital medicine advocate.

The event features 15 workshops and demonstrations across 5 tracks: Cloud, IT Career Development, IT Infrastructure, Security, and “Tech Sandbox” (hands on technology demonstrations) on topics such as redesigning a campus-wide network, using DevOps in chaotic situations, Microsoft Azure migrations and deployments, cost effective security techniques, Maine’s neutral internet exchange, security threat hunting, IT certification and education programs, and 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 7th Annual MTUG Co-Sponsored Scholarships will be announced jointly with partnering business donors Connectivity Point, Consolidated Communications, Great Works Internet, Lincolnville Communications, Maine Fiber Company, Norway Savings Bank, Systems Engineering, and Tyler Technologies. The scholarships will be managed by the University of Maine Foundation, and will benefit nine students from Maine studying in IT fields at a University of Maine System campus.

MTUG's 2018 IT Summit Sponsors include: Casco Bay Hall Sponsor Avaya; Lunch Sponsor Consolidated Communications; Gold Sponsors: Carousel Industries, Fortinet, Lincolnville Communications, and Skyterra / Workspot; Silver Sponsors: Enghouse Interactive, Extreme Networks, ITS Inc., New England Communications, Nutanix, PCM, Thrive, TPx Communications, U.S. Cellular, and WEI; Bronze Sponsors: Purdue University Global and 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 events -- online and in-person -- from late August to late 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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May 31, 7:30a-4p. Maine's largest IT Summit & Tradeshow. 15 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 MAY 31.

The nonprofit Maine Technology Users Group (MTUG) invites IT professionals, managers and technology enthusiasts from all industries and sectors to the 31st Annual Information Technology Summit and Tradeshow on Thursday, May 31st, 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 15 educational sessions, 59 vendor booths, and ample time to explore a broad range of IT topics, products and services.

Workshop tracks include Cloud, IT Career Development, IT Infrastructure, Security, and "Tech Sandbox" (hands on technology demonstrations) on topics such as redesigning a campus-wide network, using DevOps in chaotic situations, Microsoft Azure migrations and deployments, cost effective security techniques, Maine's neutral internet exchange, security threat hunting, IT certification and education programs, and more.

Keynote Dr. Rafael Grossmann, Trauma/General Surgeon and Health Technology Innovator, will present, "Mixed Reality & Beyond: The Smart Use of Technology Without Limits!" Dr. Grossmann will explore current trends and the future of the smart application of Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, and Mixed Reality technologies in healthcare and education.

Admission is \$45 "early bird" rate by 5/16/18, \$50 Advance and \$60 on the event day. Student discount 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>.

MTUG's top 2018 Summit Sponsors include: Avaya, Consolidated Communications, Carousel Industries, Fortinet, Lincolnville Communications, Skyterra/Workspot. Silver & Bronze sponsors include Enghouse Interactive, Extreme Networks, ITS Inc., New England Communications, Nutanix, PCM, Thrive, TPx Communications, U.S. Cellular, WEI, Purdue University Global and Headlight Audio Visual.

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The 31st Annual Information Technology Summit and Tradeshow -- Maine's largest business IT conference -- will be hosted by the Maine Technology Users Group on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland. 500 technology and management professionals will enjoy 15 workshops, 59 vendor booths, and a keynote address, "Mixed Reality & Beyond: The Smart Use of Technology Without Limits!" by Dr. Rafael Grossmann, Trauma/General Surgeon and Health Technology Innovator. Admission is \$45 "Early Bird" (by 5/16/18), \$50 advance, \$60 on the event day. Students half off with pre-registration and credentials. Register online at www.mtug.org/summit.

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