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- System integrators, project managers and consultants in the public and private sectors in these fields.
- Manufacturers, marketers and suppliers of products, systems and services to these important sectors.

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EngineerIT covers:

- Information and communication technology (ICT), including telecommunications, networking, broadcasting, computing and software.
- Electronics design, manufacture, test and components.
- Measurement and instrumentation.
- Automation and control.
- Amateur radio, aerospace technology and astronomy.

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In every issue of **EngineerIT** there are five main sections:

- ICT: Computing and software
- ICT: Telecommunications, networking and broadcasting
- Electronics design, manufacture, test and components
- Measurement and instrumentation
- Automation and control

These features are designed to assist you in focusing on a specific service or product range to support clients' advertising with editorial material and technical articles.

In addition we have the following regular monthly features:

- In conversation with... – a monthly interview with a "mover and shaker" in the industry
- AeroSpace and beyond – a monthly feature on space communication and astronomy
- Amateur radio – a monthly feature of technology in action
- Gadgets 4 Geeks – a monthly feature of new and exciting technology gadgets
- Telecoms developments in Africa – a monthly roundup of African telecommunication news
- Q&A – industry experts share their knowledge in a question and answer format
- Virtual panel discussion – a variety of topical issues are discussed by a panel in a virtual format

ICT: Computing & Software

January: High performance computing and computing innovation; big data analytics; impact of IoT on big data; industrial PCs, tablets and smartphones; augmented and virtual reality

High performance computing (HPC); scalable infrastructure to accelerate innovation and boost productivity; purpose-built solutions; adaptive software and solutions; industrial computers for process control and data acquisition in rugged environments; terminal services; big data analytics on and offline; real-time analytics; impact of IoT on big data handling and analytics; augmented and virtual reality applications.

February: Data storage in the cloud; business IT and database applications; integration of plant and enterprise IT; impact of POPI Act on data storage; alternative data storage methods

Services, software applications and storage in the cloud; ERP, MRP, MIS, MES, IRP, CRM, CMS, accounting and other IT applications; integration of automation and process control systems within the overall enterprise IT system; large and distributed database systems; POPI Act impact on cloud storage; encryption for cloud services; alternative ways of storing data.

March: Data security; security as a cloud service; firewalls and security for networks, internet environments; biometrics

Security as a service in the cloud; minimising software and data security risks; protection against viruses and malware; biometrics, passwords and encryption; installation and managing of firewalls; cloud security services; local, remote and internet data backup systems.

April: Data centres and power supply; green computing and energy storage; UPSs, batteries and back-up generators; renewable energy systems

Developments in data centre power management and utilisation; power and energy efficient hardware and software applications; recycling, clean power and other "green" computing and IT issues; UPSs, standby power and back-up generators; renewable energy and solar power systems.

May: Big data; IoT data handling; software project management tools; software quality; open source software; software development for gaming

Role and handling of big data; IoT data handling; impact of CMMI; software engineering and design tools; emulators and simulators for rapid software development; low and high-level languages and instruction sets; CAD/CAM and 3D engineering design; GUI software development tools and platforms; software development for gaming.

June: Biometric technology and applications; CCTV, access control and security; cabling, interconnections and surge protection

Biometric technology and applications; computer-based security systems; CCTV and access control; developments in fingerprint, face recognition, DNA, palm-print, hand geometry, iris recognition, odour/scent and voice recognition; cabling, interconnections and surge protection systems.

July: Virtualisation and its impact; security issues with virtualisation; software as a service (SaaS); platform as a service (PaaS); security in a virtualised environment

Hardware virtualisation; execution of software separated from the underlying hardware resources; hardware-assisted virtualisation; full, partial and para-virtualisation accommodating guest operating systems for higher efficiency; cloud and web-service applications in computing; security measures, tools and applications for virtual environments.

August: Security in the network environment; encryption and compression techniques

Privacy, network security, firewalls, encryption and compression techniques for Ethernet, TCP/IP, WiFi, Diginet and other LANs, WANs, intranets and the internet; virtual private networks (VPN); cloud and value-added network services (VANS); communications hardware, software and middleware.

September: Real-time and embedded software and computing; digital signal processing and applications; training and education; operating systems

Real-time and embedded software and hardware design and integration; high-level coding and compilers; simulators, emulators, testing and debugging; DSP software design, simulation and modelling; DSPs in image, pattern and speech recognition and synthesis; communication, audio, video, smart card and other applications.

October: Data centres; local vs overseas storage, archiving and back-up; memory and data storage technologies; storage in the cloud

Vendor-neutral data centres; local vs overseas data storage; databases and associated software; data storage, database archiving and back-up technologies and practices; archiving and back-up on magnetic, optical, flash memory and other data storage technologies and techniques.

Nov/Dec: Cloud computing and PC trends: desktop, notebook, netbook, tablets, smartphones, peripherals; gamification for training, education and safety

Cloud computing and developments in desktop, notebook, netbook and tablet PCs; trends in smartphone and unified communication systems; technology developments in screen, printer, scanner, keyboard and other peripherals; special-purpose application cards and technologies; computer simulation, virtual reality and gamification for training, education and safety.

ICT: Telecoms & Broadcasting

January: Fibre technology: Gpon, wireless routers, FTTH, dark fibre, Gfast

Fibre rings and long-haul fibre networks; optical networks; gated community fibre networks; wireless routers; fibre to the home (FTTH) and small office networks; IoT networks.

February: Mobile broadband; LTE, LTE Advanced, 5G, WiFi and WiMAX; mobile networks for IoT

Mobile broadband, LTE, LTE advanced, 5G and WiFi developments; automatic hand-over between systems and billing issues; mobile offload to WiFi; WiMAX; signal extenders, and antennas for mobile applications; IoT applications served by short-range radio technologies such as WiFi and Bluetooth; wide area networks (WANs) facilitated by cellular networks; alternative methods of transferring data.

March: Fixed-line broadband; ADSL, VDSL, CDMA and PLT; satellites

Fixed-line broadband; ADSL and VDSL; satellites for rural fixed-lines; VSAT for backhauling; overcoming latency in satellite internet and internet networks; satellite antennas, dishes, patch antennas, receivers and terminal equipment.

April: Virtual PBX, VoIP and VoIP CPE; virtual contact centres; BYOD and SYOD

New opportunities in IP networks for customer premises equipment; virtual contact centres; virtual PBX and other IP-driven devices; voice services over data connections; mobile money; location services and mapping; securing the network to implement BYOD (bring your own device) and SYOD (select your own device).

May: Telepresence, teleconferencing, video and audio conferencing; video streaming; video security and remote monitoring (CCTV) broadcasting

Interoperability between systems, PC-based high-definition teleconferencing systems; conference bridges and public services; mobile conferencing applications; emerging technologies for business video streaming; telepresence service centres; video security and remote monitoring (CCTV); digital radio mondiale for AM and shortwave; DAB digital radio; studio and sound equipment; digital terrestrial TV (DTT).

June: Two-way radio, underground mine communications; towers, antennas and masts

Developments in the two-way radio market; TETRA, IDAS, D-Star, DMR and other digital systems; push-to-talk cell phone applications; ancillary equipment including base stations, vehicle antennas and hands-free systems; towers and masts; wayleaves and other environmental issues; rapid deployment policies.

July: Cable technologies; fibre optic and sub-marine cables; FTTH; dark fibre; cable testing and maintenance

Fibre optic cables and accessories; dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM); fibre to the home (FTTH); dark fibre; passive optical networks; international sub-marine cables; sub-marine cable technology and repeaters; optic cable laying, commissioning, testing and maintenance; preview of SATNAC 2018 to be held in September 2018.

August: Data centres; connectivity and cloud operations; hosting and outsourcing data storage and management

Vendor-neutral data centres; data hosting options – complete or partial outsourcing; service benefits and economic issues of outsourcing; application of software protocol; data farms, data centre cooling, racking, cabling, connectors; UPSs, DC power supplies, battery technology, renewable and other power supply systems, and back-up generator technology; the POPI Act's impact on data storage; equipment compatibility and standards; installation, testing, commissioning and maintenance procedures.

September: Microwave systems for point-to-point private networks; cellular back-haul; new communication systems; rural communications, millimetre wave communications

Point-to-point microwave systems; microwave in back-haul applications; deployment of E and V band equipment for 4G and 5G base station interconnectivity; antennas and new technologies on a low budget; antennas, transmitters and receivers; power and bandwidth issues; frequency allocation issues; regulation, competition and licensing; rural telecommunications.

October: Lightning and surge protection for telecommunications; network test equipment and configuration; broadcasting

A comprehensive approach to total protection – protection against lightning, under-voltages, over-voltages, spikes, dips and other variable line conditions; networks: configuring networks; automated network testing; network test systems and equipment; a review of SATNAC 2018; broadcasting: internet radio technologies, set top boxes, digital television and radio.

Nov/Dec: Moving into the cloud; selecting a cloud service provider; encryption

Moving into the cloud and selecting the right mixture of public cloud, private or hybrid cloud, selecting a cloud provider, encryption methods and security issues; regulatory challenges and regulations, including the POPI Act; innovative new apps for business.

Automation & Control

January: Control rooms; situation awareness monitoring systems; integration of automation and process control in the enterprise; dashboard applications – factory, boardroom, mobile; minimising environmental impact

Integration of automation and process control within the enterprise IT system; dashboard applications; networking and data communications in PC, PLC and DCS-based control systems and SCADA applications; open control systems; IT architecture/network hierarchies and interfacing between layers; ERP, MRP, MIS, MES and IRP and other business IT systems; situation awareness systems.

February: Terminal services vs industrial computers; data acquisition and IoT; digital and embedded automation and control; managing big data

Application of terminal services (thin clients) vs. industrial computers; digital control system design, techniques and analytical methods; digital controllers and control systems; DSP-based controllers and systems; self-tuning and adaptive controllers; discrete time applications in automation and process control; industrial, military and other applications; embedded automation and control; big data management for reducing cost and increasing output; IoT for condition monitoring and preventative maintenance.

March: SCADA applications in industrial automation and process control; wireless applications; IoT for automation

PC, PLC, DCS and SCADA systems; on/off, continuous and discrete time control; batch control applications; measurement and control of temperature, pressure, flow, level, pH, speed and other process variables; linear and non-linear closed-loop controllers; MMIs, displays and data entry terminals; IoT and automation.

April: Intelligent building automation; energy monitoring and management; case studies; dashboards and public information systems

Automated HVAC, lighting and comfort control; automation in power and energy management; building automation, sensors and SCADA systems; building fieldbuses, networks and data communications; emergency management, security and access control; asset and people tracking; time and attendance systems.

May: Artificial intelligence in process automation; robotics in automation and control; mining, automotive and food processing; specialised precision automation and control; predictive maintenance and augmented reality; M2M communications

Application of robotics across the automation and control industry; precision motion, position and speed control for critical applications; DSP control applications; servo-motor and stepper-motor applications; machine tool applications; aircraft, military vehicle, satellite, missile and other critical control applications; M2M in automation.

June: Automation and control project management; Industry 4.0 and open standards; system modelling and simulation; projects using various GUI software platforms

Methods and techniques for automation and control project management; modelling and simulation of automation and control systems; CAD and GUI design tools and software platforms for automation and control applications in electrical, electronic, mechanical, chemical, economic and other disciplines and systems; Industry 4.0 and open standards.

July: Asset management and enterprise integration; motor and servo-motor control, automation and applications; RFID technologies and applications

Integration with the corporate enterprise; motor control and automation technologies; MMIs; micro-machine, servo-motor and stepper-motor control; fixed and variable speed AC and DC drives and multi-motor drives; mine automation and communication applications; RFID technologies for ID, real-time monitoring and control of products, personnel, vehicles and containers; security and electronic payment applications; asset tracking.

August: Sensors, valves and actuators in automation and feedback control systems

Pressure, temperature, level, flow, pH, position, linear and angular displacement; velocity, acceleration, mass, force, torque and other measurement and feedback control systems; conventional and wireless sensors; motorised, pneumatic and hydraulic actuators and valves; electrical to pneumatic/hydraulic converters; sensors to enhance condition monitoring and preventative maintenance.

September: Practical implementation and maintenance of automation and control systems; preventative maintenance; automation applications in mining and other industries

Installation, testing, calibration, tuning and commissioning of automation and control systems; performance and condition monitoring; maintenance and asset management; predictive maintenance; project planning and management; life cycle and compatibility issues, upgrades and system integration; benefits of automation and control systems.

October: Wired and wireless data communications, telemetry and networking; interfacing and systems integration; M2M communication; Ethernet for automation applications

Wired and wireless I/O devices and intelligent field devices; PLCs, PCs and RTUs for local automation and control; process computers, SCADA and MIS systems; wired and wireless data networks, fieldbuses, PLC networks and Ethernet; integration with business IT systems, intranets and internet; communication protocols, standards and compatibility; high-speed and long-distance wireless applications for smart cities, smart grids, oil and gas; Ethernet in automation.

Nov/Dec: Multi-disciplinary automation and control systems; robotics and applications in the motor and other industries

Multi-disciplinary automation and control systems and projects, including electrical, electronic, mechanical, chemical, industrial, civil, mining, military, business and economics sectors; robotic applications and projects in automotive and other manufacturing industries; access control and security systems.

Measurement & Instrumentation

January: Portable and analytical field instruments and data loggers

Hand-held test devices including multi-meters, waveform generators, scopes, logic and spectrum analysers; thermal imaging devices; field and laboratory analytical equipment; solid, liquid and gas analysers; specific gravity analysers, mass spectrometers, X-ray spectrometers and other chemical analysis instruments; data loggers.

February: Software-defined measurement systems; instrumentation and enclosures for hazardous and arduous environments; smoke and fire detection

Software-defined measurement systems; flameproof, explosion-proof and intrinsically safe electronic and instrumentation equipment and enclosures for the petro-chemical and coal mining industries; instrumentation for aggressive chemical, high electro-magnetic, temperature, pressure, humidity, pollution, shock, vibration and other arduous environmental conditions; smoke and fire sensors; protective clothing.

March: Sensors for IoT implementation; wirelessly connected instrumentation; machine-to-machine (M2M) communication; connectivity between instruments and sensors; security issues

Wireless industrial instrumentation and wireless connections to instrumentation; wireless measurement techniques; wireless networks and sensors; wireless automation, monitoring and control; wireless data communication; wireless applications in mining and process industries; sensors for IoT implementation and applications; Bluetooth and other connectivity systems and security issues.

April: Thermal imaging in electrical, maintenance and other applications; optical, laser and acoustic instrumentation and test equipment; management of steam loss

Thermal imaging technologies, systems and applications; camera and video technologies; barcode readers and scanners; video scanning and inspection; pattern recognition and identification systems; laser distance measurement; scanner and printing technologies; photometers and audio test equipment; measuring and mitigating steam loss.

May: Industrial process measurement, instrumentation and applications, including wireless applications; man-to-machine (M2M) communications; virtual inspection systems (video and scanning devices)

Temperature, pressure, humidity, level, flow, pH, conductivity, linear and angular displacement, velocity, acceleration, vibration, mass, force, torque and strain measurement and instrumentation systems; sensors, transducers, transmitters, converters and other instruments; M2M interfaces, displays and data entry terminals; LCD and other displays, chart recorders and data loggers.

June: Calibration, test and measurement equipment and systems; software-defined instruments, test equipment and applications; standards and accreditation

Standards; traceability and accreditation of calibration facilities and equipment; calibration of physical quantities, electrical quantities and process quantities; calibration, test and measurement equipment and systems; software-based virtual instrumentation, test equipment and applications.

July: Thermal imaging devices for industry, utility and the built environment; electrical measurements, meters, test equipment and data loggers; radar measurement equipment for volume measurement

Thermal imaging devices and applications in preventative maintenance; AC and DC voltage and current, active, reactive and apparent power and energy, power factor and frequency measurement equipment, instruments and transducers; resistance, impedance, capacitance and inductance measurements; multi-meters for application in the field, factory and laboratory.

August: Programming software-defined instrumentation; testing and commissioning of instrumentation; automated routine testing; sensors for condition monitoring and breakdown prevention and related security issues

Special purpose and standard test and measurement equipment and systems; type and routine testing procedures and equipment; installation and commissioning tests, procedures and equipment; non-destructive testing and condition monitoring systems and equipment; accelerated life testing.

September: EMC/EMI test and measurement equipment; surge protection for instrumentation systems; EMC compliance and HF noise levels

EMC/EMI test and measurement equipment; oscilloscopes, disturbance recorders, spectrum analysers and quality of supply instruments; AC, DC, impulse, resistance, tan-delta and partial discharge insulation and dielectric test equipment; RFI, fast transient burst and other EMC test equipment; surge protection for instrumentation.

October: Sensors for measurement, instrumentation and control in all industrial applications; sensors in the IoT environment

Temperature, pressure, level and flow sensors; proximity, limit and photoelectric sensors; mark, colour and texture sensors; mass and force sensors, strain gauges and load cells; displacement, velocity and acceleration sensors and encoders; vibration and motion sensors; sensors for environmental monitoring and hazardous gas detection; wireless sensors in environmental control, manufacturing processes, building automation; security applications; IoT and the need for internet enabled sensors.

Nov/Dec: Navigation, surveying, security and military measurement and instrumentation systems; thermal imaging technologies

Digital terrain mapping; air, sea and land navigation equipment; radar and sonar measurements and systems; thermal imaging; optical electronic measurement systems and instruments; land surveying and laser distance measurement instruments; GPS and satellite tracking systems; security and anti-hijacking equipment.

Electronics – design, manufacture, test & components

January: Nanotechnologies; nanocrystalline LEDs, application of graphene in electronics; enclosures for electronic equipment, racks and hazardous areas

Application of nanotechnology in electronics; enclosures for electronics equipment, racks and hazardous areas; enclosure standards; the use of graphene in the development of new generation electronic components.

February: Automotive electronics; fast-charging systems for electrical cars, the connected car, computerised vehicle controls; in-car entertainment and communication systems; in-vehicle IP networks

Industrial automotive electronics; GPS and on-board computers; LEDs in the automotive sector; vehicle alarm and security monitoring systems; embedded comfort control systems; in-car audio and video entertainment systems; internet and cell phone connectivity and hands-free communication systems; electric vehicles and associated battery charging systems; electronics for the connected car; IoT for vehicles; in-vehicle IP networks.

March: Circuit and PCB design; automatic component selection, placement and soldering; 3D design, prototyping and small production runs

Electronics prototyping and testing services; PCB design, simulation and debugging tools; electronics and PCB manufacturing; in-circuit emulators and other electronic design, simulation and test equipment; proto-type testing, routine testing and quality assurance of electronic systems; 3D design, prototyping and small production runs.

April: Power electronic components and systems

Power electronic devices and systems; diodes, thyristors, TRIACs, FETs, MOSFETs, IGBTs and other power electronic devices; rectifiers, solid state relays and switches; power supplies, chargers, converters, inverters, and regulators.

May: EMC/EMI standards and mitigation techniques; RF and HF electronics; embedded systems

RF and HF electronics and EMC/EMI; microwave electronics; ferrites, inductors, capacitors, filters and other HF and RF components; specialised design tools and techniques; shielding, layout and EMC/EMI issues; EMC/EMI standards, mitigation techniques and testing.

June: Programmable electronics; FPGAs and microprocessors; ASIC design and manufacture; solar systems and controllers

Programmable micro and sub-micro electronic devices and applications; programmable gain amplifiers (PGAs), microprocessors and micro-controllers; FPGA applications with embedded microprocessors; ASIC design and manufacture; miniature magnetic resonance machines.

July: Electronics manufacture; component placement and soldering systems; components for electronic manufacturing; enclosures; 3D design

Surface-mount, pick-and-place and other electronic manufacturing techniques; tooling and design for manufacturability; flow-soldering techniques and equipment; multi-layer PCBs; mass production, outsourcing and quality assurance; emerging manufacturing technologies and techniques; enclosures for electronic equipment; 3D design and simulation.

August: Battery technology and energy storage, electronic power supplies; renewable power sources including solar and wind power; battery technologies

Electronic power supplies and DC-to-DC converters; batteries and super-capacitor power sources; battery-charging control systems; battery testing equipment and software; batteries for UPS applications; solar and wind power charging systems; inverters, converters, UPS and other standby power systems; batteries and charging systems including zinc-air and lithium-ion.

September: Active electronic devices; optoelectronics and photonic devices and applications; LEDs in lighting and displays

Active electronic devices; transistors and op-amps; A/D and D/A converters, multiplexers and filters; RAM, ROM, EPROM and EEPROM and other memory devices; magnetic, optical and flash memory data storage devices; scanners and displays; optoelectronic and photonic devices and applications; LEDs for lighting, backlighting, monitors, screens and displays; memistors, spintronics and molecular electronics.

October: Lightning and surge protection components for embedded applications; enclosure systems; cables and terminals

Surge protection components for in-circuit embedded protection; wiring accessories and enclosures; pushbuttons, manual input switches, DIP switches and keypads; indicator lamps, LED and LCD displays; power, control, signal and isolation relays and optocouplers; edge connectors, plugs, sockets, wire, ribbon and other cables; wire terminations and terminals.

Nov/Dec: Embedded systems; specialised chip and FPGA design and customised applications

Embedded systems including specialised analogue, digital and mixed technology chip, device, ASIC and PCB design techniques and applications; FPGA applications; low-power components and devices; high-speed, high-bandwidth analogue and digital technologies; DSPs and high-speed A/D and D/A converters.