

# EngineerIT

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

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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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- Measurement and instrumentation.
- Automation and control.
- Amateur radio, aerospace technology and astronomy.

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- 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
- Startup spotlight – a monthly feature on a new tech startup.

## ICT: Computing & Software

**January: High performance computing; big data analytics and algorithms for business; 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 and applications for business; real-time analytics; impact of IoT on big data handling and analytics; augmented and virtual reality applications.

**February: Data storage on premise and in the cloud; business IT and database applications; integration of plant and enterprise IT; impact of POPI Act and GDPR 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 and GDPR impact on cloud storage; encryption for cloud services; alternative ways of storing data.

**March: Cyber security; security as a cloud service; firewalls and security for networks, internet environments; cyber resilience measures; security challenges from Industry 4.0**

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

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

Developments in data centre power management and utilisation; DCIM; 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: Quantum computing and qubits; big data; IoT data handling; software project management tools; software quality; open source software**

Developments in super and quantum computing and the impact on business; big data management and uses; 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.

**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; digital twins; 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; micro 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: PC and mobile device trends; digitisation technologies and peripherals; gamification for training, education and safety; Qualification 4.0; training for a digitised world**

Developments in desktop, notebook, netbook and tablet PCs; trends in smartphone and unified communication systems; developments in technology aiding digitisation of systems and processes; computer simulation, virtual reality and gamification for training, education and safety; training and education for an increasingly digitised environment; qualifications for Industry 4.0.

### ICT: Telecoms & Broadcasting

**January: Fibre technology: Gpon, FTTx, dark fibre; last mile technologies; construction of fibre systems**

Fibre rings and long-haul fibre networks; optical networks; gated community fibre networks; fibre to anywhere (FTTx); termination of fibre; installation challenges and solutions.

**February: Wireless communication technology; mobile broadband; LTE, LTE Advanced, 5G, WiFi and WiMAX; mobile networks for IoT**

Wireless communication technology; 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, PLT, fibre and 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.

**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; 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; 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 and GDPR.

### Electronics – design, manufacture, test & components

**January:** Nanotechnologies; nanocrystalline LEDs, application of graphene in electronics

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; wireless power transfer (WPT); fast-charging systems for electrical cars, the connected car, computerised vehicle controls; in car entertainment and communication systems; in-vehicle IP networks

WPT; 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; prototype 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; smart manufacturing and collaborative robots; enclosures for electronic equipment; 3D design and simulation; digital twins.

**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; memristors, spintronics and molecular electronics.

**October:** Lightning and surge protection components for embedded applications; enclosure systems; cables and terminals; power distribution units for cabinets

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; PDUs.

**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.

### Measurement & Instrumentation

**January: Portable and analytical field instruments and data loggers; fibre technology and test equipment**

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: Sensor technology for IoT implementation; wirelessly connected instrumentation; machine-to-machine (M2M) communication; connectivity between instruments and sensors; data analytics**

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; data analysis.

**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; UAVs in measurement applications; 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; unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in measurement applications; GPS and satellite tracking systems; security and anti-hijacking equipment.

### Automation & Control

**January:** Control room design and setup; situation awareness monitoring systems; integration of automation and process control in the enterprise; dashboard applications – factory, boardroom, mobile; man-machine interface

Integration of automation and process control within the enterprise IT system; dashboard applications; man-machine interface and innovative visual engineering; 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:** Industrial computers; data acquisition and IoT; digital and embedded automation and control; big data management

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; collaborative robots; mining, automotive and food processing; specialised precision automation and control; motor control; predictive maintenance and augmented reality; machine learning for smart manufacturing

Application of robotics across the automation and control industry; precision motion, position and speed control for critical applications; DSP control applications; motor control and automation technologies; 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; machine learning for smart manufacturing.

**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; RFID technologies and applications; overall equipment efficiency; plant design

Integration with the corporate enterprise; RFID technologies for ID, real-time monitoring and control of products, personnel, vehicles and containers; RFID for security and electronic payment applications; asset tracking; overall equipment efficiency (OEE); plant design.

**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.