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**October 2019**

## **McMaster Connectivity Newsletter**

*For the IT community, by the IT community.*

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### **McMaster IT News**

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#### **Highlights from McMaster's Cybersecurity Awareness Campaign**

As part of [National Cybersecurity Awareness Month](#), McMaster's IT Security Team shared tips and tricks to help Marauders stay safe online. Throughout the month of October, the team published articles on various cybersecurity topics, from [credentials](#) to [data storage](#). This campaign will conclude on October 31st with a Halloween-themed escape room, designed to help participants understand how to identify and avoid phishing scams. The "Security Things" themed event will be held in MUSC from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## McMaster IT Governance Update: Three Projects Endorsed

At the IT Executive meeting on September 30th, three project proposals were endorsed: Up-to-date Course and Instructor Data in Avenue; Track Faculty Events – PeopleSoft Custom Solution; and McMaster Data Sharing Service (MDSS), a proof of concept. Read more about these endorsed projects [here](#).

## Campus-Wide Upgrade to Windows 10

As many of you are aware, Microsoft will no longer be supporting Windows 7 with regular updates as of January 14, 2020. To ensure critical updates are provided on a regular basis, computers across the campus must be upgraded to Windows 10. More information will be provided to IT services across campus to assist with communicating this change and delivering this important update.

## Campus-Wide Wireless Enhancement

Following the [wireless enhancements](#) to MUSC, Thode and Mills, McMaster IT is launching a [two-year initiative to enhance Wi-Fi across 51 campus buildings](#). Beginning in November 2019, a project team will be communicating with IT and building partners to ensure students, staff, and faculty are aware of these

changes. With endorsement from IT governance, this project has a project charter and steering committee in place to guide the installation of new wireless access points across campus. Please stay tuned for more information as we work with you, our IT community, to share this exciting initiative with the broader McMaster community.

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### **CTO presents at 2019 Annual Educause Conference**

It was terrific to see so many of our IT community members attend Educause 2019! Shout out to Wayde Nie, UTS Manager of Servers, Storage and Architecture, who [kept the Twittersphere up to date](#) on Educause happenings. As part of the event's agenda, our CTO Gayleen Gray presented alongside University of Toronto CIO Bo Wandschneider. Their session explored how storytelling can be a tool for creating strategic plans. [Check out their slides for more details.](#)

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**Save the Date: IT Community Event on December 11<sup>th</sup>!**



It's not time for winter (yet), but we wanted you to be aware of the next IT community gathering on **December 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at CIBC Hall**. When the IT Strategy first launched, we shared community-generated "digital moments" that told the story of our IT future. Now, a year into this strategy, we have stories from across the IT community that show how these digital moments are becoming a reality. We hope you can join us for this celebration of your hard work and dedication over the past year. Expect snacks, a warm cup of cocoa, storytelling, and a chance to catch up with your colleagues!

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## Items of Interest

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**Professional Development Opportunity on International Project Manager Day**

Interested in learning more about project management or need PDUs for your PMI PMP credential? Join others with these interests on International Project Manager Day this Thursday, November 7th in BSB 237. Drop in or consider registering for the [online conference](#) hosted by International Institute for Learning. Connect with Sandra McWilliams via Teams or email ([mcwillis@mcmaster.ca](mailto:mcwillis@mcmaster.ca)) if you would like to be a part of future project manager meetups.

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## Open Source in Outer Space: SysAdmin Community Meetup #2

Back by popular demand, the [NEUDOSE](#) team is hosting a second SysAdmin community meetup. We will discuss McMaster's satellite project; whose goals include helping NASA get astronauts safely to Mars (and back). All skill and SysAdmin experience levels are welcomed. This is an informal community meetup to network with each other and learn about an exciting project.

**When:** November 5th at 12 p.m. (*lunchtime event/personal time*)

**Where:** General Science Building, room 329

**How to register:** [Please click here and indicate a yes/no/maybe, along with pizza preferences.](#)

*Space is limited (28 seats).*

The meetup will include a presentation of open source technologies that the NEUDOSE team uses for various operations (including command and control). Following the presentation, there will be a structured open-discussion period where themes related to open-source software security, sustainability, and selection philosophies can be discussed among peers.

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## Join McMaster's Creative Community at the ProFusion Expo

Now celebrating its 10th year, [ProFusion Expo](#) is a leading photo and video event for professional image-makers in Canada. The expo takes place on November 13th and 14th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Hall B (Front St.) Admission is free. Costs include transportation to and from the event.

If you're interested in attending, the **McMaster Creative Community** will be coordinating a group of Marauders to attend day 1 of the Expo. This is an

opportunity to learn about advances in imaging, audio and streaming technology, while networking with peers from McMaster and beyond.

**How do you attend?** Obtain permission from your supervisor to attend the event. Email Jamie Kaushal for more information at [kaushal@mcmaster.ca](mailto:kaushal@mcmaster.ca).



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