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**Topcoder and Station Houston Bring the 2019 Topcoder Open to Houston**

*Software development competition and Innovation Summit host the world's most coveted technologists and executives, advancing IT in the Texas hotbed*

**BOSTON and HOUSTON – Sep. 12, 2019** – [Topcoder](#), the world's largest technology talent network and digital crowdsourcing platform, and [Station Houston](#), Houston's accelerator for startup technology companies, corporate innovation and entrepreneurship, today announced a partnership to host the 18<sup>th</sup> annual [2019 Topcoder Open](#) (TCO19), which will take place November 13-16 at The Intercontinental in Houston, Texas.

TCO19, the ultimate programming and design tournament, brings together talented software developers, designers, data scientists and testers from around the globe to compete for cash, prizes and notoriety, while helping companies solve business and IT challenges in the areas of AI, mobile/enterprise apps, QA, cognitive solutions, web design/development and more.

As part of TCO19, Topcoder and Station Houston will also collaborate to produce the [Innovation Summit](#) – a half-day conference centered around global technology, science and crowdsourcing issues that have a significant impact on consumers and companies worldwide. Senior executives, innovation directors, engineers and data scientists will join forces to discuss groundbreaking technologies and gig economy advancements affecting the future of work.

"Topcoder embodies everything that we believe technology innovation in Houston should be," said Gabriella Rowe, CEO of Station Houston. "Tech should solve real problems, be global, and most of all, be collaborative. We're excited to partner with Topcoder and to help advance Houston's technology community by bringing together the world's top tech talents."

TCO19 headlining organizations include Digital Ocean, Elastic, Google, IT Crowd, Medallia, NASA Tournament Lab, Now Coder, Open Assembly, Recruit Communications, Shell, Station Houston, Xiaomi and more.

"Houston is an ideal spot for the 2019 Topcoder Open and Innovation Summit, given the commitment it's making to those who work and live throughout the region, growth of companies already here, and opportunities offered to prospects considering a Houston-based

location,” said Michael Morris, CEO for Topcoder. “The caliber of Topcoder finalists competing in the TCO and global executives attending the Innovation Summit will drive the digital transformation agenda forward to discuss trends, best practices and what’s ahead for technology and the gig economy.”

Click to learn more about [TCO19 and the Innovation Summit](#), as well as [marquee sponsors](#) and some of the [US/international finalists](#) who will be in attendance. For more on how to get involved in advancing technology innovation in Houston, contact [Station Houston](#).

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### **About Station Houston**

Station Houston’s vision is to transform Houston into a world-leading hub for technology innovation and entrepreneurship. This vision unfolds as a vibrant community where people live, work and play, with Station serving as the connective tissue fostering our culture of innovation. Station launched in March 2016 and now serves over 200 startups, 400 members, 130 mentors, and dozens of high-impact strategic partnerships with corporations and service providers that represent the key industries serving the Houston economy.