

Follow these steps to execute an effective user group event of your own.



OVERVIEW



Guru U 2016 is the name of our annual series of user group events. Branding for these events falls under the umbrella of "EMC Rocks."

SCOPE

These events are designed for in-house/office user groups. You are responsible for:

- **AUDIENCE ACQUISITION**
- SPEAKER LINEUP
- **EVENT-RELATED COSTS** (food, beverage, etc.)

FILE ACCESS

All visual assets are clickable and will download the print-ready file. Click on the icon to download the source files if you need to make modifications.



REGIONAL CONTACTS FOR GURU U

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PRE-EVENT PLANNING

6-8 weeks before event





FIRST:

- ⊗ Secure a location
- ⊗ Book speakers

INSTRUCTIONS

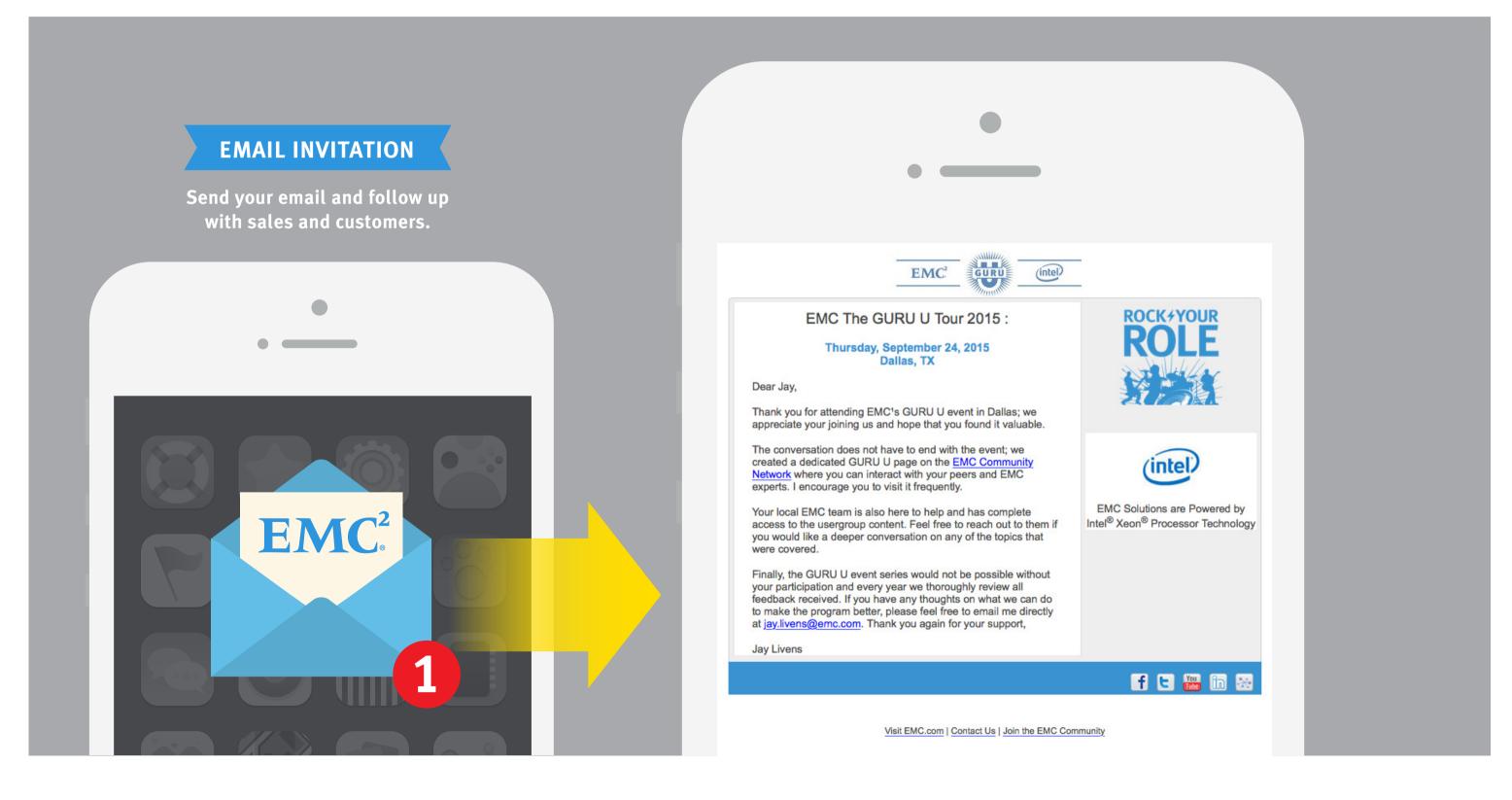
This outlines the Americas process. Email Shane or Michelle for help in APJ or EMEA.

- 1. Update this Word document (DPS, Storage) to incorporate the details of the event
- 2. Fill out this form: http://aprimo.corp.emc.com/aprimoactivitygenerator; it is helpful to use the information from the document created in step 1
- 3. A member of the America's Audience Targeting Team (AAT) will reach out and request the Word document
- 4. A draft email will be delivered to you via Outlook
- 5. The AAT will provide you with a final email invite and associated landing page
- 6. The AAT will also setup a distribution registration report which you can use to track registrations

PROMOTING YOUR EVENT

4-6 weeks before event





CONTENT, ASSETS, SWAG

2-4 weeks before event

Contact your regional User Group Lead to determine if they have available swag and signage inventory.















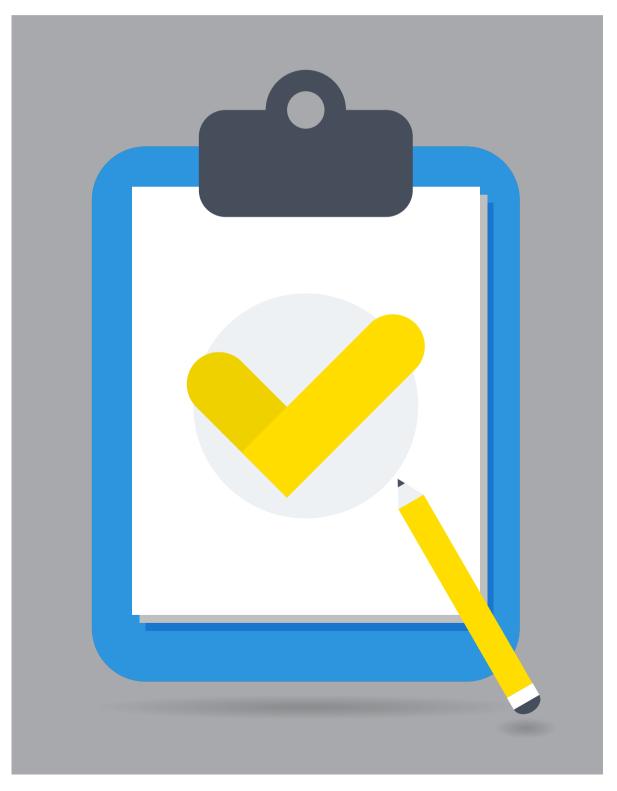


1-2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE

- Confirm registrations and food orders
 Account for any late registrations
- Verify that all event email reminders were sent out via Aprimo
- Confirm speakers and finalize content

DAY/EVENING BEFORE EVENT

- Ensure your boxes with all items have arrived Account for all items
- Ensure room is ready (AV, Internet, etc.)
- Put on a smile and have a great event
- Remember to have customers fill out NDAs and surveys

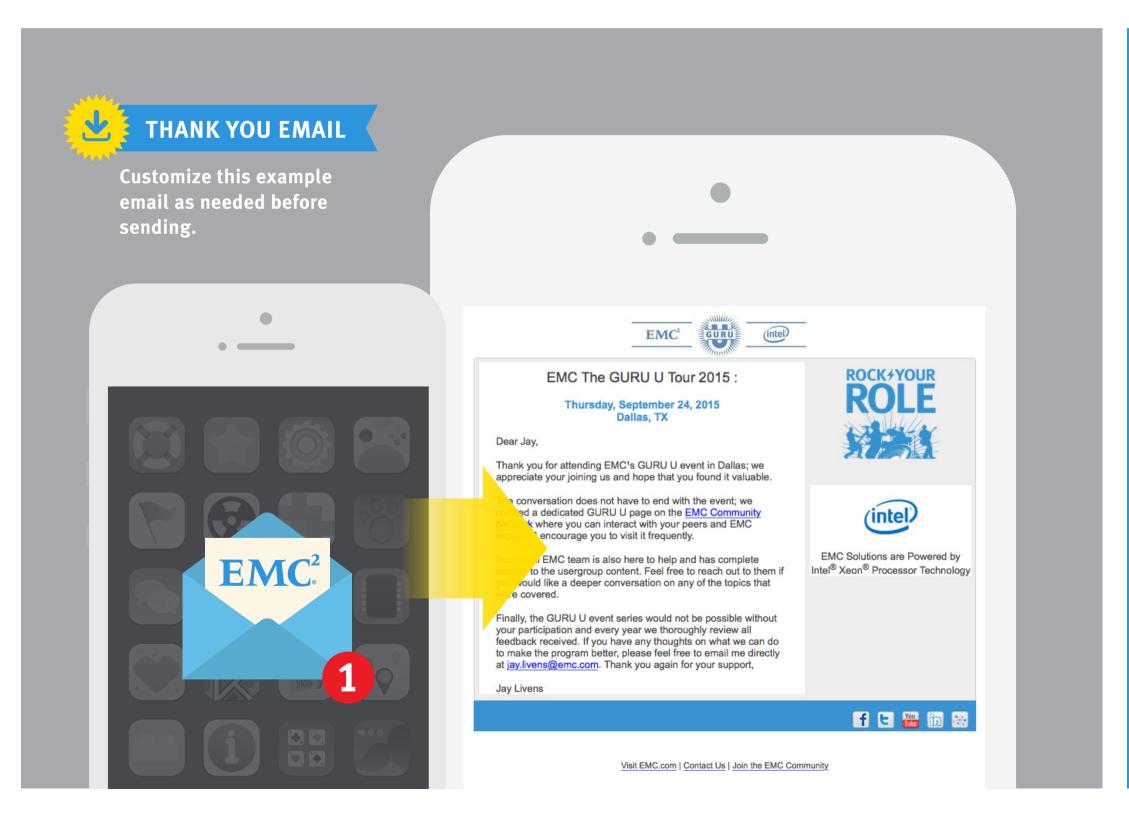




FOLLOW UP

1 week post event





POST-MORTEM MEETING

Meet with fellow event organizers, stakeholders, and any key vendors you want to include to discuss how the event went.

It's important to identify successes and failures so they can be replicated or avoided for your next event.







PRE-EVENT

- ☐ Secure a location
- ☐ Line up caterer / food & beverage
- □ Book speakers
- ☐ Set up registration page
- ☐ Set up email invitations
- ☐ Create/prepare content
- ☐ Gather or print event collateral (signage, banners, badges, etc.)

- □ Order event swag
- ☐ Verify event email reminders went out
- ☐ Confirm registrations and food orders. Account for any late registrations.
- ☐ Confirm speakers and finalize content
- Ensure your boxes have arrived. Account for all items.
- ☐ Ensure room is ready (AV, Internet, etc.)

THE EVENT

- Put on a smile and have a great event
- ☐ Remember to have customers fill out NDAs and surveys

POST EVENT

- ☐ Send Thank You emails
- □ Conduct post-mortem meeting