



The days are getting longer and the air is warmer, spring is finally here again! Before we know it, we'll be seeing green and many more colors than the white we've been getting used to over the past few months! I know I can speak for the majority of the office when saying we can't wait to get outside. Hiking, golfing and lunchtime walks are all right around the corner. For those looking to get outside, here's a link with some [upcoming events](#) around the city of Worcester!

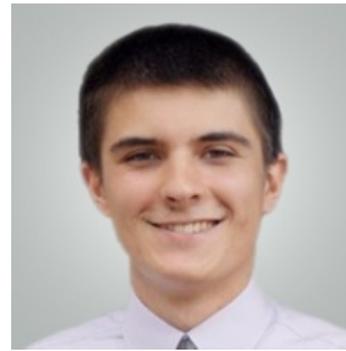
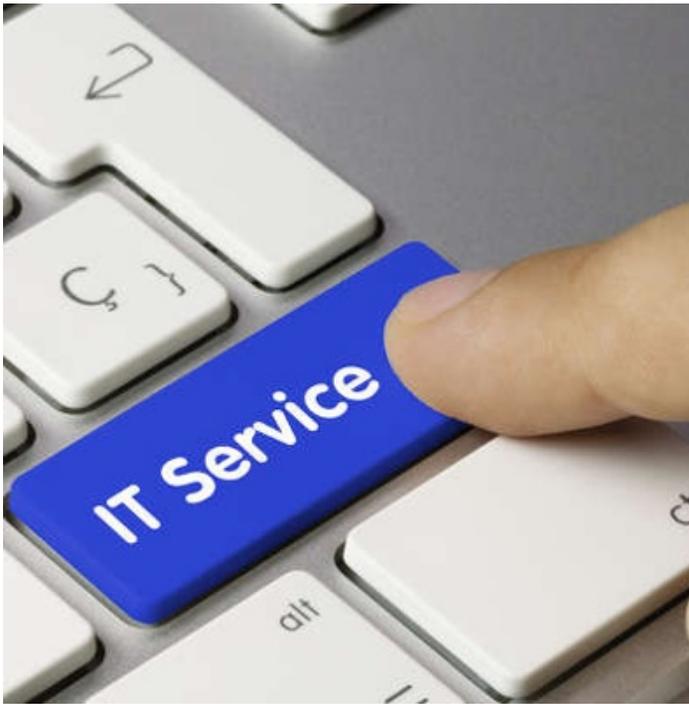
We've been recognized recently with the 2017 Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year Award by the U.S. Small Business Administration. As a 30-year combat veteran, I'm especially proud in receiving this award. This is the third award this year that Machado Consulting has been recognized for. It's wonderful to add this to the collection along with [Worcester Business Journal's](#) for Best IT Services and [CRN's Pioneer 250](#) in Managed Services for the third year in a row! This is a true testament of all the hard work the Machado Team puts forward on a daily basis to make sure that you, our clients, are happy.

With my recent cyber certification, CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional), we are looking to pass the knowledge and benefits right along to you. We'll be offering a security audit looking for any potential risks your network could possess and the best way to address them. We will also be developing an enhanced security program which includes cyber user training, user testing, Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) software and advanced network IP blocking and protection. Stay tuned for more information and to read more about what we're doing about cyber security, please click: [HERE](#).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helder'.

3 Compelling Ways that Managed IT Benefits Your Business

Employee Spotlight



Chris Afonso

We would like to welcome Chris Afonso to the Machado Consulting team as a Technical Consultant! Want to read more about Chris? Just click on the link below.

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As a business owner, you have plenty to worry about, and your technology doesn't do you any favors. It's difficult to oversee the responsibilities of managing technology like workstations, server units, and mobile devices, alongside the ordinary demands of your job. What a lot of organizations don't realize is that they can improve operations and make their jobs easier by outsourcing the responsibility of technology management to IT professionals.

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Quotes

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Susan J. Bissonette



"In the spring, I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of twenty four hours."

Mark Twain

Monthly Funny

How many programmers does it take to change a light bulb?

None. It's a hardware problem.

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Optimize Your Computer By Taking Care of the Clutter



Do you remember the day that you purchased your current workstation? Maybe it was last week, last month, last year, or several years ago. At one point, it was pristine, untouched by the demands of the workday, but those days have long since passed.

Over time, your computer collects all sorts of stuff on it, from unnecessary files to outdated, unused software.

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