Microsoft IT Academy
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MS IT Academy

- http://www.microsoft.com/education/msitacademy/
- Advanced level
- expires 31/12/09

- benefits...
E-Reference Books Library

• This searchable premier virtual library for IT professionals, developers, and information workers includes more than 500 technology books published by Microsoft Press.
  – includes:
    • Training Kits (for Microsoft Certification Exam preparation)
    • Resource Kits
    • Inside Out
    • Step by Step
    • Plain & Simple

• 3 subscriptions included
Microsoft Digital Literacy

- The Microsoft Digital Literacy curriculum provides essential computing skills for learners who are new to computing. The flexible e-learning, assessment, and downloadable Microsoft Office Word formats enable instructors to adapt and assign Digital Literacy lessons for students who may not have these skills already or who may need remedial help.
  - Computer Basics
  - The Internet and World Wide Web
  - Productivity Programs
  - Computer Security and Privacy
  - Digital Lifestyles (which covers digital media)
Microsoft Official Courseware (fees apply)

• Each Microsoft IT Academy receives special pricing for MOC offerings, including courseware, seminars, workshops, and clinics.
  – MOC is available in several formats:
    • **Course** — A guided learning experience that combines lecture and practice
    • **Workshop** — A collaborative, hands-on learning environment based on real-world scenarios
    • **Clinic** — A detailed how-to presentation of technical information about Microsoft products
    • **Seminar** — A dynamic presentation featuring business scenarios, case studies, and success stories
Academic textbooks (fees apply)

- Available only to academic institutions, the Microsoft Official Academic Course (MOAC) series provides the perfect curriculum for semester- and quarter-based courses. Supplements include an instructor resource center, teaching notes, virtual labs, assessments, and sample syllabi.
Software and resources

- Lab licenses (fees apply)
  - **Advanced level members** can request up to 100 licenses for Microsoft Windows server and client products, including Windows Vista Business for classroom use.
  - classroom use only
Software and resources

- **MSDN Academic Alliance (MSDN AA)**
  - This software subscription benefit enables students and faculty to install and use Microsoft platform, server, and developer products on their personal computers, for classroom and project use.
  - “Developer & Designer MSDN AA” only
  - Developer AA is an annual membership program for departments that use technology in support of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) courses. Membership provides a complete, inexpensive solution to keep academic labs, faculty, and students on the leading edge of technology.
Software and resources

- Microsoft TechNet
  - Advanced level customers receive one subscription of TechNet Direct. This downloadable version of TechNet enables members to download a library of Microsoft Knowledge Base articles, service packs, how-to articles, security updates, resource kits, tools, and utilities.
Certification exams

- **Microsoft Certifications**
  - Academic institutions receive academic pricing on select Microsoft Certification exams. Discounts vary depending on exam type and geographic location.

- **Become a Microsoft Certification Testing Center**
  - Help students and faculty earn the credentials they need to transform their knowledge and skills into a valuable career. As a Microsoft IT Academy, you are preapproved to provide convenient, on-site Microsoft Certification exam testing at your Microsoft IT Academy location.

- **Meeting with Prodigy on 19/3/09 to discuss**
Instructor professional development

• Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT)
  – Microsoft Certified Trainers (MCTs) are the premier technical and instructional experts in Microsoft products, technologies, and solutions. Each IT Academy receives one MCT membership and a 25 percent discount on additional MCT memberships for qualified instructors. At the Essential level, instructors with certifications on the 2007 Microsoft Office system are now eligible for MCT membership.

  – “all faculty must be certified in the technology that they are instructing”
Microsoft E-Learning portfolio

- The extensive e-learning portfolio provides rich multimedia courses that include simulations, games, videos, and interactive text to help students master skills, and to provide instructors with ongoing professional development opportunities. The **Essential level** portfolio provides courses on Microsoft Office Professional Edition 2003, Office Professional 2007, Windows XP, and Windows Vista. The **Advanced level** portfolio includes these courses, plus an extensive portfolio of IT professional and developer courses.
Instructor e-learning course management tool

- Instructors directly manage student access to e-learning courses by providing student-level or class-level access codes. Instructors can drop and add students, create access codes, and send group e-mail messages.
MS e-learning

- initial feedback from ITS technicians
  - “quite good”
  - “annoying”

- collections
  - contain several MS courses
  - list of collections at:
MS e-learning

- cumbersome to register staff & add collections to account
- how to cascade admin function?
- how to get IT support staff signed up?
  - must give out an initial access code
  - need more feedback on usefulness of the materials
- can create groups of users
- users need a Windows Live ID
  - insist use UoR email address?
Any Questions?