

Rockwell Software Training News

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Training Alternatives Make a Perfect Fit

"One size fits all" ... it's a great concept. But the reality is often that the one size doesn't exactly fit anyone. It's a compromise that almost fits most, or at least most who are close to someone else's idea of an ideal or average.

While I could be talking about your next pair of socks, the same truth applies to training: One size rarely fits all. We all learn differently, and we rarely start off learning new skills with the same level of background and experience or with the same expectations about results. With this in mind, Rockwell Software is pleased to offer you an expanding range of training alternatives, so you can choose the approach that fits your needs.

Traditional Classroom Instruction - For many, traditional classroom training provides precisely the right solution. It's the crème-de-la-crème of training in many respects. Students receive personal attention from an expert instructor, a dedicated workstation, and a controlled environment with few distractions other than the doughnuts at break time. Since there's a defined time

and place for the training, the study schedule is set. Most people can acquire new skills rapidly through well-designed classroom instruction.

Classroom training also has its costs and disadvantages. In addition to the obvious costs of tuition, travel, and lodging, students in traditional training sessions must clear their calendars and devote 100% of their time, energy, and attention to learning the new skills. Their services are lost to their employers for the duration of the course. Plus, the right course never seems to be available at a time that fits perfectly into the student's work schedule.

Self-Paced Training - When there's no room on the calendar for another meeting or event, self-paced training can provide an extremely flexible alternative. With a self-paced course, you're in charge. You decide when and where the training takes place, the pace of the course, and even which subjects are emphasized.

While you gain a great deal of control with self-paced training, you also take on a lot of responsibility. Generally,

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COURSE NAME	NO. OF DAYS	CLASS DAYS	WEEK OF (STARTING MONDAY)												
			JAN.				FEB.				MARCH				
			4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29
Mastering Microsoft Visual Basic Fundamentals (#872) Now covering Version 6.0	5	Mon – Fri	C										M		
Mastering Microsoft Visual Basic (#780) Now covering Version 6.0	5	Mon – Fri						C							
Visual Basic Step-by-Step Now covering Version 6.0	3	Tues – Thur	I									D			
Administering Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 (#803)	3	Mon – Wed													M
Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 Technical Support Training (#694) Modified	3	Mon – Wed	C										I		
Accelerated Training for Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 (#983)	5	Mon – Fri				C									
Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 Core Technologies (#922)	5	Mon – Fri								M					
Microsoft SQL Server: Hands-On Training (#633) Modified: Now covering Version 7.0	3	Mon – Wed				D				C					I
Networking Essentials (#578) Modified	2	Mon – Tues			C										
Microsoft TCP/IP Training (#968) Modified	3	Wed – Fri			C										

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			JAN.				FEB.				MARCH								
			4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29				
A.I. Series – Level 1	2.5	Mon – Wed		C														M	
A.I. Series – Level 2	2.5	Wed – Fri		C														M	
RSLinx/RS Trend/DDE-OPC	2	Mon – Tues	M				D					C						I	
RSLogix 5	2	Mon – Tues					C												
RSLogix 500	2	Wed – Thur					C												
RSLogix 5/500	3	Wed – Fri	M									C							
RSLogix Frameworks	3	Wed – Fri	M				D					C							
Designing/configuring a ControlLogix System with RSLogix 5000	3	Mon – Wed			M							I							C
RSNetwork for ControlNet	2	Thur – Fri			M							I						C	
RSNetWorx for DeviceNet	2	Thur – Fri																	
RSBatch	5	Mon – Fri						D											
RSSql™	2	Thur – Fri				D						C							
RSTools/Components	4	Mon – Thur			I							M							
RSView32	4.5	Mon – Fri		D		M		I											C
Using VBA with Rockwell Software and Microsoft Office	4	Mon – Thur		M				I				C							D
Using Advanced RSView32 Features	3	Mon – Wed									I								D
RSWire	5	Mon – Fri		M								D							
SoftLogix 5	2	Thur – Fri	C															I	
Wintelligent Series Products			Call (414) 321-8000 for schedule information.																

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once you purchase the package, you are on your own. You set the schedule and you're responsible for making sure you have a place to study, the right materials, hardware, and software. There's no one to ask questions of, and no one to suggest another approach when you have difficulty with a tough teaching point. Only you will know when the course is done and you've met your objectives. You'll even have to make your own arrangements for doughnuts!

Web-Based Training - The Internet has had a huge impact on the way we communicate, and communication is an essential part of training. So it follows that the Internet is providing the basis for new training alternatives. At Rockwell Software, we're working to bring you a new web-based training service that provides:

- ▶ greater schedule and location flexibility than traditional classroom instruction
- ▶ more support, expert guidance, and feedback than self-paced instruction
- ▶ low-fat, virtual doughnuts

For a preview of this new service, visit our website at www.software.rockwell.com/training. (P.S. We're just kidding about the doughnuts!)

GTS Software Technology Centers Offer More Training Locations

There's another aspect of our effort to bring you unique alternatives for industrial software training. In cooperation with Rockwell Automation Global Technical Services (GTS), we're excited to announce that our full curriculum of Rockwell Software certified courses will be available at GTS Software Technology Centers in 1999. You can now choose to attend our courses in Cleveland, Denver, Indianapolis, or Milwaukee. Enrollments for all locations are handled through our new toll-free enrollment hotline at 877-724-7864.

Visit our Web site at <http://www.software.rockwell.com/training> for the latest schedules and new course information. 