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1) Editor's Greeting:

Hello and welcome to the first issue of the free monthly newsletter for Computer Education, Training, & Tutorial Resources web site. We are a non-profit web site and our mission is the training of those less fortunate who are seeking to become computer literate, both technically and from a user's perspective. For more information, please see the description of our computer mission near the end of this newsletter.

We want this newsletter to be the best one around. If you have suggestions, ideas, or feedback about this newsletter, feel free to email us at intel@corecomm.net. Please feel free to send this newsletter to your friends and colleagues. It contains highly valuable information for anyone who is an I.T. professional or desiring to become one.

This first edition of the newsletter describes and links to 25 truly excellent computer and IT education and learning web sites that we have researched and found to be of high value and worthy of your review and study. Via this newsletter, you have knowledge of and access to these sites before visitors to our web site do. When we state here that these are new sites, we mean that they are new to us, that we have recently discovered them, have rated them highly, and will place them on our website at <http://www.intelinfo.com/>.

Good luck with your computer studies and learning.

Scott Turton

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

<http://www.intelinfo.com/>

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2) The Best New Free I.T. Training & Tutorial Sites:

This first listing is our featured Free IT Training Site this month, and I promise you it is a great one.

<http://cvt.csun.edu/>

This is Computer Based Training at California State University Northridge, giving you totally free access to 595 computer and I.T. courses and tests. These courses are produced by SmartForce; they are very professionally done and cover every subject area you may want to study and learn. These courses are purchased and used by consulting companies, corporations and individuals at high prices.

I called the university and asked if anyone is welcome to use these courses and they said yes, that you did not have to be a student to use them. The only limitation is that your progress and test results are not recorded.

Here are your directions to obtain your free access to almost 600 SmartForce Computer and IT Training Courses:

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Search all the Major Search Engines at once!

First, download and install the browser plug-in from this url:

<http://cbt.csun.edu/dynamo/download/player/standard/32/dyncli32.exe>

Then make sure your Cache Preferences are set correctly:

To set cache preferences in Netscape Navigator:

1. Choose Edit - Preferences
2. Click the plus sign beside the Advanced category to expand its subcategories
3. Click the Cache category
4. Click the Every Time radio button
5. Click OK

To set cache preferences in Microsoft Internet Explorer 5:

1. Choose Tools - Internet Options
2. Click the General tab
3. Click the Settings button in the Temporary Internet Files area
4. Click the Every visit to the page radio button
5. Click OK to close this dialog and OK to exit the Internet Options dialog box

Then to access the free IT training courses just click on the "Skip" button on the logon page:

<http://cbt.csun.edu/login.htm>

Or, you can go directly to the courses here:

http://cbt.csun.edu/scripts/dynamo/login.exe?student_id=0&password=

The default view displays the Curricula - click on the "View Courses" button to see all the courses they are offering for Free!

<http://www.ed2go.com/demo/>

Intro to PC Hardware, 12 Lesson free course from Garland County Community College. Each lesson comes with discussions, quizzes, and assignments. It is very thorough and covers a lot of learning material.

<http://www.cs.indiana.edu:800/cstr/search>

Unified Computer Science TR Index - This is a searchable index to computer science papers archived across the Internet. This index pulls information from a very large number of sources, each with its own index format.

<http://www.wotsit.org/>

The programmer's file formats collection - all the file formats you've ever heard of and then some.

<http://www.jegsworks.com/Lessons/index.html>

Here is a great basic computer course for free, called Jan's Computer Literacy 101. Other sets of lecture notes I have seen online are pretty



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much bare text. While the writing is often great, such text-only notes do not take advantage of the possibilities of web pages. So you will see some animations and graphics that enhance the text and, hopefully, make it clearer.

http://www.blueu.com/Course_Catalogue/free_courses.html

Free Sample Courses: E-Commerce Fundamentals, Java 2 Fundamentals II, Linux/UNIX Network Administration II, Microsoft Excel 2000 Fundamentals

<http://outreach.missouri.edu/netc98/manuscripts/napkil.html>

A Web Database Primer - This session is an introduction to Web Databases with specific application to Extension-related activities. This session is for you if (1) you have been wondering about Web databases and how to connect one to a Web page or (2) you've been asked to put up a Web database and you weren't sure where to begin.

<http://www.skillsnet.net/core.cfm>

Subtitled "The Ultimate Entertainment and New Media Career Guide", this is a great site for anyone interested in a career in multimedia. The site offers guides to the animation, visual effects, and interactive digital media industries (including an Industry Database of more than 700 companies and professional organizations), what kinds of skills are needed to enter the field, the training needed (including information about schools offering relevant courses), and how to prepare your resume and job seeking strategy

<http://www.wintellect.com/qa.html>

Wintellect Q&A - Got a programming question that no one can answer? Let Wintellect help. Enter your question and your e-mail address in the spaces provided below and we'll do our best to provide an answer by e-mail. In the future, this service will be expanded to include a searchable database of questions and answers.

<http://www.pagetutor.com/>

Here you'll find tutorials and resources for the beginning and advanced HTML author and web designer. If you are a new web author looking for some "Plain English" tutorials, then you've come to the right place. This site will quickly teach you how to make a page completely from scratch with no special software at all.

<http://www.shire.net/learnwebdesign/map.htm>

Allen Leigh's course on web-site design. You are welcome to use this as a self-study "course". In using the course for self-study, you can systematically study the pages in the order they are given in the Site Map and gain a good understanding of basic design techniques, or you can browse the site and focus on the concepts that are of interest to

you.

http://www.customwebgraphics.com/amw_gd.exe

Graphic Design Tutorial: by Customwebgraphics.com. This tutorial is designed for those new to web design and creating web graphics.

http://www.inpnet.org/html/test_prep.htm

Certification exam prep material at inpnet.org's site. There is a lot of material here, including demos from the leading certification trainers and exam preparation providers. Mostly MCSE is covered with some CNE and A+ material.

http://www.inpnet.org/html/education_links1.htm

This education links page is worth checking out also. Microsoft, Cisco, Novell, and A+ are covered plus miscellaneous links and other resources.

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3) New Desktop and Office Application Training:

<http://www.cctglobal.com/downsamp.html>

Free MS Office 2000, FrontPage 2000 and Windows 2000 Training Courses. These are complete, full length PC training courses which you can download for evaluation.

<http://www.microsoft.com/enable/products/docs/default.htm>

Accessible Documentation for Microsoft Products

If you have difficulty reading or handling printed materials, you can obtain the documentation for many Microsoft products in other, more accessible formats. Documentation available for these systems and applications: Windows 2000, Windows 98, Windows 95, Internet Explorer, Office 2000, Office 97, PhotoDraw 2000, Publisher 2000, and FrontPage 2000.

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4) New Free I.T. Books & Book Sites:

Lions' Commentary on Unix : With Source Code

John Lions (New South Wales) was a Lecturer in Computer Science when an early version of UNIX arrived at the University of New South Wales in 1974. He wrote his commentary as an Operating Systems text for his students in 1977 but was never permitted to have it published commercially. He died several weeks after the book was published (on Saturday the Dec 5th, 1998). "The Lions book", cherished by UNIX hackers and widely circulated as a photocopied bootleg document since the late 1970's, is finally available in an unrestricted edition. This legendary underground classic, reproduced without modification, is really two works in one:

1) the complete source code to an early version (Edition 6) of the UNIX operating system, a masterpiece in itself!

2) a brilliant commentary on that code by John Lions

A Free version of this book is available in Postscript format from:

<http://www.upl.cs.wisc.edu/~epaulson/lionc.ps>

Download Ghost Viewer to view and print postscript files (ending in .ps):

<http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~ghost/>

Lions' Commentary on Unix : With Source Code ~ Usually ships in 24 hours

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Amazon Price: \$29.95

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<http://www.windowstlibrary.com/>

Windows IT professional's free online technical reference library - a free online library of books on a variety of topics. Most of the titles aren't new releases, but still make great reading on your lunch break or downtime. As a bonus, the site features comprehensive book reviews of newly released titles from a variety of publishers.

<http://absolut.banki.hu/~asoka/www.mcp.com/818640000/>

Many Free Online Books covering these areas: Operating Systems, Networking, Hardware, Programming, Design Graphics Multimedia, and more. (Be patient on the connection, the page will appear).

<http://mirror.dlut.edu.cn/ebook/>

Many Online IT and computer-related Books, covering subjects such as programming, web programming, Linux, Visual C++, Oracle, Java, Perl, and MS SQL Server.

<http://www.softpanorama.org/Bookshelf/classic.shtml>

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5) New I.T. Training & Tutorial Link Sites:

<http://www.service911.com>

Over 15,000 free tutorials on computing technology, including free video tutorials with the latest tips and tricks.

<http://www.ieeevesit.prohosting.com/tutorial1.htm>

Links on: UNIX Fundamentals, Expert Systems, Basic Internet, Research Guides, Search Engines & Subject Directories, Software Training, Microprocessors, Ada, C and C++, Pascal, Fortran, CGI & HTML, Miscellaneous

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6) I.T. Sites Worth Mentioning:

<http://www.2000tutor.com/index.htm>

2000Tutor.com - This is a brand-new site from the makers of MCSETutor.com. Contains information and advice for people in the technology industry. The primary focus of 2000Tutor.com is preparing people for migrating to Microsoft Windows 2000. The site contain links to Windows 2000 resources, Windows 2000 book reviews, tutorials on various aspects of Windows 2000.

<http://www.cs.sunysb.edu/~algorithm/>

The Stony Brook Algorithm Repository - A comprehensive collection of algorithm implementations for over seventy of the most fundamental problems in combinatorial algorithms.

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7) Frequently Asked Questions about Technical Training:

Each month we will answer one of the frequently asked questions we receive about computer and technical training and career development. They will be archived on a separate FAQ page on our website after several months.

Sept. 2000 FAQ: Is it really necessary to have a degree AND additional certification(s)? If so, is it practical to pursue them both at the same time? Also, what are the best websites where I can find the most up-to-date information on training and necessary skills?

Answer: It is not necessary to have both a degree and additional certificates. However, having both will increase your marketability, giving you more choices to select from. You can always go after the certificates later after earning your degree. If you want the best job offers, be sure to earn and get your degree. It may not be practical for you to pursue a certificate at the same time as earning your degree. Some of the technical aspects will make a little more sense to you once you gain some experience on the job. It can use a certificate for leverage to obtain an increase in salary or a better position.

Here are some of the best websites for certifications and training:

<http://www.ittutor.com> - ITTutor.com - The best Free training resources for Microsoft certifications. Offers a complete exam testing interface along with an integrated course reader. All questions have been written by Microsoft Certified Trainers and have been designed to teach the core knowledge required to understand a technology and pass the exam. Areas covered include: MCSE Networking Essentials, NT Core & in the Enterprise Training, Windows 2000 Training, TCP/IP for NT Training, NT Administration Training, and Exchange 5.5 Training.

<http://www.mcseguide.com> - MCSEGuide.com - At this site you can get braindumps of the certification exams, free samples tests, and study guides for Windows NT 4, Networking Essentials, Exchange 5.5 Administration, Internet Information Server (IIS) 4.0, TCP/IP, Windows 2000, Cisco, A+, Network+, Novell, and Linux.

<http://www.examnotes.com> - Examnotes.com - Study guides and notes, practice exams, discussion forums, and links for these certifications: MCSE, CCNA, A+, Network+, I-Net+, and CNE.

There are more of these and other types of computer education, training & tutorial sites available, some free and some costing a little. All of the best ones are listed on our site at <http://www.intelinfo.com>.

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