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### **1) Editor's Greeting:**

Hello, everyone! This 13th issue of our free monthly email newsletter for Computer Education, Training, & Tutorial Resources marks the start of our second year of this free IT training ezine. I hope this helps you with your computer education and training and is a tool to advance your IT career. Our main mission is the training of those less fortunate who are seeking to become computer literate, both technically and from a user's perspective.

If you have any suggestions, ideas, or feedback about this newsletter, feel free to email us at [mailto:scott\\_turton@intelinfo.com](mailto:scott_turton@intelinfo.com). We appreciate your feedback. Also, please send this to your friends and colleagues, if you think they would like it. It contains highly valuable information for anyone who is an IT professional or desiring to become one.

In this issue we describe and link to a total of 59 computer, IT and programming learning and tutorial web sites. By means of this email newsletter, you have knowledge of and access to these sites before our web site visitors do.

\*\*\*Our Latest News\*\*\*

- We now have a new \*Members Section\* that contains the web's best computer and IT training resources and tutorials. This content is individually linked and presented in a way to expedite and facilitate your IT learning experience. We have done all the web research and presentation work for you so you can concentrate solely on your computer training. I have set the price at the lowest possible level to make it affordable for everyone: just \$10 total for 2 months. The funds generated will help us make intelinfo.com even better in the coming months. To see what's available on the member's site please go here: <<http://www.intelinfo.com/sign-up/index.html>>. The members log in page is at <<http://www.intelinfo.com/members/index.html>>.

- Our Newly Found & Researched IT Training page at is no longer being linked from our site. It is now available only to our members and also to you, our newsletter subscribers. Please use the link here to access this page and all the free training material it links to (and bookmark it for later use).

- Is free training really a bargain? Check out this informative article at <<http://www.nwfusion.com/careers/2001/0806man.html>>. The author interviewed me to gather much of the information he presents.

- I have revised the links on the navigation table on our home page and also made this table available as a pop-up to help you search our site. Here's the link to the pop-up table: <[http://www.intelinfo.com/site\\_navigation.html](http://www.intelinfo.com/site_navigation.html)>.

Please help support our IT training mission by visiting our sponsors near the bottom of this newsletter or on our site at <http://www.intelinfo.com>.

Good luck with your computer studies and learning.

Warm Regards,  
Scott Turton  
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

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The total price to join as a member is only \$10 total for 2 months, \$18.50 for 4 months or \$25.50 for 6 months. The funds generated will assist us to help all those seeking IT education and application development training. Here's the link to see what's available on our member's site and to sign up: <http://www.intelinform.com/signup/index.html>

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

This section of our newsletter contains the best new free IT training and tutorial sites that we have found and researched in the last few weeks. These web sites will be added to our Free IT Training & Courses page at <http://www.intelinform.com/cat1.html> and our Free IT Tutorials and Guides page at <http://www.intelinform.com/cat2.html>.

Nine New Free Training Courses from Techies.com and Mindleaders: <http://home.techies.com/Common/Training/Main/TrainingCourses>

Take any of these nine online courses free! Now you can get free access to 9 new full-length courses. Sample these courses to find out if Web-based training works for you. If you like them you can register for many more courses at low prices here: <http://www.intelinform.com/links/mindleaders.html>

- Cisco CCDA: LAN Networking
- A+ 2001 Hardware & Operation System: Computer Introduction
- E-Commerce: Influences on E-Commerce
- HTML: Layout & Design for Your Web Pages
- Java 1.2: Creating Java Applets
- Oracle8: Installing Oracle
- Win 2000 Server MCSE 70-215: Recovering from Disaster
- XML: Viewing & Understanding XML
- Word 2000 MOUS Expert: Page Formatting

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Ars Technica: How-To's & Tweaks: <http://new.arstechnica.com/tweak/>

Their How-To's and Tweaks fall into these categories: Hardware Upgrades & and

Installation, Home Networking, OS & Software Enhancements, Overclocking and Cooling, and Oddities & Outside Resources. Also, check out their Ars Technopaedia: <http://arstechnica.com/paedia/index.html> giving you gain a solid understanding of the tech that defines computing.

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TheSiteWizard.com:  
<http://www.thesitewizard.com/>

Free one-stop guide to website design, promotion, CGI, PHP, JavaScript scripting, and revenue earning. Free tips, articles, tutorials on web design, promotion, PHP, CGI, JavaScript scripting

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J2EE vs. Microsoft.NET:  
<http://www.theserverside.com/resources/pdf/J2EE-vs-DotNET.pdf>

A comparison of building XML-based web services - In this whitepaper, we will make a powerful comparison between the two choices that businesses have for building XML-based web services: the Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE) , built by Sun Microsystems and other industry players, and Microsoft.NET , built by Microsoft Corporation.

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Lycos Computers Help & How-To:  
<http://computers.lycos.com/help/hindex.asp>

Read their online articles and tutorials in these categories: Developer's How-To, Gaming, Handhelds/PDAs, Hardware, Operating Systems, Software and Tech Glossary.

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Free Java Training Course:  
<http://www.jai.ch/>

Improve your Java knowledge and prepare here for Sun's Certified Java Programmer Exam. Experiment with shift operators, bitwise operators, GridBagLayout or any other Exam related topic. Play online or download the package. Covers user level from new to expert.

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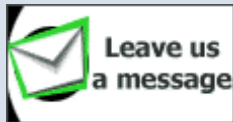
ZDNet: Help & How-To: How Do I...?:  
<http://www.zdnet.com/zdhelp/filters/subfilter/0,7212,6002354,00.html>

Lots of free help and how to tutorial articles are located on this site covering Hardware, Internet, Linux, Software Windows, and Basics.

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RealPCHelp.Com:  
<http://www.realpchelp.com/>

This site bills themselves as "Real People, Real PC Help." Use their form to type your question or state the problem you are experiencing. A knowledgeable technician will respond to you by e-mail as soon as possible.



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CyberTechHelp:

<http://www.cybertechhelp.com>

Free Computer Help & Technical Support, support for all windows operating systems, hardware, software, web design, and internet issues.

Support Forums:

<http://www.cybertechhelp.com/cgi-bin/ultimatebb.cgi>

Free Tutorials:

<http://www.cybertechhelp.com/html/tutorials/index.shtml>

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Smart Computing Articles and Tutorials:

<http://www.smartcomputing.com/editorial/asearch.asp>

Articles and Tutorials from Smartcomputing.com. For the tutorials, click on "Teach me how to..." and choose a category. For general information articles, click on "I want to learn more about..."

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Let's Talk Computers - Radio Talk Show:

<http://www.lets-talk-computers.net/index.htm>

Let's Talk Computers is the U.S. South's longest-running computer radio talk show. You can listen to all of their past shows covering many areas of computing.

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Catalyst: How-to

<http://catalyst.washington.edu/how-to/>

Catalyst How-to documents provide step-by-step instructions to help you put technology to work. Designed to be simple and straightforward, these materials can get you started with the software and tools listed here.

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Dr Dobb's Articles Archive:

<http://www.ddj.com/articles/>

Search for what you want to learn in this popular technical and IT publication. Many programming and hardware related learning content is on this site. Here is a search for 'tutorial':

<http://www.ddj.com/articles/search/search.cgi?q=tutorial>

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LCS Technical Reports:

<http://www.lcs.mit.edu/publications/viewpubs.php?cat=tr>

Tons of IT technical articles and reports in leading edge areas such as networking, internet, security. They also have LCS Technical Memos:

<http://www.lcs.mit.edu/publications/viewpubs.php?cat=tm>

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Online Windows 2000 Product Documentation :

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/support/onlinedocs/default.asp>

- Review complete versions of Windows 2000 Professional, Server, Advanced Server, and Datacenter Server Help.

Search Support for Windows 2000:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/support/search/default.asp>

- Provides access to a variety of support resources available for Windows 2000.

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Xephon IS Library:

<http://www.xephon.com/islibrary.html>

The IS Library is a collection of in-depth articles and White Papers (many free), drawn from Xephon's Reports in these areas: Business and IT Strategies, New Technologies and Applications, Data Center Management, System/390, and Other Systems.

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### **3) New Free I.T. Books, Publications & Book Sites:**

Some of these web resources will be added to our Free IT Books page at [http://www.intelinfo.com/free\\_computer\\_books.html](http://www.intelinfo.com/free_computer_books.html) and some will be added to our [members site](#).

Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs:

<http://mitpress.mit.edu/sicp/>

The material in this book has been the basis of MIT's entry-level computer science subject since 1980. The full text of the book is available on this site for free. Included are programs from the book, sample programming assignments and supplementary materials.

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The Internet Companion:

<http://archives.obs-us.com/obs/english/books/editinc/>

A Beginner's Guide to Global Networking (2nd edition). Here are more free Internet, Computers, and E-Publishing books from this collection:

<http://archives.obs-us.com/top.htm#Internet>

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A Beginners C++

<http://www.cs.uow.edu.au/people/nabg/ABC/ABC.html>

This is a draft version of a book "A Beginners' C++"; this book is intended for "CS1, CS2" introductory Computer Science courses that use C++ as an implementation language.

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The Java Language Specification - Second Edition:

[http://java.sun.com/docs/books/jls/second\\_edition/html/j.title.doc.html](http://java.sun.com/docs/books/jls/second_edition/html/j.title.doc.html)

This book attempts a complete specification of the syntax and semantics of the language. We intend that the behavior of every language construct is specified here, so that all implementations will accept the same programs.

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The Open Book Project:

<http://www.ibiblio.org/obp/>

This site includes these books:

- How to Think Like a Computer Scientist: An introductory computer science text book using either Java, Python, or C++.

- Lessons in Electric Circuits

- Getting Down With... A collection of quick and easy tutorials on a wide range of computer science topics.

- Python for Fun: A collection of case studies using Python to teach programming concepts to intermediate students

- The Linux Cookbook: Tips and Techniques for Everyday Use, over 1,500 time-saving recipes and hints

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The Memory Management Reference:

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

This is a resource for programmers and computer scientists interested in memory management and garbage collection. For an introduction, see the Beginner's Guide.

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C++ In Action:

<http://www.relisoft.com/book/index.htm>

Industrial Strength Programming Techniques - this free book is divided into three parts, the Language, the Techniques, and the Software Project (includes downloadable code samples).

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Watch What I Do: Programming by Demonstration:

<http://www.acypher.com/wwid/>

This free book covers such topics as macro recorders, learning by example, and inferencing, with implementation examples. It includes code examples, screen shots, block diagrams, and grammars, though the text isn't written in a dry academic style - it actually makes for interesting reading.

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GTK+/Gnome Application Development:

<http://developer.gnome.org/doc/GGAD/>

This is the official GNOME programming manual, and is also a printed book available in stores (New Riders Publishing, ISBN 0-7357-0078-8). The book is under a free license.

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C Traps and Pitfalls:

[http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/languages/C/C\\_traps.ps](http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/languages/C/C_traps.ps)

This is a free book by Andrew Koenig about the C Programming Language (postscript format).

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Computer Networks:

<http://csep1.phy.ornl.gov/CSEP/NW/NW.html>

This book is highly recommended for anyone who will be more than a casual user of network resources.

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Information Retrieval:

<http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/Keith/Preface.html>

The material of this book is aimed at advanced undergraduate information (or computer) science students, postgraduate library science students, and research workers in the field of Information Retrieval.

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Hardware Design Guide for Microsoft Windows 2000 Server:

<http://www.microsoft.com/hwdev/serverdg.htm>

This site provides updated information for this guide, written for engineers who build server systems, expansion cards, and peripheral devices using the Microsoft Windows 2000 Server OS. Also, here are the Windows Server Design Notes:

<http://www.microsoft.com/hwdev/server/>.

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Free Books published by the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, National Research Council:

<http://books.nap.edu/v3/makepage.phtml?val1=org&val2=CSTB>

Here are 4 of them:

<http://www.nap.edu/books/0309048761/html/>

Information Technology in the Service Society: A Twenty-First Century Lever (270 pages)

<http://www.nap.edu/books/030906399X/html/index.html>

Being Fluent with Information Technology

<http://www.nap.edu/books/0309054753/html/index.html>

Cryptography's Role in Securing the Information Society

<http://www.nap.edu/books/0309065585/html/index.html>

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## 4) University Computer Science Course Sites Free to Browse and Study:

These web sites will be added to our Free University IT Course Webs page at <http://www.intelinfo.com/cat3.html>

Online Courses and Lecture Notes:  
<http://ntrg.cs.tcd.ie/htewari/courses.html>

Linked list of freely available computer science courses by subject.

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CSC366 Home Page:  
<http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~bor/366s01/index.html>

Algorithms course with notes in postscript format.

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INFO 222 Software Engineering Methods  
<http://divcom.otago.ac.nz/infosci/msrl/info222/lectures.htm>

Human Computer Interaction - Download Lectures in powerpoint format.

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Introduction to Information Systems:  
<http://www.ise.canberra.edu.au/u4941/>

Introduction to Information Technology:  
<http://www.ise.canberra.edu.au/u4478/>

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Utah University, Hamlet Project:  
<http://www.cs.utah.edu/~hamlet>

Free tutorial-style courseware in engineering & computing, extensive library of tutorials for introductory courses in engineering computing, Unix, C, Fortran.

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Computer Architecture and Low-Level Programming:  
<http://www.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/~dsb/Cpsc355/>  
<http://www.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/~dsb/Cpsc355/Notes/>

Very good course notes here teach you all about low-level, assembly and unix programming, including subroutine calls.

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**5) The Best Suggested Sites from our Website Users** - Every month we feature the best suggested IT training and tutorial sites from our website visitors. Here are this month's sites:

Freecomputerschool.com:  
<http://www.freecomputerschool.com>

This site offers several free computer courses online: PC Proficiency (for beginners), Hardware Proficiency (learn more about computer hardware), Master in Computing (imparts professional software skills and covers advanced areas), and Modular Courses (additional knowledge areas). Free registration is required.

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## **6) New Computer & IT Training & Tutorial Link & Resource Sites:**

These web sites will be added to our IT Links and Resources page at  
<http://www.intelinfo.com/cat6.html>

itmWEB: Information Technology Resources:  
<http://www.itmweb.com>

A source for information technology reference, methodology, and technical content focused on IT departmental management, technology support, and project leadership. Contains hundreds of pages of resources, papers, and links.

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Programming Tutorials and Info Resources:  
<http://www.infosyssec.com/infosyssec/prog1.htm>

Good link site for programming tutorials - a veritable link farm of learning material for those wanting to beef up on their programming skills.

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## **7) New Desktop and Office Application Training Sites:**

These web sites will be added to of Free Office and Desktop Training page at  
<http://www.intelinfo.com/office.html> . Also, check out our expanded MS Office 2000 Free Training page here: [http://www.intelinfo.com/office\\_2000.html](http://www.intelinfo.com/office_2000.html)

The Insider Learning Library:  
<http://www.microsoft.com/insider/learning/default.htm>

This site features a rotating series of free interactive courses on the most popular Microsoft programs and technologies.

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Microsoft Office 2000 Tutorials:  
<http://www.pitt.edu/~poole/Officeindex2.html>

A set of tutorials to help you learn the suite of applications included in Microsoft Office 2000. The tutorials, with skill consolidation exercises, are designed to teach MS Word (including mail merge), Excel (including graphing and charting), Access (including reporting), and Powerpoint.

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Suite101.com:

[http://www.suite101.com/articles.cfm/office\\_2000](http://www.suite101.com/articles.cfm/office_2000)

Microsoft Office Articles, Tips and guide to make the best of Microsoft Office. Includes articles on using Office more productively and links to the best Office sites on the net.

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Trainingdownloads.com:

<http://www.trainingdownloads.com/downloads/download.htm>

Free Microsoft Office tutorial downloads for HTML, Excel, Access, Powerpoint and Word. Also available here: <http://becomeacomputertrainer.com/downloads.htm>

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CyberLearning Universe's Free Office 2000 Courses:

<http://www.cyberlearning.org/index1.htm>

Five Free Online Introduction Courses, including audio, one for each Microsoft Office 2000 application.

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Computer Training 2000:

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

This site offers free computer training tutorials, How-To Articles, and computer support for the major MS Office applications. How-To Articles are here:

<http://www.computertim.com/howto/howto.htm>

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Excel Pages:

<http://www.geocities.com/davemcritchie/excel/excel.htm>

Excel macros and usage notes to help beginners and fairly advanced users of Microsoft Excel spreadsheets to fill in some gaps

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PowerPoint Tutorial for Windows:

<http://www.coe.missouri.edu/~prism/handout/PowerPointwin.PDF>

PowerPoint for Macintosh:

<http://www.coe.missouri.edu/~prism/handout/PowerPointmac.PDF>

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Microsoft Access Tutorial:

<http://cisnet.baruch.cuny.edu/holowczak/classes/2200/access/accessall.html>

This tutorial is designed to get the user up and running with Access in a rapid fashion. The four basic modules are demonstrated: Tables, Forms, Reports and Queries. A business example is discussed .

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## 8) I.T. Sites Worth Mentioning:

NETGLOS:

<http://wwli.com/translation/netglos/netglos.html>

A multilingual glossary of Internet terminology currently being compiled as a voluntary, collaborative project by a number of translators and other professionals.

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Computers Vertical Search Engine:

<http://computers.galaxy.com/>

Galaxy gives you a very comprehensive listing of custom Computer related vertical Internet search engines. They also have a good resource page called Galaxy Serious Searches: Computer Technology: <http://www.galaxy.com/cgi-bin/dirlist?node=47476>

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The Matrix Template Library:

<http://www.lsc.nd.edu/research/mtl/reference/html/index.html>

The Matrix Template Library (MTL) has had two fundamental goals from the time of its conception: To be a comprehensive, elegant, well-engineered, high-quality library of re-usable components for scientific computing and to offer vendor-tuned levels of performance. Contains good reference templates for C++.

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Knowledge Management Internet Resources:

<http://www.icasit.org/km/links.htm>

This is a great site for learning more about Knowledge Management. Many good articles are here: <http://www.icasit.org/km/kmarticles.htm>. Also freely accessible course notes are at bottom of this page in specialized web development: <http://www.icasit.org/webdev.html>

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## 9) Frequently Asked Questions about Technical Training:

Each month Scott Turton will answer one of the frequently asked questions we receive about computer and technical training and career development.

September 2001 FAQ: What are the better low-cost IT training providers on the web?

Answer: There are several training providers on the web that offer good quality, low cost IT training. Here are some of the better ones:

MindLeaders Online Courses:

<http://www.intelinfo.com/links/mindleaders.html>

MindLeaders gives you very low cost, high quality online technical and end user computer courses. Technical courses include Java, E-Commerce, Windows 2000, MCSE, Web Development, A+, Cisco, Visual Basic, XML, Unix and Oracle. Only

\$110 per year for unlimited access to all technical courses in any one of three categories: General, MCSE, or Web Development.

The Computer Science Tutoring Center:

[http://www.intelinfo.com/links/cs\\_tutoring.html](http://www.intelinfo.com/links/cs_tutoring.html)

(Please wait for page to load) The Computer Science Tutoring Center offers Programming Courses and Tutoring by e-mail - Learn C, C++, Windows, Java, HTML, Java Script and VHDL Programming. Each course contains Lessons, Questions, Exercises and Assignments that you e-mail in for grading. Your personnel instructor marks your solutions, scans them and then sends them back to you. You pay for each lesson one at a time (\$15.00 per lesson).

Free Academy of Career Training:

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

The Free Academy of Career Training believes that everyone should have an equal opportunity to succeed and that if someone really wants to learn, then he or she should be allowed to do so. Courses are available in the following areas: Computer Programming, Internet Webmaster Specialist, Internet Application Developer, CNE, MCSE, and A+ Certification. All course modules are \$10 each, but if you pay the \$10 fee within 3 days of registering, then you can take the next course for free.

Virtual University:

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

The world's largest online learning community, serving more than 500,000 students and alumni in 128 countries around the world, their global mission is "Empowerment through Knowledge." You can take up to 3 courses per term for only a small \$15 administration fee. No accreditation, but students who complete a course will have absorbed enough knowledge to pass an exam in their chosen field. Look at their Internet & Computing Classes section.

University City - Master of Science in Computer Sciences:

<http://www.vtu.edu/mcs.html>

This is a 60 credit program that is divided in three parts of 20 credits each. University City is a new Virtual University with an international faculty which provides education for those who could never afford college and to those who might wish to earn a second or third degree. Degree programs are entirely online and students work at their own pace. Tuition is a donation of \$1.00 per day, total monthly fee is \$32.50 (each month). Students from certain nations will be taught without this donation of \$1.00 per day.

National College Online:

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

Distance Education and Training Online. Courses in programming, networking, internet applications, and management skills - available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Tuition varies by course, 1 year unlimited access to all courses is \$709.

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