

More courses to meet causes

These teach students how to develop services and applications that leverage the Internet.

Despite the recession, some computer schools are still introducing courses that cater to emerging technologies.

One new course from QsoftTraining.Net is on the Microsoft .Net platform.

Another training provider, Genovate Solutions, recently launched SAP Academy for intensive hands-on training on SAP applications and technology.

Launched in late August, the Internet to e-business framework (I2e.net) is one of the newest courses here.

The 120-hour course from QsoftTraining.Net teaches participants how to implement the Microsoft .Net platform in their companies. It costs \$2,950.

"The programme is fully project-based and is designed to create IT developers and e-business specialists who can develop enterprise e-business solutions based on the Microsoft .Net platform," said Mr Edwin Manuel, strategic business consultant of QsoftTraining.Net, which is the only institution that currently offers this programme.

WHAT .NET DOES

Microsoft .Net is a platform for building integrated, service-oriented applications to meet the needs of today's Internet businesses.

The applications gather information from, and interact with, a wide variety of sources, regardless of the operating systems or languages in use.

The certification awarded to successful students is endorsed by American company, Brainbench Inc.

Database administrator Chris Moesalim, 25, is one of the course's participants.

".Net allows programming languages to be inte-

grated with one another — Sun and Microsoft systems, for instance, can talk to each other on .Net," said Mr Moesalim, explaining why he took the course.

Management information systems executive Magesan Muniandy, 27, also felt that learning .Net was worth the investment.

".Net is the technology of the future," he said.

GLOBALY SAP-CERTIFIED

Genovate is currently the only partner for SAP Academy training in Singapore and Malaysia.

After an examination at the end of the five-week course, successful participants attain the globally recognised SAP Certified Consultants status.

Mr Anton Ravindran, Genovate's chief executive officer, explained why he launched the SAP Academy: "There is a huge resurgence of demand for enterprise applications."

"To truly prosper in today's economic situation, enterprises must become extended enterprises and central to this is enterprise resource planning (ERP)."

"SAP has the largest installed base worldwide on ERP applications."

Senior software engineer Sherwin Goh, 29, is now attending the SAP Academy.

A graduate of computer science and software engineering, Mr Goh has worked as a programmer in C++, Java and Visual Basic. Now, he feels it's time for him to learn a new skill.

"IT professionals like us have to constantly upgrade our skills to keep pace with new market demands and technologies," he said. "Right now, there is a great demand for extended Web-based ERP solutions."

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