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Skillsoft Smooths Enterprise Transition to Microsoft Windows 8

New online "Live Learning" course reveals features and power of Windows 8; prepares IT to implement and reap benefits of new operating system

NASHUA, N.H.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- In response to enterprise customers' interest in Windows 8, Skillsoft is now providing a "Configuring Microsoft Windows 8" Live Learning course. The course introduces IT professionals to important new capabilities that Windows 8 has to offer, providing the foundation needed to develop a strategy for migrating their organization to the new operating system. The course covers a broad spectrum of topics including installation, migration, Windows 8-style applications, user and group accounts, security, networking, client virtualization and advanced configuration. Introduced in October, Windows 8 features a new user interface, new applications and the Windows Store. Spanning consumer to enterprise needs, Windows 8 also introduces Windows RT, which runs on mobile devices using the ARM architecture, such as tablets. Through Skillsoft's "Configuring Microsoft Windows 8" Live Learning course, attendees will gain the insights and skills needed to help leading-edge organizations take advantage of the latest advances from Microsoft in touch interfaces, virtualization, mobile and cloud computing.

"Our 'Configuring Microsoft Windows 8' Live Learning course is the latest chapter in our ongoing success in providing the industry's leading learning assets for Microsoft solutions," said Dan Young, Director of Live Learning, Skillsoft. "Microsoft sees Windows 8 as a major milestone in the evolution of Windows and computing on the whole. Enterprises in particular recognize the importance of understanding how Windows 8 should be integrated into their technology roadmaps. Our course incorporates the student feedback from our award-winning Microsoft-based Live Learning courses and applies that to deliver the most thorough and engaging approach to learning how to get the most out of Windows 8. When something as significant as Windows 8 is introduced, organizations need both strategic guidance and expert tactical instruction on how to tackle this opportunity. We're confident that our course will help them be successful in this endeavor."

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Skillsoft's Live Learning was designed to bring the benefits of traditional instructor-led training right to the desktop. Over the years, Skillsoft has proven that expert-led training over the Web can achieve the same level of knowledge transfer as in-person ILT, while offering additional advantages learners can't get anywhere else. What's more, Skillsoft's world-class experts underpin every mode of learning in the offering, from providing subject-matter expertise during development, to lively, engaging presentations and mentoring, to comprehensive class notes, labs and study guides.

Configuring Microsoft Windows 8

This course is for IT professionals who install, configure, maintain and support Microsoft Windows 8 clients, desktops, devices and users within any size organization. It is also designed for individuals who seek professional distinction through the 70-687 Windows 8 Configuring exam. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Interact with Windows 8

- Prepare to Install Windows 8

- Install Windows 8 using Setup and Windows ADK

- Upgrade & Migrate to Windows 8

- Configure Windows To Go

- Configure User Authentication & User Account Control

- Configure Local Policies

- Configure Windows 8 Style Applications & Internet Explorer 10

- Configure AppLocker

- Configure Virtualization Technologies

- Configure Offline Files, Roaming Profiles & Folder Redirection

- Configure User Data including Libraries, File History and Disk Quotas

- Share, Secure & Encrypt User Data with NTFS, EFS and BitLocker

- Configure Devices & Drivers

- Configure Disks & Storage Spaces

- Configure IPv4, IPv6 & DNS Settings

- Troubleshoot Network Connections

- Configure Network Protection

- Configure Power Settings

- Configure Wireless & Remote Connections

- Monitor & Optimize Window 8 Performance

- Configure Windows Updates

- Configure Remote Management

- Configure System Recovery

- Use Basic Powershell Cmdlets

For more information on Skillsoft's Live Learning Microsoft Technical Catalog, please visit http://www.skillsoft.com/products/live_learning/series.asp?id=5056063.

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