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SkillSoft Unveils Live Learning on SkillPort LMS Platform

Online Classroom Training Provides High-Quality Learning, Enables Companies like EMBARQ to Save on Training Expenses

ORLANDO, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

SkillSoft PLC (Nasdaq: SKIL), a leading SaaS provider of e-learning and performance support solutions for global enterprises, government, education and small to medium-sized businesses, today announced the launch of Live Learning on the SkillPort Platform while kicking off Perspectives, its annual user conference being held in Orlando. Live Learning provides a robust schedule of live online classes taught by world-class instructors in high-demand certification areas such as Project Management, Cisco, Microsoft and CompTIA. Live Learning customers receive the benefits of instructor-led training (ILT) over the Web, and a cost-effective, scalable alternative to traditional brick-and-mortar classroom training for IT professionals.

SkillSoft Live Learning, a virtual classroom product that was previously sold under the KnowledgeNet and NETg names prior to its 2007 acquisition by SkillSoft, is now available on the SkillPort LMS, an award-winning learning management system that global organizations leverage for managing their e-learning content. SkillSoft Live Learning is an instructor-facilitated classroom training product that utilizes a broad range of multimedia and the technology benefits of Internet delivery. It enables organizations to provide their employees with a convenient and flexible alternative to conventional classroom instruction, whether they need to gain IT certification or basic desktop application skills.

"As a company that offers communication and data products and services in 18 states, we quickly saw how effective and scalable SkillSoft Live Learning was for our nationwide employees," said Rich Hake, Technical Training Manager - Learning & Development, EMBARQ. "Facing greater competition while balancing a need to control expenses, we've been able to significantly reduce externally provided, instructor led training and associated travel expenses while providing the training our employees want and need."

With Live Learning, customers get more information in less time, delivered right to the desktop, in a staggered lecture format that allows material to sink in before jumping to new topics. Flexible scheduling allows companies to provide online training at convenient times, as learners can select the class times that suit them best from the Live Calendar. Two world-class expert instructors deliver training online in each class and are also available on-demand with recorded sessions that provide users with access to lectures and all class materials for up to one year. Whether the courses are entry-level or advanced, they provide a high-quality classroom experience supported by multiple learning assets that help to maintain high knowledge retention rates.

"Corporations today need more options to support their learning initiatives, and this latest offering shows our strong commitment to providing valuable training in the most convenient manner," said John Ambrose, senior vice president of Strategy, Emerging Business Corporate Development, SkillSoft. "SkillSoft Live Learning offers a myriad of pertinent topics ranging from IT certification to desktop training on flexible business terms to empower our users more than ever before."

About SkillSoft

SkillSoft PLC (Nasdaq: SKIL) is a leading SaaS provider of on-demand e-learning and performance support solutions for global enterprises, government, education and small to medium-sized businesses. SkillSoft enables business organizations to maximize business performance through a combination of comprehensive e- learning content, online information resources, flexible learning technologies and support services.

Content offerings include business, IT, desktop, compliance and consumer/SMB courseware collections, as well as complementary content assets such as Leadership Development Channel video products, KnowledgeCenter(TM) portals, virtual instructor-led training services and online mentoring services. SkillSoft's Books24x7(R) product offering includes access to more than 18,000 digitized IT and business books, as well as book summaries and executive reports. Technology offerings include the SkillPort(R) learning management system, Search-and-Learn(R), SkillSoft(R) Dialogue(TM) and virtual classroom.

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