

SUMMARY

- > The Free Technology Academy consists of an advanced virtual campus with course modules that are followed entirely on-line.
- > The contents of the programme are focused on Free Technologies and designed by e-learning experts. Modules include Free Software and Open Standards.
- > The Free Technology Academy is specially oriented to IT professionals, students, educators and decision makers.
- > All learning materials used in the FTA are Open Educational Resources, published under licenses that allow them to be freely used, modified and redistributed. Learners who enrol in the FTA receive tuition from the partner universities' teaching staff, and FTA credits are recognised by these universities.
- > The FTA aims to share the burden and benefits of developing and exploiting course modules related to Free Technology. Organisations interested in joining forces are welcome to strengthen the Partner Network.

The Free Technology Academy is a joint initiative of the Free Knowledge Institute and several European universities and organisations.

- > Free Knowledge Institute - The Netherlands
- > Open University of Catalunya - Spain
- > Open University - The Netherlands
- > University of Agder - Norway
- > SEED - Switzerland / Italy
- > Gleducar - Argentina
- > P2P Foundation - Worldwide
- > Free Software Foundation - USA

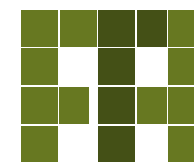
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What is it?

The Free Technology Academy provides formal training at university level about Free Software and Open Standards.

The FTA Consortium aims to contribute to a society that permits all users to study, participate and build upon existing knowledge without restrictions; and more specifically to contribute to the building of a critical mass in the use of Free Technologies.

Why?

The use of Free Technologies is considered a key factor for sustainability: Open Standards guarantee interoperability and provide a level playing field for developers; Free Software implementations help to prevent the formation of monopolies that hinder free competition in the ICT sector.

The presence of Free Technologies is steadily growing in many sectors, such as public bodies, entertainment, embedded systems, mobile computing, etc. The FTA courses cover these fields from several points of view: technical, economic, organisational and legal.

For whom?

People who want to acquire knowledge about these topics and obtain a certificate that is accepted at master level by the university partners. However, holding a university degree is not required to enrol. Typical participants are ICT professionals, educators, students, civil servants and decision makers from different countries.

Courses

These are some FTA courses:

- > The concepts of Free Software and Open Standards
- > The GNU/Linux operating system
- > Network technologies
- > Web applications development
- > Economic aspects of Free Software
- > Legal aspects of the Information Society

Check the full list of courses at:
<http://ftacademy.org/courses/modules>

Enrolment requirements mainly involve registration and payment of tuition fees. Specific requirements for recognition may vary by course and institution and can be found on the website. Tuition fees include tutoring, assessment and an academically recognised certificate.

Learning Methodology

All courses provided by the Free Technology Academy are conducted entirely online at the FTA Virtual Campus. The FTA learning methodology allows learners to define their own study schedule: asynchronous communication tools, few deadlines and activities that can be joined at different dates and times. This model allows for anyone to follow FTA courses, regardless of their location and job, as long as they have regular access to the Internet.

Educational Materials

The FTA study programme is fully based on Open Educational Resources (OER) right from the start and aims to be a showcase of the collaborative production and exploitation of such freely licensed course materials.

Each course comes with a course book openly published under a free license. The FTA strives towards opening up the production process of course books, and users are encouraged to provide feedback to improve the next updated version. Printed copies can be ordered by registered learners. See <http://ftacademy.org/materials>.

Partner Network

The Free Knowledge Institute coordinates the FTA, while partner universities bring in their educational and technical expertise.

Although the FTA Campus starts with master level courses on Free Software and Open Standards, additional courses can be offered in collaboration with Associate Partners. These can be courses at different levels, in different languages, for different learner profiles and on subjects in the broad context of Free Technologies, Open Innovation and Free Culture.

We are open to other educational institutions (including vocational and higher education) who want to join this effort, as well as civil society organisations and industry partners specialised in ICT training. If you're interested, contact us!