



Thomson Course Technology Releases Radically Improved ILT Series(TM) Courseware

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Titles Boast New Content, Superior Ancillaries, and a Unique, Fresh Look

BOSTON, Nov 01, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Thomson Course Technology's Training Group, the worldwide leader in computer education products and services and part of the Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC), today announced a series of important enhancements to its market-leading ILT Series(TM) courseware. Thomson Course Technology's new instructor-led training textbooks represent a bold leap forward in ILT training materials. The new series benefits from significant improvements in the courseware quality, an increase in ancillaries, and an exciting new look.

The ILT Series includes more than 600 desktop, IT and professional development courses spanning the full range of computer and business topics-from Microsoft Excel to A+ Certification to Managing Diversity. Our instructor-led textbooks are available off-the-shelf or can be licensed electronically, and are built from the ground up to enable instructor customization. Our proven, hands-on approach to training enables students to immediately practice and apply what they are learning.

"The ILT Series has been consistently receiving the highest courseware evaluation scores we've ever given out. The Thomson Course Technology Training Group is doing an incredible, unprecedented job of turning out superior instructor-led training textbooks. All of the courses they've submitted to us for review this year have been better than a 4.8/5.0. I haven't seen anything like it before," said Paul Hoffmann, vice president of ProCert Labs. "We never give out those kinds of scores consistently to one group. Mike Springer's Training Group is raising the bar for the entire training industry. I can't say enough good things about the products they are producing."

Since its launch in 1998, ProCert Labs has teamed with many courseware vendors looking to demonstrate third-party validation of quality courseware products. Students have come to respect the ProCert Labs Tested service mark as a symbol of quality and assurance. Courseware that bears the ProCert Labs Tested service mark is found to cover 100 percent of the related certification exam objectives, and demonstrates an ability to effectively teach the principles required by a specific professional certification program.

The new ILT Series textbooks feature the following enhancements:

- * Improved in-class activities and explanations;
- * Integrated electronic pre- and post-assessment;
- * Addition of certification-based review questions;
- * Notation of certification objectives throughout each course;
- * Comprehensive certification objectives mapping; and
- * Improved physical appearance with beautiful four-color, gloss stock covers, premium paper stock, and ultra-high resolution offset printing.

"The Thomson Course Technology Training Team put a tremendous amount of work into improving our ILT textbooks, and now the physical appearance of our books reflects the superlative content inside," said Michael Springer, vice president and general manager of Thomson NETg's Training group. "We're passionate about the subjects for which we create courses, and we genuinely care about making educators successful in the classroom. Our new books will both imbue instructors with increased confidence and facilitate superior training classes."

To review the full text of any of our courses, visit <http://www.courseilt.com>, or call 1-800-442-7477.

About The Thomson Corporation and Thomson Course Technology

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About ProCert Labs

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