DigitalXpress to Broadcast Computer Programming Courses Via Satellite

DigitalXpress, a provider of satellite communications services, today announced that TEN-TV (Technology Education Network) will broadcast a series of computer programming courses offered by Prentice Hall Professional Technical Resource (PTR) and the University of Washington.

The series, consisting of three courses in Java, C and C++ programming languages, will be broadcast exclusively over the DigitalXpress satellite network as a pay-per-view course. The course is being offered to current TEN-TV subscribers, but also is open to new subscribers. The C++ and Java courses begin April 15 and 16, respectively, while the C programming course begins May 14. All courses continue through October.

DigitalXpress specializes in high-quality, low-cost satellite-to-desktop digital video, audio and data information distribution systems for the business community. The company, with headquarters in St. Paul, Minn., was established through the joint efforts of Boeing Commercial Information & Communication Company, Conus Communications and Ceridian Corporation.

"Learning by doing is the most efficient, effective way to learn, and that's what this distance education package is all about," said Bill Bearry, president and chief executive officer of DigitalXpress.

"We're delighted to broadcast this series, which combines live lectures, virtual study labs, and the highest quality class materials to teach computer programming quickly and effectively to students nationwide."

Each course consists of four weekly lectures delivered by University of Washington faculty via TEN-TV and the DigitalXpress satellite network. After each lecture, the instructor will host a live question-and-answer session. During the course, students will have access to a Web-based "virtual study lounge," where they can collaborate with their classmates.

The courses are supplemented with textbooks and CD-ROMs developed by Prentice Hall. Students who complete courses will earn continuing education units with the option to earn a programming certificate from the University of Washington. Registration information is available on the Web at http://www.phptr.com/phptrinteractive.

Prentice Hall PTR, a leading provider of computer science publishing services, is a division of Simon & Schuster and has its headquarters in Upper Saddle River, N.J. The University of Washington Computer Science Department has been ranked among the top 10 in the nation and first among Intel's list of 30 "strategic universities." The U.W. is located in Seattle and has campuses in Bothell and Tacoma, Wash.

The Technology Education Network, based in New York City, is the leading business-to-business distance-learning company serving the high-technology industries. TEN-TV creates and broadcasts live and interactive video-based information, education and training to its global network of members.

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