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IBM WebSphere Education Plus

Cement your skills with training + practical guidance

- Provides additional instructor-led sessions of practical guidance to cement course concepts

- Customized agenda and content developed in partnership with your instructor and IBM WebSphere Education Opportunity Manager

Without mistake, proper training has been shown to be the backbone of both the rapid success of your IBM WebSphere® deployment and the longer-term stimulus for achieving business objectives. This correlation is vividly illustrated in the 2007 IBM WebSphere Application Server Common Malpractices report:

- *In an annual survey of IBM Clients conducted by the IBM WebSphere Application Server SWAT team, deploying IBM WebSphere projects, it was found three years running, from 2005 – 2007, that lack of product education was one of the top three inhibitors to project success.*

With this consideration in mind, training needs to be an integral part of your project plan. IBM WebSphere Education takes this commitment one step further with IBM WebSphere Education Plus. With IBM WebSphere Education Plus, you can add additional instructor-led or hands-on lab time to your class delivery. This additional skills transfer component helps assure that your team will receive the skills they need up-front to succeed.

IBM WebSphere Education Plus: Customized Skills Reinforcement
While many IBM WebSphere Education courses include hands-on labs to reinforce learned skills, there is no substitute for on-the-job training to uncover unforeseen or unique situations. An IBM WebSphere Education Plus session is typically delivered a week to several weeks after your classroom training is completed providing ample time to uncover areas where you might require additional skills transfer.

With your additional 'Plus' time you can design a session that might include:

- *Additional time to cement general concepts from class with application to your specific environment*

- *Ability to leverage deep knowledge of your IBM Instructor extending question and answer sessions*

- *Additional topics that explore how IBM WebSphere products work together*

- *Additional hands-on lab time to test out techniques without impacting your production environment*

IBM WebSphere Education Plus is designed to be flexible. Working hand-in-hand with your IBM WebSphere Education Opportunity Manager and Instructor, you will develop the scope, agenda, content, and duration of your education to meet the specific needs of your team. Additionally, your 'Plus' session can be added to many privately delivered IBM WebSphere Education courses and can range from one day to a week or more.

IBM WebSphere University Expert Arena
An ideal complement to your IBM WebSphere Education Plus session is additional hands-on lab time. You can extend hands-on labs even past your 'Plus' session with IBM WebSphere University Expert Arena. Through IBM WebSphere University Expert Arena, you can purchase up to 100 hours or more of remote lab access to continue practicing with the fully functional versions of the software you studied during your class. IBM WebSphere University Expert Arenas are also an excellent way to test configuration changes before you deploy them in your production environment. Visit the IBM WebSphere Education Web site at **ibm.com**/websphere/education for more information and a listing of available IBM WebSphere University Expert Arenas.

Begin Planning Your IBM WebSphere Education Plus Session
Contact an IBM WebSphere Education Opportunity Manager or your IBM Client Representative to learn more about IBM WebSphere Education Plus and begin discussing the many options available to customize your 'Plus' session. Or, contact IBM WebSphere Education at websphere_skills@us.ibm.com.