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Online Seminars, Are They Popular?

Almost three quarters of IT professionals have not yet attended an online training seminar. In a recent survey conducted by ITrain, the International Association of Information Technology Trainers, 71.6 percent of respondents reported never having participated in online training.

PHP Bug Reported

The Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) at Carnegie Mellon University warns of a vulnerability in the popular PHP Website scripting language.

PHP is a widely-used general-purpose scripting language that is especially suited for Web development and can be embedded into HTML. It's often used to dynamically generate Web pages by integrating separate text files, HTML pages, and database records.

A free patch as well as a corrected full installation are available online. Details at dgl.com/itinfo/2002/it020228.html.

Standard Linux

The Linux Standard Base (LSB) v1.1 has been published by the Free Standards Group as the first version of the Linux Internationalization Initiative. The LSB sets common practices that will make it easier for software application vendors to develop products for the Linux operating system.

Details at dgl.com/itinfo/2002/it020201.html.

Secure Windows

The FBI, U.S. Defense Department, and top industry experts talked with Microsoft Corp. executives recently to seek assurance that free software fix for Windows will prevent hackers from exploiting major flaws in the popular operating systems.

The government's interest demonstrates the level of concern that's present regarding attacks that could be initiated against Internet resources and our electronic infrastructure, until the software patch was released. The meetings were initiated by the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center (NIPC), its top cyber-security unit. Details at dgl.com/itinfo/2001/it011221.html.

AMD Goes 64

AMD recently demonstrated computer systems running both a 64-bit version of Linux and Microsoft Windows. AMD's "Hammer" chip will be easier for system manufacturers to install because it can easily run both current 32-bit applications and newly-developed 64-bit programs. It is also based on the industry standard x86 architecture, which maintains a smooth upgrade path for hardware vendors. Intel's 64-bit chip uses a new architecture that will pose manufacturing hurdles and will increase the cost to market. Details at dgl.com/itinfo/2002/it020227.html.

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