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Contemporary Controls Announces More Industrial Ethernet University (IEU) Graduate Level Courses

IEU Course Addresses the Requirements of “Achieving BACnet® Compliance”

Downers Grove, IL (July 16, 2008) — Contemporary Controls announces a new virtual IEU graduate level course entitled *Achieving BACnet Compliance*. This course continues the discussion of object modeling by addressing the requirements for achieving BACnet compliance.

The course reviews the BACnet interoperable building blocks (BIBBs), the BACnet Standard Device Profiles, BACnet International, the BACnet Testing Laboratories (BTL) Mark, and provides an example of a Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS). Using a PICS statement, an individual can determine the capability of a device and its compliance level. The course also discusses the importance of Plugfests as a convenient method for vendors to test-drive their products before actually incurring the expense and effort of a formal conformance test.

“With the addition of this course and more in the future, the IEU participant will be able to improve his working knowledge of Ethernet,” says Sales Manager Joe Stasiek. “It will aid the IEU student looking to train for a new career or simply looking to upgrade his current skills.”

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This material is very beneficial because knowledge of application protocols has become more significant as modern networks are deployed. The latest protocols are all based upon Object Modeling which can be quite confusing to someone who is not familiar with this abstract concept.

More than 3200 students are enrolled in IEU, studying all or some of the 22 courses as they relate to installations on machines and in factories. Students take tests to verify comprehension, and all material is based on the IEEE Std. 802.3 and relevant Request for Comments (RFCs). The information is vendor-neutral since the purpose of the virtual university is to educate the public for the benefit of the industry. In addition, students are able to explore more topics through 13 lectures on the site provided by industry experts. To sign up at no cost, anyone may visit the “campus” at <http://www.ieu.cc>.

“IEU offers an excellent learning experience,” says Stasiak. “It gives participants free, flexible anytime/anywhere instruction on this technology unlike the typical classroom. Anyone interested in becoming more informed, should take advantage of IEU.”

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