



IBM ECM Education Buyers Guide

Training is a critical factor to the overall success of your ECM deployment. IBM offers over 150 courses to help you gain the knowledge and skills to successfully design, build, deploy, and maintain your ECM systems. IBM offers a choice of delivery methods which include instructor led classroom, virtual classroom and self paced options. Each of these delivery options include the same course content, class exercises and hands-on labs.

Now, you have the ability to decide when, where and how you build your ECM expertise.

Instructor Led Classroom Training (ILT)

For students who prefer being in the same room as their instructor and other students, ILT is the best option. IBM expert instructors guide you through the class material and observe you as you perform the assigned hands-on lab exercises. ILT provides a rich learning environment as it allows you to interact with others in a face-to-face manner. Additionally, printed student manuals and classroom equipment are provided. Long the standard for IBM ECM training, we have hosted thousands of students in our classrooms.

Instructor Led Online (ILO)

For students who lack the funding or desire to travel to one of our training facilities, an ILO class may be the best option. Access to live instructors, other students, hands-on lab exercises and full course content is included. Students log into the virtual classroom and join their instructor and fellow students over the web. The instructor guides students through the course content and shadows individual students during their lab exercises. Students have the ability to interact with each via chat. ILO provides you with the benefits of the classroom without the cost and travel requirements.

Self Paced Virtual Courses (SPVC)

For students who prefer self-paced learning, a Self Paced Virtual Course is your best option. ECM Self Paced Virtual Courses include the same course content and hands-on labs as ILT and ILO. However, classes are not scheduled and you do not need to travel to an authorized IBM training facility. The course materials, video demonstrations narrated by our classroom Instructors, and interactive exercises are all integrated into one easy-to-use interface. You perform hands-on lab exercises on the same fully functional system as our ILT and ILO courses. With an SPVC, you decide when you want to study, for how long, and at your preferred pace.

Which type of training is best for you? It depends – use the chart on the next page to identify the IBM ECM Education delivery method that best meets your needs.



IBM ECM Education Delivery Methods

	ILT	ILO	SPVC
Instructor Involvement	A live instructor with product expertise leads the course and observes your hands-on lab exercises.	A live instructor with product expertise leads the course and shadows your hands-on lab exercises remotely.	Recorded instructor demonstrations highlight key concepts and lessons.
Course Content	Full multi-day content is included in the course.	Same as ILT.	Same as ILT.
Hands-on Labs	Remote access to a fully functioning IBM ECM system is available for hands-on lab exercises which reinforce key concepts.	Same as ILT.	Same as ILT.
Student Materials	Hard copy student manual and exercise books are provided.	PDF versions of the student manual and exercise books are provided.	Student manual, exercise book, and product documentation and Help files are embedded in the course module.
Class Schedule	A public schedule is published on ibm.com with location, dates and times.	Same as ILT.	Classes are not scheduled. You have the flexibility to take the class whenever it fits into your schedule and at your desired pace.
Travel Requirement	Students must travel to an authorized IBM Training facility.	Travel is not required. Students access the content and lab exercises remotely.	Travel is not required. Classes are self-paced and students access the content and lab exercises remotely.
Private Class Option	Scheduling a private class at your location is available upon request.	Scheduling a private class is available either as an entirely remote class or in conjunction with a private onsite course with remote students.	Not applicable however, organizations have the ability to purchase a subscription to IBM ECM Web Based Training (WBT) which allows multiple students to consume the education that is applicable to them at a fixed cost.
Content Support	The instructor is available during class to answer your questions.	Same as ILT.	Content support is provided via course forums.
Technical Support	All of our training facilities and systems are tested and monitored to ensure all systems are working properly.	All hosted systems are tested and monitored to ensure all systems are working properly. In the event of a student technical issue, phone and email support is available.	Same as ILO.



ECM Enterprise Training Plans

Organizations often have employees who perform different roles in support of their ECM systems including Administrators, Programmers, Architects, Project Managers and Support personnel. All of these people need to have the proper knowledge and skills to be successful.

IBM ECM Education offers complimentary enterprise-wide training recommendations which help organizations identify the training needs of their entire staff. ECM Enterprise Training Plans document the recommended training for each employee role based on your unique ECM deployment. To learn more and to request your training plan, visit www.filenetinfo.com/mk/get/trainingplans_req.

ECM Web Based Training (WBT) Subscription

For organizations that have many students with differing education needs, IBM offers ECM Web Based Training Subscriptions. A subscription provides access to the complete library of ECM self paced courses including Self Paced Virtual Courses, ECM Essentials foundation courses, and ECM skills courses. To learn more, contact the ECM Education team at ecmeduna@us.ibm.com.

IBM Education Packs

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