



## **Learning on Demand by SAP introduces flexibility in learning and certification for South African partners and customers**

*Online, on-demand training portal covers entire product offering, enabling training on specific modules and elements in a manner and time that suits learners needs*

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SAP's flexible learning model, Learning on Demand by SAP, has been introduced in Africa, thereby bringing the business software vendor's syllabus of more than 600 learning titles to desktops around the Africa continent.

“Learning on Demand by SAP provides a simple-to-use platform for customers and partners to improve their knowledge and certification, at their convenience,” says Johann Pretorius, Education Director at SAP Africa. “It's a new world out there and not only are customers demanding access to training around the clock, but the younger generation also prefer to do their learning in their own time, in an online environment.

“Importantly, the training model has been designed so that learning can occur through bite-sized chunks that consist of sub-elements of our entire product offering.”

Learning on Demand by SAP provides training in all elements and modules of its SAP Business Suite, which comprises SAP ERP, SAP Supply Chain Management, SAP Customer Relationship Management and SAP Product Life Management. In addition, courses are offered in all the elements of SAP NetWeaver and SAP Solution Manager as well as Business Objects, industry-specific training, SAP Solutions for Governance, Risk and Compliance, and Small- and Mid-size Markets.

Pretorius says that they wanted to make sure that independent consultants, who traditionally have little contact with SAP Education, are able to easily access and consume the vendor's quality SAP eLearning content in a way that best suited the demands of their busy schedules.

“Learning on Demand is about flexibility and provides immediate access to the gateway to SAP training, with the added advantage that customers can gain knowledge in any specific area that they have a need,” he adds.

The training is suited to people in the SAP ecosystem who wish to raise their level of expertise and qualification, people who wish to join the community as independent consultants and graduates looking to acquire SAP skills.

“It is also the ideal way for customers to upgrade skills as and when new releases of the SAP software are introduced as this training is available immediately and simultaneously around the globe. This is a great benefit for local customers who have traditionally had to wait a period of some months to get training,” says Pretorius.

In another nod to changing nature and use of the Internet, Learning on Demand by SAP encompasses Web 2.0 principles that allow for greater interaction between users of the system.

“Just some of the features include a Face book page, regular polls on the portal for students to participate in and our twitter stream at [www.twitter.com/SAPLearn](http://www.twitter.com/SAPLearn). These elements are not only becoming more commonly used, but also expected by the web-savvy community that recognises the obvious benefits of the online learning model,” he concludes.

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