



Saisoft On-Line Class Overview

Saisoft Instructor-led On-line classes are designed to use the latest technologies to deliver a highly interactive learning experience. Not only is the IT Training free, there is no cost to the student to buy any of the software needed for the On-line classroom. The classroom experience is made up of the following components:

1. Teachers use Citrix's GoToMeeting to deliver the lecture using Electronic Whiteboard, Powerpoint slides and PDF documents. They also use GoToMeeting to demonstrate lab exercises by sharing their screen. Additionally, they can "look over the student's shoulder" by making the student the presenter. The students use the free GoToMeeting client to join the on-line classroom. While the teacher and the student jointly discuss solution to the student's problem, the student's screen can be shared with the rest of the class to promote interactive, engaged learning. Moreover, the teacher can use his mouse and keyboard remotely to assist any student in the class. Finally, GoToMeeting has a built in Chat capability that can be used to share email addresses, web site addresses, etc during the class.
2. While GoToMeeting provides a toll phone number as its Audio Conference feature, Saisoft's preferred tool is Teamspeak. Teamspeak is a state of the art VOIP Group communication tool that delivers excellent sound quality at low bandwidths. Teamspeak has a very simple User Interface and has features that make it very useful in an interactive classroom setting. Saisoft uses Teamspeak as the voice platform for the On-line classes.

The audio portion of the class is a moderated session, wherein the students use the microphone when they need to ask the teacher a question. All students are given voice privileges when they enter the class room. As long as they have a microphone, they can talk to the teacher and ask their questions. Teamspeak is capable of having all the students and the teacher speak at the same time!

3. The final piece in Saisoft's On-line classes is 24x7 availability of Lab server on your own desktop, using Virtualization technology. Each student gets to have his own lab server. Saisoft provides lab servers equipped with all the software needed to do the lab exercises. The student downloads the Virtual Server and runs it using VMWare's VMPlayer.

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