Finding convenient Novell-authorized training can be a challenge. To make an informed decision, you must first locate the training centers in your area and contact these training centers for information. Next, you must coordinate your schedule to take the training option available, determining the best time, date, location, and instructor to meet your needs. The entire process can be both confusing and time-consuming.

To simplify the process of finding Novell-authorized training opportunities that fit your schedule and your training needs, Novell Education has created the Novell Education Training Locator (http://www.novell.com/education/locator). This online search tool allows you to search for training courses from Novell-authorized training partners worldwide. With a single search, you can get one comprehensive listing of the courses and training providers that meet your training needs.

A VARIETY OF SEARCH OPTIONS

Using the Novell Education Training Locator, you can search for training options using a variety of criteria. For example, you can search by course title, course number, course start date, training center location, and more. The results of your search give you a list of the training centers that meet your criteria. In addition, the list includes contact and location information for each training center and the starting dates of courses. You will also see course highlights and details, including what prerequisites you should have. If you want to receive more information about a particular training option, you can request that the training center contact you.

CHOOSING A TRAINING PARTNER

As you are aware, one kind of training provider cannot meet the training needs of every individual. As a result, Novell Education has established partnerships with several types of training providers. The Novell Education Training Locator provides links to the following types of training partners:

NAECs

Novell Authorized Education Centers (NAECs) specialize in delivering on-site training and hands-on training experience. The courses are taught at these NAECs, are led by certified instructors, and can usually be completed in five days or less.

NEAPs

If you or someone you know is interested in getting training as part of a high school or college education, Novell Education Academic Partners (NEAPs) offer courses as part of a school’s regular curriculum. These classes are like other classes you would take at an educational institution: The classes are usually held for a few hours at a time over several weeks.

NOTPs

Novell Online Training Providers (NOTPs) offer a combination of computer- and Internet-based learning opportunities. For example, if you choose to complete your training through an NOTP, you will receive access to Novell Online Mentoring and Novell Online Labs. You will also receive a Novell Self-Study Kit.

Although you can complete your training at your own pace, you are not left alone if you have questions about your training material: You can post your questions at the NOTP’s website, or you can browse through questions posted by other students. If you need personal assistance, you can simply e-mail the NOTP’s mentor who will reply to the question within 24 hours. (For more information about the Novell Online Training Provider program, see “Technical Training Over the Internet,” NetWare Connection, Mar. 2000, p. 44. You can download this article from http://www.nwconnection.com/past.)

CONCLUSION

No matter what kind of Novell-authorized training you need, the Novell Education Training Locator (http://www.novell.com/education/locator) can help you find the training option that is right for you. For more information about Novell Education training opportunities, visit http://www.novell.com/education.