



RAND WORLDWIDE™ UPDATES CATIA V5 TRAINING WITH R16 COURSES

Mississauga, ON, July 27, 2006 – RAND A Technology Corporation [TSX: RND], operating as RAND Worldwide, a global leader in providing technology solutions to organizations with engineering design and information technology requirements, announced it has launched CATIA V5 R16 training courses as the default revision for all public CATIA V5 training classes. Developed by RAND's ASCENT – Center for Technical Knowledge® division, the R16 curriculum offers a number of additional enhancements as well as a new training class.

RAND's R16 courses include:

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| CATIA V5: Introduction to Modeling | CATIA V5: Generative Drafting (ANSI or ISO) |
| CATIA V5: Introduction to Surface Design | CATIA V5: R16 Update Training |
| CATIA V5: Introduction for Non-Designers | CATIA V5: Sheet Metal Design |
| CATIA V5: Advanced Assembly Design & Management | DMU V5: Navigator & Space Analysis |
| CATIA V5: Advanced Part Design | DMU V5: Kinematics |
| CATIA V5: Advanced Surface Design | DMU V5: Fitting Simulator |
| CATIA V5: Functional Tolerancing & Annotation | |

The classes offer comprehensive training for 3D work support in Part Design and Generative Shape Design; technological results to display associative thread and tap information in Part Design and Generative Drafting; masks and other new surface visualization tools in GSD; and Functional Tolerancing and Annotation capture enhancements.

"Our new R16 courses assist students in gaining the highest software knowledge by covering the core fundamentals and enhancements in this latest software release," said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice President PLM operations, North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. "Our two decades of engineering training experience has enabled us to develop the industry's best curriculum to ensure our customers use the right techniques to get the most out of their software tools."

RAND's DMU V5 training curriculum now includes an additional course, DMU V5: Fitting Simulator. The new course provides students with the skills to create and simulate the assembly and disassembly process of simple and complex projects. The course will introduce students to the workbench, shuttles and tracks, as well as sequencing, replay, and video generation, swept volume generation, clash and space analysis, and performing an experiment.

The class durations for both CATIA V5: Functional Tolerancing and Annotation and CATIA V5: Sheet Metal Design have been reduced from two days to one. This change minimizes the amount of time that the student is away from the workplace, while still ensuring the course covers all relevant software functionality. The CATIA V5: Functional Tolerancing and Annotation course continues to comply with the industry and government initiated American Society of Mechanical Engineers' (ASME) Y14.41 3D standards for the creation and submission of model only, paperless design applications.

To increase the student's hands-on learning experience, the CATIA V5: Advanced Surface Design course has been revised to include more process-based instruction, coverage for the additional module functionality and several new exercises and projects. Specifically, content highlighting wireframe and surface element management through visualization tools, geometrical set management, and other operational tools was added to the course curriculum, as well as material covering spine and isoparametric curves, element replacement, temporary analysis, and maintaining associativity in downstream features while swapping reference and industrial design (ID) geometry.

The CATIA V5: R16 Update class, typically taught in the classroom, will now be delivered live over the Internet in two one-hour sessions. This will increase course accessibility and minimize the amount of time students are away from the workplace. The course will be offered at a significantly reduced cost of \$150 USD for both sessions. Users experienced in CATIA V5 seeking to gain familiarity with R16 functionality will learn about enhancements to the Sketcher, Part, Assembly, Drafting, GSD, Sheet Metal, and Functional Tolerancing and Annotation workbenches to improve their efficiency when using the software.

RAND employs 50 full-time certified instructors globally and provides extensive, high-quality professional development programs for Autodesk®, Dassault Systèmes and PTC® software solutions. In addition to standard classroom training, RAND offers a variety of training solutions for CATIA V5 users, including customized training development programs, a personalized learning service to provide users with a desk-side mentor and Knowledge Inventory Products designed to assist CATIA V5 users to identify knowledge gaps for targeted training to improve program. In addition to its training services, RAND offers a portfolio of internally developed software products, software development and Product Lifecycle

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