

PRESS RELEASE

First to the Market!..... ECDL for Star Office 8

Blackrock Education Centre and OpenApp are delighted to announce the launch of their StarOffice 8 training material, "Training for ECDL: A Practical Course in StarOffice 8". A first to the market, this material offers a comprehensive guide to the StarOffice 8 suite of programmes. While StarOffice 8 is a cross platform application, the training material has been produced keeping Microsoft XP Windows users in mind.

Through their collaboration, Blackrock Education Centre and OpenApp are bringing the first training materials for StarOffice 8. We are confident that this is an important first step towards broadening the learners' access to the ECDL Qualification. StarOffice 8 is a particularly inexpensive office suite, offering a real alternative to MS Office. StarOffice 8 is the latest development of Sun Microsystems' suite of office applications: word processing- Writer, spreadsheets-Calc, Presentation-Impress and database-Base

Blackrock Education Centre has over 20,000 hours experience in training teachers in ECDL. We believe that our manuals bring to students the benefits of this practical experience. Our tutors, through constant interaction with their students, evolved our ECDL Training Manuals, thus ensuring a constant awareness of the learner's needs. They can be used both as a part of a training course or as a self study guide for all who are undertaking ECDL courses.

Blackrock Education Centre's main purpose is to support the learning community. All profits from our manuals fund education research and materials development.

OpenApp are a Dublin based technology company who provide support and training for Open Source technologies and applications including StarOffice.

Specialising in Enterprise Portals and Linux based infrastructure, we offer deployment support and training to businesses, schools and institutions using selected Open Technologies, OpenOffice.org, Linux, Plone, Zope and CPS.

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