

Certificates for Information Technology Officials (CITO)

ICT Leadership Education for Developing Countries based on Online and Hands-On Workshops

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CITO Program Overview

This Online Program is intended to educate IT Officials (ITOs) in the public as well as private sectors especially in the underserved segments. The Program consists of a series of short online courses that emphasize the use of emerging technologies in eGovernment and eBusiness. Comprehensive online resources will be used for hands-on experiments and investigations. The attendees will be able to lead the eGovernment and eBusiness initiatives by using the extensive resources provided by the Online Program.

- CITO1 provides the basic education needed for most practitioners in the digital age. CITO1 is the requirement for all other CITO certificates. It can be waived based student credentials.
- The courses are clustered into several specializations (CITO2, CITO3, etc). A student can pursue several specializations in any order.
- Each course consists of 8 sessions. Three hour of study is required for each session.
- HomeWorks, Projects and Quizzes/Exams are essential parts of all courses

Outlines of the CITO Courses

CITO1: Foundations of the Digital Revolution (Basic Certificate for IT Officials)

1. Introduction to Digital Technologies
2. Smart Digital Enterprises: How Digital Technologies can be used to Plan, Engineer and Manage Any Organization Anywhere in the World
3. Database Technologies Overview
4. Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI): Covering foundational AI concepts and applications of AI
5. Introduction to Digital Enterprise Architectures and Cloud Computing
6. Capstone: A Practice Project based on any 4 CITO1 Courses -

CITO2: Digital Technology Principles and Applications Specialization

1. Advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI): Evolution of AI and advanced AI concepts, including machine learning, deep learning & Generative AI.
2. Advanced Databases – Big Data, Distributed databases, Graph Databases
3. Blockchain Concepts & Applications: Exploring blockchain technology, its uses, and implications in sectors such as finance and supply chain management.
4. Internet of Things (IoT): Comprehensive coverage of IoT, including IoT embedded computing systems, wireless intelligent sensors networks, and IoT protocols.
5. Evolution of Web Technologies and Integrated Enterprises
6. Capstone: A Practice Project based on any 4 CITO2 Courses

CITO3: Digital Enterprise Engineering and Management Specialization

1. Strategic Planning for Digital Transformation
2. Enterprise Architecture and Integration
3. Large scale and Complex Enterprises – B2B, smart cities, Exchanges
4. Digital Media: Exploring digital content creation, multimedia design, and digital marketing.
5. Digital Entrepreneurship: Teaching the principles of starting and managing a digital business.
6. Technology Management and Industry Analysis

CITO4: Cyber Security Engineering and Management Specialization

1. Cybersecurity Principles: Addressing the vital issues of protecting digital assets and infrastructure from cyber threats
2. Cyber Security Management
3. Any 3 courses from any other CITO Programs that focus on emerging technologies and enterprise models (e.g., AI, Blockchains, Cloud Computing. Etc), Approval of an advisor
4. Capstone: A Practice Project based on any 4 CITO4 Courses

CITO5: Computer Science & Engineering Specialization

1. Computer Science: Covering fundamental computer science concepts and algorithms.
2. Software Engineering: Providing skills in software development, coding, and software lifecycle management.
3. Computer Engineering: Focusing on the integration of hardware and software in computing systems.
4. Robotics: Focusing on the principles of robotics, automation, and their applications in various industries.
5. Virtual Reality (VR): Delving into VR technology and its applications in various domains, such as education and healthcare.
6. Space Technology: Examining the role of technology in space exploration and satellite communications.

CITO6: Data Sciences and Analytics Specialization

1. Data Science: Analyzing the processes of data collection, cleansing, and interpretation, and its utilization for informed decision-making.
2. Big Data: Understanding the challenges and opportunities presented by the analysis of large datasets
3. More from Analytics

An eFactory and Lab to Support the Education

We will offer *CITOs* (*Certificates for IT Officials*) by using the training and consulting platform presented in Figure1. At the core of this platform is an eFactory and a Lab that enables the beginners to launch successful digital enterprises and initiatives in any sector anywhere in the world (Business Scenario1) and then pursue other scenarios as needed. For example, additional CITOs focus on Analysis and Implementations of Digital Transformations (Business Scenario2), Detailed Planning and Deployment of Large Scale Projects (Business Scenario3), and Management of the Growth through B2B Partnerships and Innovations (Business Scenario4). The students do not need to follow this methodology strictly. They may start with S4 (Scenario4) and then initiate S1 and S2 based on their background, work assignments and other needs. For a quick overview of this flexible Practice, please watch the short video clip shown in Figure1 and glance at the Sample Usage Scenarios in Exhibit1. The main characteristics of CITO courses are:

- A course may concentrate on one Usage Scenario or may utilize multiple capabilities from multiple scenarios to develop a new customized scenario.
- All CITO courses involve some hands-on experiments by using the SPACE eFactory, and/or integrate SPACE capabilities with other tools to create unique learning experiences.

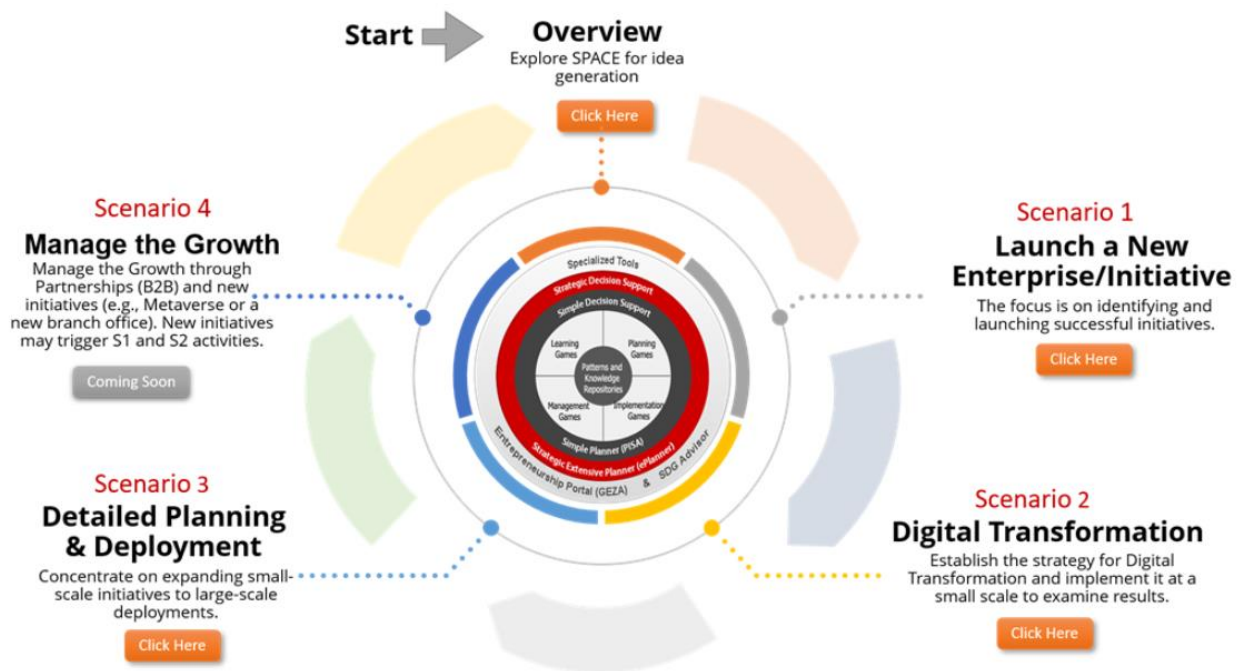


Figure1: An eFactory and Lab for Strategic Planning, Architecture and Controls of Smart Digital Enterprises (See 2.5 Minute Videoclip

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceVA99fA8tc&ab_channel=ArslanDawood)

Exhibit1: Sample Usage Scenarios and Experiments Supported by the eFactory and Lab

Sample Usage Scenarios

Scenario 1: Launch a New Enterprise/Initiative

1. How to launch a new small business.
2. How to evaluate if the new business will succeed.
3. How to start a new Branch office in any sector anywhere in the world.
4. Determine if the business will be able to succeed in the political and business landscape.
5. Many more.

Scenario 2: Digital Transformation

1. Which functional areas should be transformed and how.
2. What will be the main promises and pitfalls of the Transformation.
3. How will the transformation be planned and implemented.
4. What will be implementation details in terms of Applications, Computing Platforms, Networks and Cloud Services.
5. Many more.

Scenario 3: Detailed Planning & Deployment

1. How to launch a simple service from a single provider anywhere in the world.
2. How to launch an enterprise with multiple services from a single provider anywhere in the world.
3. How can I quickly generate a working Portal for all of the above.
4. How can I customize this portal and collaborate with others.

Scenario 4: Manage the Growth

1. How can the systems and services be integrated within an enterprise.
2. How to integrate our nosiness with other businesses anywhere in the world.
3. How can the growth be managed properly.
4. Many other considerations in a Global Village.

Scenario 5: Build Your Own Scenario

1. How to combine different tools from the eFactory into your own scenarios
2. Other BYO scenarios in a Smart Global Village

CITO – The Big Picture

Advanced IT Projects & Directed Studies	Large and complex projects in Smart Cities & Communities, Enterise4.0, B2B Integrations and others that require a mixture of directed studies and hands on problem solutions, preferably in partnership with industry organizations. Details will be specified later.	
Intermediate Level Courses	<p>TRACK1</p> <p>CITO3: Digital Engineering and Specialization</p> <p>CITO2: Digital Principles and Specialization</p> <p>Enterprise Management</p> <p>Digital Technology and Applications</p>	<p>TRACK2</p> <p>CITO5: Computer Science & Engineering Specializations</p> <p>CITO4: Data Sciences and Analytics Specialization</p>
Basic Courses	CITO1: Foundations of the Digital Revolution (Basic Certificate Officials)	

SNEAK PREVIEW

Sample: Course 1 (CITO1) - Introduction to Digital Technologies

Description (from HU): This course offers the basic concepts of current, as well as emerging, digital technologies that enable and drive modern enterprises. It introduces the student to the key building blocks (enterprise applications, computing platforms, databases, and networks) of the modern IT infrastructure. The emphasis is on various computing platforms, the Internet, the web technologies, the databases and the principles of AI and its role in modern enterprises. Hands-on experiments and case studies are used for better insights.

Learning Objectives: At completion of this course, a student should be able to:

- Identify the technology components of modern organizations
- Understand the role these components play in day-to-day operation of modern organizations
- Create simple technology plans of a medium sized organization

Topics Discussed

- Digital Technology Platforms and their Key Components
- Computing Platforms
- Computing Networks and the Internet
- Overview of Web Concepts and Technologies
- Overview of Database Concepts and Technologies
- Overview of AI Concepts and its Applications
- Examples of typical IT infrastructures of small, medium and large organizations

Additional Features of this Course

- Case Studies, Examples and Walkthroughs for better insights
- Homework Assignments for detailed analysis :
- Projects Assigned for small teams to develop solutions to larger problems
- Quizzes and Exams for Assessment of progress
- Hands On Experiments for improvement of practice skills
- Discussion Forums for debates on specific topics