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Project status update – 02 Feb 2021

Dear project participants,

Here is our update for project progress as of 02.02.2021.

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Activities in December: We started with 3 groups:

Course/Group	start date	Enrolled
G17. Blockchain and Bitcoin Fundamentals	15.12.2020	12
G18. Cryptocurrency Fundamentals	15.12.2020	10
G29. Jenkins Training: CI/CD for Developers and DevOps	11.12.2020	20
Total participants		42

Activities in January: we started with 17 groups:

group#	# and Class name	start date	Enrolled students
G03.1	03. Programming in HTML5/JavaScript/CSS	11.01.2021	17
G03.2	03. Programming in HTML5/JavaScript/CSS	12.01.2021	32
G03.3	03. Programming in HTML5/JavaScript/CSS	12.01.2021	21
G04.1	04. Programming in C#, 20483	12.01.2021	24
G04.2	04. Programming in C#, 20483	11.01.2021	22
G05	05. C++ Programming	11.01.2021	23
G06	06. Python 3 Essentials	13.01.2021	24
G07	07. PHP Programming	15.01.2021	17
G08	08. Introduction to Java Programming	16.01.2021	22



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G15.2.1	15.2 CCNA Cisco® Implementing and Administering Cisco® Solutions v1.0	09.01.2021	11
G19.1	19. EC-Council Certified Security Specialist (ECSS)	16.01.2021	11
G21	21 Computer Aided Design and Engineering: CAD, CAM	11.01.2021	7
G23.1	23. Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	11.01.2021	23
G26	26. UNITY 3D CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE	18.01.2021	20
G27	27. UX & UI Design Jumpstart	12.01.2021	23
G30	30. QA Engineer Functional Testing	12.01.2021	16
G31	31. QA Engineer Automation Testing Course, Foundation	23.01.2021	19
	Total participants		332

So far, after December and January, we have

- 20 started classes
- 112 delivered class sessions
- 358 attending students
- 2099 student attendances in class sessions

Absent students

We have 103 times, when a student miss to attend his/her session (this is about 5%).

We start to send daily reminders to those, who miss the session, we tell the students that they need to attend at least 70% of training to complete it. This communication increase engagement and greatly reduces number of missed sessions and now it is about 1-2%.

For most of sessions we have recordings, but the knowledge you can get in live session is much greater.

International examination:

We already have certified participants.



The first one was **Shalva Machitidze**, who passed **Certified Crypto Currency expert (CCE)** exam even before class is finished. Congratulations Shalva!



Then we invite group **23.1 Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning** to try the exam in the week after the class. **9 students passed Microsoft exam DP-100** and became **Microsoft Certified: Azure Data Scientist Associate**, while some did not pass and some delay to try after the exam prep session and additional preparation.

Number of exams and number of students

If you follow the project and our Status updates, you know that the project starts with 536 students and 500 exams (initial demand was for 500 students and 500 exams). Then after we collect about 3000



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applications, we see that for some topics there are not enough candidates, while for others we see 20 candidates for 1 seat. We rearrange the numbers and increase seats for topics with higher demand and new numbers become 582 students and 552 international exams.

Currently we have enrolled 598 enrolled students + 1 (we will add soon) for 552 international recognized exams, that means you will have internal competition within group for higher results in order to get voucher for international certification exam.

How this will happen? You will have internal examination at the end of the class and according to the exam score – **top X candidates will get the voucher¹**.

So, the **students that study harder and get higher score on internal exam will get the exam voucher for free with obligation to register for exam and sit for in in examination center (on-premise or online)**, while some of other students – about 9%* in average will finish the training without free exam voucher. They still get participate in the training for free, but if they want international exam – they will need to register and pay on their own.

* Some 230+ students still have to start their classes in February and March. According to contract some may cancel after first session, so actual % may be lower and exam distribution may change also.

Courses, groups and distribution of exams per group

Currently we have enrolled 598 (+ 1 we will add soon) students in 35 groups of different 26 courses.

Course	Students, estimated*	Exams, Estimated**
02. PRINCE2® Foundation	64	58
03. Programming in HTML5/JavaScript/CSS	64	61
04. Programming in C#, 20483	45	43
05. C++ Programming	23	21
06. Python 3 Essentials	24	22
07. PHP Programming	17	15
08. Introduction to Java Programming	22	19
09. Node.Js Developers	20	19
10. Microsoft Azure Administrator, AZ-104	12	10
11. Managing Modern Desktops, MD-101	10	9
12. Analyzing Data with Microsoft Power BI, exam DA-100	16	13
15.2 CCNA Cisco® Implementing and Administering Cisco® Solutions v1.0	31	31
16.2 ENCOR Cisco® Implementing and Operating Cisco® Enterprise Network Core Technologies v1.0	9 (+1 to add)	9

¹ Edited. removed text “with score above 51% “ from “top X candidates with score above 51% will get the voucher”



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17. Blockchain and Bitcoin Fundamentals	12	10
18. Cryptocurrency Fundamentals	8	8
19. EC-Council Certified Security Specialist (ECSS)	20	20
21 Computer Aided Design and Engineering: CAD, CAM	7	7
23. Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	42	41
24. Mobile development for Android	23	18
25. Mobile Development for iOS	21	17
26. UNITY 3D CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE	18	16
27. UX & UI Design Jumpstart	23	22
28. Data Science - Implementing an Azure Data Solution	13	13
29. Jenkins Training: CI/CD for Developers and DevOps	19	19
30. QA Engineer Functional Testing	16	14
31. QA Engineer Automation Testing Course, Foundation	19	17
Grand Total	598	552

* Student number may change as students can withdraw from the training until 1 hour after first session

** Exam numbers distribution is subject to change as there is possibility in some class to left less students than planned vouchers.

What are activities in the project for February?

- In February will be started another 11 classes and 20 of started classes will be completed.

New classes	start date	Enrolled students
02. PRINCE2® Foundation	03.02.2021	23
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09. Node.Js Developers	08.02.2021	21
10. Microsoft Azure Administrator, AZ-104	13.02.2021 <i>*updated</i>	12
15.2 CCNA Cisco® Implementing and Administering Cisco® Solutions v1.0	22.02.2021	8
16.2 ENCOR Cisco® Implementing and Operating Cisco® Enterprise Network Core Technologies v1.0	22.02.2021	9
19. EC-Council Certified Security Specialist (ECSS)	22.02.2021	9
23. Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	15.02.2021	21
24. Mobile development for Android	15.02.2021	23
25. Mobile Development for iOS	06.02.2021 <i>*updated</i>	21
28. Data Science - Implementing an Azure Data Solution	01.02.2021	17



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- We are fixing the dates for Freelancing and product management course. This course is free add-on to all participants with goal to increase freelancing and entrepreneurship capabilities of students.
- We are preparing certification logistics for the classes, that are completed.

For not selected candidates:

Even in case that some of you will not be selected to participate in this training project, this is not the last course, that GITA will organize.

Look at what you do with passion! Select several topics, that you think you are good and focus on them. Be ready to invest about 10,000 hours of your time if you want to become an Expert in your field.

Prepare your homework, create portfolio of your work (if applicable) and you will be prepared and ready.

See you soon in our classrooms!

Links:

Previous project status update from 1.12.2020:

<https://ict.gov.ge/download/Project%20Status%20Update.pdf>

Previous project status update from 23.12.2020:

<https://ict.gov.ge/download/Project%20Status%20Update%202020-12-23.pdf>

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