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Sources of UNIX Training

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AT&T Computer Systems Training

Reservations and information: (800) 247-1212

Classes are currently held in New Jersey, Illinois, Georgia, Ohio, and

Northern and Southern California. Shorter tutorials are also offered in Massachusetts, Virginia, New Jersey, Colorado, and Northern and Southern California.

These offer a wide curriculum for different levels of expertise.
(NOTE: The more technical classes require proof of a source license.)

Some Apple engineers have recommended the Internals, System Administration, and/or Shell programming classes for field engineers who are required to support A/UX and have some basic user knowledge of UNIX. Introductory-level classes are also available, as well as training tapes.

User Training Services Group

Jim Corcoran (415) 322-0460

This is an interactive audio digital cassette tape training that offers a low - medium level of expertise in UNIX basics. They also have a smaller curriculum aimed at beginning UNIX users. Monthly rentals of the tape courses are also available.

Computer Technology Group

Reservations and information: (800) 323-UNIX

Classes are currently held in Massachusetts, Chicago, Texas, Canada, England, Washington D.C, and Northern and Southern California.

These classes, and the tape-trainings, are a more accessible but less rigorous course than, for instance, the AT&T offering.

Gawain Group and Jim Joyce's UNIX BookStore

Registration and information: (415) 626-7581

This organization offers courses customized for your location and semi-regular classes held in Toronto and Northern California. The trainers are experienced in the industry and often are the authors of the code.

The Bookstore also offers a most extensive collection of UNIX and C programming books, with bulk discounts available. They also offer short evaluations that might assist you in selecting reading material to augment or substitute for your training.

Three UNIX resources Apple engineers have recommended are:

- "The Design of the UNIX Operating System" by Maurice Bach
(A "Bible" offering a comprehensive overview and a detailed study of internals)

- "UNIX in a Nutshell" from O'Reilly and Associates
(An easy to read reference to augment the bulky UNIX manuals)
- "UNIX Communications" by the Waite Group
(An easy-to-follow guide the communications utilities built into UNIX)

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