CREATING APPLE GUIDE HELP SYSTEMS

Description:
Learn how to create an on-line help system with Apple Guide, the powerful task-oriented help system for the Macintosh. You'll explore the design of effective on-line help, learn to use the Apple Guide development tools, and learn Guide Script— the Apple Guide scripting language. This course is targeted for managers, technical writers, designers, help system scripters and desktop publishers. This course will also help you determine when an intelligent help system such as Apple Guide is appropriate and understand and manage the development process.

Facts:
> Leader-led
> 4 Days
> $ 800 New lower price!

Target Audience:
Technical writers, instructional designers, scripters, and project managers.
The course is focused on the steps involved in creating a guide file, but this class would also be helpful to people managing the guide file development process and those wanting to see how a guide file could be used with their application/environment.

Prerequisites:
- Basic Macintosh experience using the Macintosh Finder.
- Ability to use at least one word processor.
- Exercises involve lots of scripting but no prior scripting or programming experience is necessary.

Course Outline:

I. Introduction to Help Systems
    A. Electronic
    B. Paper
    C. Apple Guide

II. How to Design a Good Guide
    A. Complete Development Process
    B. Designing for Effective User Searching
    C. Localizing for Other Languages
    D. Integrating with your Application
    E. Estimating Time and Cost

III. Tools Used in Guide File Development
    A. All about Guide Maker
    B. WinHelp Conversion

IV. Learning Guide Script
    A. The Apple Guide Access Window
    B. Writing and Layout of Panel Content
    C. Writing Panel Sequences
    D. Context-directed and User-directed Branching
    E. Buttons on Panels and the Events Behind Them
    F. Advanced Scripting Overview