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Atlona Introduces Self-Paced, Hands-On Certification for Velocity AV Control Platform

Company also unveils updates to online training portal that enhance the learning experience

SAN JOSE, Calif., December 3, 2020 – Systems integrators and AV professionals continue to need hands-on training from manufacturers despite ongoing travel restrictions. Atlona, a Panduit company, has responded by creating an innovative way to bring hands-on training to remote learners. The online, self-paced Velocity™ Hands-On Certification course combines recorded video and instructor-evaluated lab assignments with hands-on work using the Velocity software on the student's own computer.

To enable hands-on, distance education, Atlona has made the Velocity software available as a demo environment running via virtual machine on the learner's local computer. The software's lightweight system requirements make it possible for participants working from home to complete the course even on many mid-range laptops. This full instance of the Velocity control system can be used for system development, instructional, and certification purposes, enabling the student to follow along with the training lessons and assignments in Atlona Academy.

Topics covered in the course include setting up a Velocity system and building out the control interface; configuring split-room control systems; configuring and monitoring Atlona products via Velocity; creating a custom graphical user interface; building macros and editing control logic; and creating custom control drivers. After completing the lessons, learners submit their work for grading and approval, ultimately earning their certification as a Velocity Authorized Purchaser or Velocity Authorized Reseller. Successful participants also earn AVIXA Certified Technology Specialist (CTS) Renewal Unit (RU) credits. To access this training course visit Atlona.com/training to login or request free access to the education portal.

"The best way to learn a powerful solution like Velocity is through hands-on experience," said Ken Eagle, Senior Director of Global Training, Atlona. "While it's not currently possible for learners to come to our popular in-person factory training sessions, we're excited to continue delivering hands-on education to our channel partners and customers by bringing it to them online. Plus, as a free course, this also gives potential purchasers an excellent opportunity to experience for themselves how flexible and easy Velocity is to learn and use."

Enhanced Training Portal

The company has also rolled out substantial updates in the Atlona Training Portal's learning management system (LMS). Its content library has been significantly expanded, while functional enhancements improve learners' experiences. Highlights of these changes include:

- A completely redesigned LMS dashboard for better usability and modernized look and feel
- Access to archived training webinars directly within the LMS
- Availability of content in multiple languages for international learners
- Improved browsing and filtering of categorized topics for easier access to relevant content

"We continue to refine the Atlona Training Portal to ensure our expanding array of courseware is as easy to access and effective as possible," said Eagle. "In addition to enhancing the features of the LMS, we are reshaping our training categories and pathways to keep pace with our new product innovations and customers' evolving needs."

About Atlona

Atlona, a Panduit company, is a leading global manufacturer of AV over IP distribution, connectivity, and control solutions. The company designs and engineers innovative, award-winning products for a diverse range of residential and commercial AV and IT markets. Backed by an award-winning 10-year warranty, Atlona's products are developed to enable our customers' ability to connect and collaborate with simplicity. More information about Atlona is available at atlona.com.

About Panduit

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