

FAQ for Clipcode's MEF Learning Pack

Who is the course instructor?

These courses are written and presented by Eamon O'Tuathail.

Eamon O'Tuathail has worked as a software developer, software architect, project manager and technical trainer around the world on software development projects covering C#.NET server platforms, web service standards, ASP.NET eCommerce portals, high-throughput multithreaded financial messaging, an X.509 certification authority, seismic imaging and aerospace visualization. He has an extensive appreciation of all aspects of the software development process, highly creative engineering design flair and excellent technical communication skills.

eLearning Course Contents

Our training content is provided as a mix of concept presentation, worked examples, "test-first" practice sessions (lab exercises with solutions), code snippets and internals discussion. Since there is not just one way that people learn, we find this blended combination is optimal as these multiple techniques deliver a well-balanced learning experience.

We place equal emphasis on instruction and practice. You learn by doing. If you are going to learn how to program in a technology, you ultimately have got to write code. So after we explain to you how a certain feature of MEF works, we ask you to write code to get some test case running. We provide the skeleton as a unit test app, and your task is to complete it to get the test running (get the "bar green"). We call this "test-first" practice. So rather than you writing random demo code, our test ensures your code corresponds to the assigned task.

Learning Format

Clipcode eLearning is delivered as a combination of video (Microsoft .wmv) and plenty of Visual Studio 2010/C#.NET 4.0 projects and source code. The slides shown in the video are also made available in PDF format. The code snippets are provided as .NET 4.0/C# projects. The MEF internals material is provided as a PDF document.

Technical Support Queries

While learning a new technology you will have questions. You could post them on a public forum (the MEF Discussions Forum on www.codeplex.com/mef is excellent) but sometimes you wish to have them answered confidentially. As part of the Clipcode's MEF Learning Pack, you can ask Clipcode three MEF-related technical support queries. This technical support is intended for the initial ramp-up stage, so it covers the first 60 days after you purchase the learning pack.

REQUIREMENTS, DELIVERY AND PAYMENT

System Requirements

To use Clipcode's MEF Learning Pack, you need a Windows PC which has Visual Studio 2010 beta 1 installed. All code samples are in C# and .NET 4.0.

Delivery

We provide our content in electronic format only. You need a good broadband connection to download the material. You do not need to be online to actually use the eLearning. We do not post physical media to you.

How to purchase a license?

You can purchase Clipcode's MEF Learning Pack using the BUY NOW buttons on <http://www.clipcode.com> homepage. You can make payment via Paypal – either directly via your credit card (no need for a Paypal account) or if you have a Paypal account, you can of course use that.

LICENSING

How many licenses do I need?

One per person. This eLearning and other material is licensed on a named-user basis. Just like a traditional instructor-led training course or a technical conference, you need to pay for each person. So if you have three people wishing to learn, you need three licenses.

Where can these learning courses be used?

If you are a licensed named-user, you can use the learning pack on your office computer, your home PC or your laptop, or all three – you decide. The person is licensed, not the device. We use no complicated DRM (digital rights management). Instead, we watermark the content identifying who the licensed named-user is, so if you release it to others (and they pass it on, as normally happens) we will quickly know the culprit.

I am not licensed to use the learning pack, but my manager tells me to use it anyway?

That is not good, but your honesty is appreciated. Could you please drop an email to legal@clipcode.com with the name and full contact details (postal address/email/phone) of your manager, and we will take it from there.

I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS

Please send an email to sales@clipcode.com and you will receive a prompt response.