

Schneider Electric now offers free, online course on prefabricated modular data centres

JOHANNESBURG – November 27, 2015 – According to industry analysts, 451 Research, prefabricated modular data centres are evolving rapidly and beginning to win mainstream support, stating: “prefabrication is ready to transform the data centre world”.

This is more than likely due to today’s new generation of cloud computing solutions, which demands that data centres are more flexible and scalable, with an emphasis on deployment speed.

Prefabricated data centre modules enable data centre- and facilities managers with the means to incrementally boost capacity to meet today’s ever-changing business needs and requirements. This prefabricated approach with its flexible capacity inherently increases the predictability of the build process, since most of the construction occurs in a factory instead of in the field.

Keeping abreast of this rapidly evolving sector, Schneider Electric, as part of its Energy University programmes, now offers the Data Center University (DCU). With over 90 courses, this online data centre training, along with its certification exam, helps demonstrate professional competency, and also offers a course on “Types of Prefabricated Modular Data Centers.”

“Data centre systems or subsystems that are preassembled in a factory are often described with terms like prefabricated, containerised, modular, skid-based, pod-based, mobile, portable, self-contained, all-in-one, and more. This course proposes standard terminology for categorising the types of prefabricated modular data centres, defines and compares their key attributes, and provides a framework for choosing the best approach based on business requirements,” elaborates Bruce Grobler, director of the IT Business Unit at Schneider Electric South Africa.

The online course can be accessed through the Energy University programme at www.MyEnergyUniversity.com and, like all of Schneider Electric's data centre courses, it is free of charge.