

## Course Evaluation for the Self-Paced eLearning course: CGI/Perl Series By John Marostica

Webucator's Self-Paced eLearning classes are packaged as a "series" of (usually 4 or 5) courses. The courses are logical subsets of the course material; in this case, **CGI/Perl**. Each course is further broken down into specific topics and there is a specific set of objectives (or goals) the student is expected to achieve. And since every student brings their own background and experience to the course, the skills assessment can help the student determine what they already know and where they need to concentrate their efforts.

The **CGI/Perl Series** has an estimated completion time of 15 hours and is divided into a series of 4 courses. The sections of the **CGI/Perl Series** are as follows:

• Getting Familiar with Forms (4hrs)

Handling form outputs

• Building Programs (4hrs)

Writing data between pages and databases

• Web Applications (3hrs)

• Using CGI/Perl to create basic applications and utilities for web page.

• Interacting with Databases (4hrs)

Database applications

There is a useful set of Course Tools (an online Glossary, the ability to 'search' the course material and the ability to print the lessons) to help the student work through the course and challenging exercises to insure that student understands how to apply what they have just learned.

The most a Webucator Self-Paced eLearning course will cost is \$99.95, but there are some that cost less.

While Self-Paced eLearning courses are a low-cost alternative to the instructor-lead courses, they do lack the personal touch and specialized attention the student can get in an instructor-lead course. For students that are self disciplined enough to work through the course materials and do the exercises, this course format could be beneficial and economical.