Thursday, 20 July 2017

The Chairman,
Board of Directors
Open Source Initiative

Dear Sir/Madam,

I introduce the American International University, West Africa, The Gambia, a unique place of learning where we combine both academic and professional curriculum. We have realized that a lot of University graduates have to go back to learn what is required in the workplace after graduation.

Based on that, the College of Management & IT arm of the University was setup in 2014. The CMIT is a unique place of learning that combines pursuit of academic knowledge with professional development. The College provides courses that combine mandatory academic and professional courses at all levels, enabling students to graduate with both academic degrees and professional qualifications. It is also structured to be a center for management and information technology research and development in Africa.

It is simply the first of its kind. Our university as a whole focuses on bridging the gap between Academia and the Work Place, based on this, we are members of Oracle, Microsoft & Cisco Academies. We have aligned our curriculum to theirs, coming up with a fusion of what is needed in the workplace to teach students in class, so as to expose them to what is required in the workplace and afterwards choose to do professional exams. So, on graduation, our students get both academic degree and professional certifications and are workplace ready. So basically we teach Proprietary Technologies. Over the years, we have seen the need to expose our students to Open Source Technologies. It is difficult to integrate opensource into our curriculum as our curriculum is already robust and not to bring about disparity and so much workload.

So we ask to become a member f the Open Source Initiative to give credibility to our open source offering which will come under the Open Source Club we are setting up. We hope our application is accepted to further strengthen our institution with the open souce community.

We will wait to hear back from you.

Regards

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