
Partnership between NITIC and CODE Group/Magazine

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Bridging the Skills Gap: A New Era for IT Educators and Industry

In the fast-paced world of emerging Artificial Intelligence technology, the “shelf life” of technical knowledge is shorter than ever. For community college faculty, staying ahead of the curve isn’t just a professional goal—it’s now a necessity for student success, retention and gainful employment.

Today, we are thrilled to announce a powerhouse partnership between **NITIC** and **CODE Group/Magazine**, a leader in custom software development and publishing for over 30 years.

Why This Matters? At NITIC, our mission has always been to fuel innovation nationally, by empowering the IT faculty who train tomorrow’s workforce. By partnering with CODE Group/Magazine, we are bringing “the front lines” of industry directly to the classroom.

What’s in it for our NITIC Members? Through this collaboration, our IT educator members will gain exclusive access to CODE Group’s deep well of industry expertise, including:

- **CODE Magazine:** Stay updated on real-world coding trends and architecture through a complimentary subscription. (<https://www.codemag.com/magazine>)
- **On-Demand Wisdom:** Full access to CODE’s extensive website archives and upcoming webinars. (<https://www.codemag.com/CodePresents>)
- **Discounted Training:** In-depth professional development just got within reach with significant discounts on CODE’s customized business training. (<https://www.codemag.com/training>)

The Big Picture: When faculty understand how AI-infused-custom software is being built *right now* in the business world, they can build better curricula. This partnership ensures that the next generation of IT professionals is learning from a playbook written by industry veterans.

Responding to the announcement, Lawrence McWherter, Principal Investigator of the National IT Innovation Center (NITIC), emphasized the importance of the collaboration: “It’s hard to overstate how critical it is for educators and leaders to understand the rapidly evolving demands of industry so our students can step confidently into the workforce. NITIC is deeply grateful for CODE Group’s partnership with community colleges as we work together to cultivate the genius of our students and prepare them to meet the nation’s growing IT and cybersecurity needs.”

“This collaboration represents a vital link in the IT ecosystem,” said Rajiv Malkan, Co-PI and Tech Lead for Software Development Tech Team at NITIC. “By integrating CODE’s real-world software development insights into our faculty development programs, we are ensuring that community colleges remain the premier training ground for the AI era workforce.”

“Code Group/Magazine is honored to offer complimentary subscription to our flagship magazine and open our library of resources to the educators who are NITIC members and who are shaping the future of our industry, through this partnership” said Laurabeth Barker, Director of Enterprise Sales at CODE Group.



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