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In 1997, the University of Florida signed a three-year agreement with Gartner Group, provider of information technology research, analysis, and software education products and services. This contract is nearing its end. As of April 30, 2001, UF's license to use Gartner Group materials will expire.

This doesn't mean the end of online training, however.

Thanks to UF's partnership with NETg, hundreds of courses on information technology subjects will continue to be available to UF faculty, staff, and students at http://netg.ufl.edu.

Gartner products which will not be available after April 30, 2001, include:

- Talking Technology
- Decision Drivers
- Gartner on-line courseware
- Data Pro
- Gartner research
- DataQuest

Marie Dence, associate director of NERDC and UF Gartner coordinator, said that the UF-Gartner Alliance was an important learning experience. "Access to the Gartner research and analysis was a valuable resource that helped initiate UF's computer requirement. We were especially fortunate to have access to Gartner's online training, whose function is now being provided by NETg. Information technology is an important component of UF's academic and research missions. The Gartner Alliance helped us to become aware of resources available to support information technology decision-making. This will serve us well in the future," said Dence.

Faculty, staff, and students who are currently using Gartner Group materials should finish the courses they are working on before the April deadline. The courses available through NETg will continue to be available through 2003, with new courses added frequently. As with the Gartner materials, you will need to be connected to the Internet via the UF intranet and have a GatorLink account to access these materials. For more information on computer training, see "The Computer Challenge."

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