

FME Trainer Certification Guidelines

At Safe Software we take our Certification Program very seriously; our Certified Trainers work in a highly visible role and are a key influence on how new users develop their FME skills.

For this reason, and also to ensure our Certified Trainers get the maximum value and meaning from this designation, we require evidence of very high standards in our applicants.

When reviewing an application we look at a number of factors. Most of these relate more to training experience than technical knowledge of FME.

Not every factor has to be perfect, and some of these might overlap, but to us these are the basic signs that a user is entitled to be granted the award of Certified FME Trainer.

FME Experience

We expect certified trainers to have a history of using FME, and to have taken an FME training course in the recent past. This course should have been led by an existing certified instructor.

Existing Training Experience

Existing training experience, outside of FME or even outside of the spatial data world, is a good indicator of an ability to teach in general.

FME training experience, as an uncertified trainer, is a great benefit, particularly when the standard FME Desktop Course curriculum has been followed. Certified Trainers must be thoroughly familiar with the official FME training materials and data.

Student Feedback

Good student feedback is a very positive factor in a certification application. If you do not have any feedback from prior training you should obtain some or give more training with feedback.

References

Ideally we would like to consult with two referees, at least one of whom is a client or customer.

Certified Trainer Advocate

We give great weight to an application backed up by an existing Certified Trainer who has seen you teach, and can vouch for your capabilities

Training Audit

If an application lacks evidence to prove these factors, then a Training Audit may be required. The applicant may also choose to skip these steps and take an immediate audit.

A final decision on certification is made based on the recommendation of an on-site auditor.

I hope this information is of use, and look forward to being able to welcome you to our group of certified FME professionals in the near future.

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